

**UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 10, 2013**  
**1:15 – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Alumni Center, West Conference Room**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Lucy Day, Micki Eagle Faulkin, Deanna Falge Pritchard, Bob Halferty, Janet Hamilton, Silvia Hillyer, Ted Hillyer, Lyn Lofland, Yvonne Marsh, Kate Mawdsley, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Linda Vieira, Bill Wagman

Unable to Attend: Gloria Alvarado, Louis Campos, Karen Castelli, Sandra Filby, Phyllis McCalla, Diane Mundy, Rose Romant

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Vice President Janet Hamilton, due to President Phyllis McCalla's absence.

The UCDDRA Nominations Committee report was submitted by Phyllis McCalla. Still needed are the members-at-large, treasurer, archivist, newsletter editor, and program committee reports.

Picnic Day Honoree Nominations are due November 1, 2013; submit to Sandy Filby at slfilby@sbcglobal.net. A form was passed out, and will also be emailed to the board.

The Holiday Luncheon (December 2013) will begin a little earlier than planned, at 11:00, to accommodate the Madrigal Choir schedule.

UCDDRA Scholarship Presentation

The UCDDRA Scholarship Presentation will be at the October Fall Meeting on October 30, 2013. Kawami Evans is the recipient. She has already received the check, and will attend the meeting for the presentation.

Approval of the September 12, 2013 Minutes

A motion was requested for the approval of the September 12, 2013 minutes. Two corrections were noted of misspelled names. Bob Halferty made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; it was seconded by Silvia Hillyer. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Janet presented Diane Mundy's financial report. Changes were made as decided upon at the September meeting, leaving a negative balance of \$650. It was noted that the AROHE travel expense is not reflected, and needs to be added.

UCDEA Report

Lyn Lofland reported that the UCDEA meeting earlier was short – it ended at 11:00. She also reported that the Campus Community Council, of which both boards have representatives, has had very tame meetings. They will meet tomorrow (10/11/2013), but the agenda was not out yet. It was felt that the administration has been unenthusiastic about the group, possibly because there were feelings that the Council was no longer needed. The reason for it was the pepper spray incident.

John Mayer will be the speaker at the 9:00 coffee with campus leaders at the November meeting. Janet will go. After January it will move to the Conference Center.

Monday (10/14/2013) will be the first meeting for the website committee.

Old Business

Sue Barnes reported that the Fall Fest BBQ has 220 people registered. There is a seating capacity for 130-140 people. She met with the facility manager, but no tables are allowed on the grass, only inside and on the patio

area. Since the event is free, hopefully not everyone will show. Board members were asked to bring their lawn chairs if possible.

### Continuing Business

Non-Profit Organization - Janet reported on the progress made in getting information regarding the non-profit organization. She pulled information from the internet, and ordered 2 books on establishing non-profits. She feels it is important to have an accountant, and is hoping to find one familiar with UC. She hopes to have more information by the next meeting of what it entails.

A discussion ensued, with questions being raised of what the advantages would be. Sue said some of the advantages would include the ability to raise money; raising funds by serving alcohol; and being able to use the franking system through the post office. Disadvantages would include the filing of a tax return each year. She also assured the Board that UC officially recognizes RA and EA, and there would not be any impact by the establishment of a non-profit.

UCDRA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2014) – The committee consists of Deanna Falge Pritchard, Sue Barnes, Bill Wagman, Sandy Filby, Rose Cushing and Norma Rice. They need to get the date of the 2014 general meeting, and get on the Chancellor's calendar. There are old retiree records at the Retiree Center, including a list of people who attended the October 30, 1989 meeting, and the names of the original board members.

UCDRA Survey – The committee consists of Sandy Filby, Bill Wagman, and Lucy Day. A meeting has not yet been organized; they will report at the November meeting.

Planning Thoughts from June 2013 Minutes – Sandy Filby absent.

Website – A meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14. The Retiree Center has been trying to get to this project for 2 years with the CMS. Sue stated that Marjorie is working from home 1 day a week because it is a priority to get the work done.

Other – continued next meeting.

### New Business

New Location for Board Meetings – Board meetings will move to the Conference Center beginning January 9. The meetings may need to start at 1:30 in order to allow time for participants to walk from the Noon Talks to the Conference Center.

Fall Meeting Volunteers – Sue requested volunteers to assist at the Fall Meeting. Lucy Day and Linda Vieira will do check-in; Norma Rice will be at the UCDEA table. Maggie Ahern will hand out programs.

UCDRA Cause – Loop Technology has been suggested as a possible cause for the RA to pursue. The two reasons most retirees don't attend events is because of (1) lack of ability to drive, and (2) hearing problems. Loop Technology is a wireless system that can be installed both in the home and commercial venues that deliver sound directly into one's hearing aid. It amplifies just that sound and not surrounding background noise. The hearing aid has to be equipped to accept the technology.

After discussion with Phyllis, Janet, and Deanna, Sue Barnes contacted a recommended installer from Grass Valley to do an estimate for the AGR room. Looping is running copper wire around the perimeter of the facility. Speakers do need to talk into a connected mike. The AGR room would cost approximately \$8,000 to loop.

Other possibilities were discussed, such as the conference center, the ballrooms, and the Mondavi Center. Another possibility is to advocate for this technology to be installed in new buildings, such as the new art center.

Sue will be contacting the campus facilities director, as well as the classroom student disability representative to see if they have any interest in partnering with us. Janet felt we have a better chance of being supported if we are more integrated with campus groups. Also suggested was that we should contact the campus central facility people to see if it is possible that campus people could do the installation for less. John Mayer would be a good place to start.

Yvonne Marsh also discussed other activities which would enhance our visibility on campus. One such activity is stuffing backpacks with the police department.

#### Working Agenda

No items currently.

#### Consent Agenda

Oral Reports:

Kate Mawdsley reported that the newsletter is currently going out. She is maintaining the status quo. She has issued 3 issues this year.

Barbara Nichols reported that the CUCRA meeting will be in 2 weeks. There are 2 representatives from this campus. There are 2 meetings per year. The November meeting will be in San Francisco, and the meeting will be in Santa Barbara in the spring. She passed out her written report.

Yvonne Marsh gave a brief report on the membership drive. She will have the report to Sue by the next meeting, as many are still coming in.

Janet is working on the nominations report.

Bill and Louis Campos have been working on the programs. In February Koen Von Rompay will be the speaker. They still need to get the title of his talk and a brief biography from him. They are also working on contacting speakers for April and May.

Maggie Ahern reported that the scholarship recipient has agreed to be present at the Fall Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>. She has already received her check.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Vieira  
Secretary