

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2014
1:30 – 2:45 p.m., Conference Center
Meeting Minutes

Present: Sue Barnes, Lucy Day, Sandra Filby, Janet Hamilton, Ted Hillyer, Lyn Lofland, Yvonne Marsh, Kate Mawdsley, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Linda Vieira

Unable to Attend: Maggie Ahern, Louis Campos, Karen Castelli, Gloria Alvarado, Deanna Falge Pritchard, Micki Eagle Faulkin, Bob Halferty, Silvia Hillyer, Phyllis McCalla, Diane Mundy, Rose Romant, Bill Wagman

Introductions and Announcements

In the absence of President Phyllis McCalla, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Janet Hamilton at 1:30 p.m.

Janet read a message from Phyllis, thanking Board and committee members for their service. She also introduced Marcia Kasabach, the incoming chair of the by-laws committee.

Approval of Minutes

April 2014 minutes - A spelling correction to the minutes was noted. A motion was made by Ted Hilyer and seconded by Sandy Filby to pass the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Spring meeting minutes – A correction was noted regarding the membership number. A motion was made by Sandy Filby and seconded by Norma Rice to pass the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Janet Hamilton reported in Diane Mundy's absence. Next year's budget proposal will be presented at the September meeting. Janet and Phyllis will meet to discuss getting the audit done. While it is not required, it should be done. Ted suggested looking at Sharon Henn's last audit report – it is very detailed.

UCDEA Report

Lyn Lofland reported on the EA meeting. It was generally an end of year wrap-up. One item of note was a visit by Jason Wohlman of the Development office. He is looking for potential donors to the University, and wants to meet with people who may have connections with prior students who may be possible donors. To date the University has not had a good program for alumni.

Continuing Business

a. UCDRA 25th Anniversary (2014)

Janet attended the committee meeting and reported in Deanna's absence. Invitations will be sent to past presidents and their guests; we will be hosting them. The cost for other attendees will be approximately \$18. Janet will invite Larry Vanderhoef to make brief remarks at the luncheon. The afternoon meeting is still on Chancellor Katehi's calendar. The provost is a backup in case she is unable to come. Sue will invite the band to play a 15 minute concert at 2:15. Music from 1989 forward, plus the UC anthem and the UC Davis fight song have been requested. Joe Lewis from the Office of the President will make a 45-minute presentation. Deanna will discuss the presentation with him. It has not yet been decided who will announce the endowment. Silvia and Janet are possibilities. They will meet to discuss.

Sue will add the 25th anniversary logo to e-mails soon. In addition she is looking for old photographs.

b. 25 for 25

Silvia reported that the letter of intent for the endowment is ready, and it is set up to start fundraising. Sue will check with UC Davis magazine regarding an ad. It will also be featured in the fall newsletter.

c. Annual Reports

Janet reminded everyone annual reports were due June 1. The reports will be shared with everyone at the end of the month.

New Business

- a. Sue recruited volunteers for the Retiree Resource Fair on July 17. The Event Attendance Count sheet which she had prepared was discussed. It has very useful information.

Ted reported on the CUCRA meeting. The CUCRA reserves are currently up to \$50,000, primarily due to the travel funds the group receives from Collette Travel. The group had discussed a number of ways in which to use the money, such as reducing fees. However the travel funds could dry up in the future. The Board suggested starting a grant program, which could be applied for every other year. The funds could be used for various campus association activities which would normally not be funded. One thought was for our group to apply for a grant for the 25/25 Kickoff. Ted and Janet will discuss further.

Ted brought up another issue which concerned him very much. A survey was done by UCLA staff regarding retiree food insecurity. Some UC retirees are living below the poverty level, and there is a good deal of food insecurity. The issue was discussed, and it was decided it should be an agenda item next September.

Sue discussed the *CenterNews* newsletter. They are currently sending out 5,000 copies three times per year. However there were only 181 responses to the survey. Much of the feedback she gets is that since the Center has implemented weekly email updates, the newsletter has become superfluous for those who use email. It costs \$3,300 per issue, or \$10,000 per year, which is 20% of the Center's total budget of \$50,000. Kate was concerned about the effect on the Campus Connections, since it is an insert. She feels it is necessary to have a voice for the associations. An example would be to maintain the health care advocates. Sue said that Campus Connections can be sent out as a stand-alone as it was before the Center started inserting it in their newsletter.

Sue is also looking for historical photographs. She would like to send them out once a month in e-mails. They are making a concentrated effort to gather e-mail addresses from those they don't currently have. There is a possibility of a monthly drawing as an incentive.

Sue will be discussing the newsletter issue with the Retiree Center Advisory Committee before making a final decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vieira
Secretary