President Phyllis McCalla called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed the 40+ attendees. She announced the passing of two former retirees, Birgit Hemple (Small Farm Center, Agricultural and Natural Resources), and William “Bill” Allardice (College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Department of Land, Air, and Water Resources).

Further, she announced that the 2014 Fall Fest BBQ will be held on September 20. Details to follow. The Fall business meeting is scheduled for October 22.

McCalla identified the accomplishments of the 2013-2014 board this past year:

- Three new retirees were elected and three others were asked to serve as committee chairs.
- Monthly board agendas were restructured as working/consent agendas.
- Several good discussions ensued regarding how to reach out to Health System retirees. This will be a high priority for the 2014-15 Board.
- The Board formalized the process for selecting an outstanding UCDRA member as the Picnic Day Honoree who will ride in a horse-drawn carriage in the Parade and represent RA. This will be an annual event.
- Program Co-Chairs of the RA and EA have brought interesting and dynamic speakers to the noon-time “Brain Food” talks.
- As of December 2013, membership has increased by 122 and lifetime by 37. Total membership is close to 600.
- UCDRA once again funded a $1000 staff scholarship. Kawami Evans is this year’s recipient.
- The Board is committed to establishing a UCDRA endowment to fund a UC Davis Staff scholarship or fellowship. The “25 for 25” campaign will officially begin Fall 2014. The first 25 is to celebrate both UCDRA and UCDEA 25th anniversaries and the second 25 represents establishing an endowment fund of $25,000. More about the program will come in the Fall.

President McCalla acknowledged and thanked this year’s board for their service. Those in attendance at today’s meeting were asked to stand and be recognized.

McCalla then introduced the slate of officers for 2014-2015. They are:
Janet Hamilton, President
Dave Shelby, Vice President/President
Diane Mundy, Treasurer
Ellie Sandoval, Member-at-Large
Carl Foreman, Member-at-Large.

Nominations from the floor were requested. Hearing none, President McCalla asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Norma Rice so moved and Ted Hillyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Phyllis congratulated and welcomed the new board members and invited to attend the June 12 board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m., whereupon Program Co-Chair Louie Campos introduced guest speaker, Heather Clifton, who presented a program “exploring the benefits of exercise: how physical activity affects our health and happiness.”