



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors  
Minutes from Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
Commons 207 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**Present:**

Vivienne Bennett, Pat Benson, George Diehr, and Bill Ward

- Lori Brockett, AVP and Executive Director for Retirees Association
- Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator

**Chairs Report**

The agenda for February 19 and the minutes from the November 6, 2019 were approved with one addition to the agenda: recruitment for board members

**Coordinator's Report – Arlene Cratsa**

- Membership Report: 127 members (72 Lifetime and 55 Annual)
  - Breakdown is as follows:
    - 26 Administrators
    - 60 Faculty
    - 38 Staff
    - 3 Friends of the RA
- Financial Report: Balance as of 1/9/2020: \$13,024
  - Last financial report balance was \$12,600 on 10/23/2019

**Tukwut Times**

- Next Issue Volume 6, Issue 2 (May) – Content due by end of business day on Monday, May 4
- Chairs Report – Pat
  - Acknowledge survey suggestions from members
- Recap of recent activities with photos
  - Oak Mountain Winery - Thursday, Feb. 13 - Suzanne
  - Stone Brewery – Wednesday, March 18 – George
  - President Neufeld Investiture – Tuesday, April 7 (No one was assigned on this one)
    - Lori explained the Investiture date was dictated by the Chancellor's schedule
    - Six other presidents will be attending
    - Email retirees about this event
    - Lori to double check if Carol Cox will receive an invitation
  - Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting – Friday, April 24 - Pat
- Membership Profile
  - Administrators or Staff
    - Fox Russell – Bill to follow up with Fox
    - Laurie Lindeneau – backup

- 2020 Calendar of Events
  - Saturday, May 20 - Coronado Excursion
  - Monday, August 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk & Lunch in Del Mar
  - October (Date to be determined - Jill Watts talk on her book "Hattie McDaniel")
  - November (early in the month) – Social to recruit ERFSA membership
    - Arlene to look for venues
- Do You Remember – Pow Wow by Bonnie Biggs
- Retiree News – reach out to Linda Leiter, Bonnie Biggs & Marian Reid to encourage them to complete the online form
- Retirement Tip – Senior Discounts (ask Sandy Punch if we can reuse this tip)
  - Arlene to do web search for retirement tips
- In Memoriam – Bob Sheath
- Additional Article
  - Civil Rights Movement trip – Vivienne & Janet

### Old Business

- Suggestions for board members for 2020-2021
  - There was discussion for board members to encourage retirees to put their hat in the ring to serve on the next board, especially staff retirees.
    - Pat will follow up with the following to see if they are still interested in serving:
      - Maureen DuPont (Faculty & Staff)
      - Dawn Schmid (Administration)
      - Pam Wells (Administration)
      - Michael Yee (Staff)
    - and two other retirees were suggested
      - Tanis Brown
      - Fox Russell
- **AROHE Webinar and Next Conference**
  - Arlene let the board know that the next AROHE Idea Exchange Webinar was being held on Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 am. The webinar is entitled "UC Retirees: Advocates, Ambassadors, Assets" – A survey report that illustrates the value of retirees.
  - Arlene is confirmed to attend the AROHE Conference being held in Tempe, Arizona from October 18 – 20, 2020
- **Member Annual Report**
  - Lori distributed the Annual Report to the board. The annual report included the following:
    - 55% of membership signed up for Lifetime Member
    - 31% of members gave a gift to CSUSM
    - \$56,517 total amount given in 2019 by CSUSM Retirees Association members
    - 40% of members attended at least one event
  - After reviewing the annual report, the board asked to add the following:
    - go back to 2014 – breakdown of members (administrators/faculty/staff)
    - add descriptions to the photos
    - number of times the board meets a year
    - number of events RA hosted
    - communications: number of Tukwut Times Newsletters and monthly emails

- add the RA URL Website
- **Placeholder**
  - Arlene will contact Brooks and Marion to assist in planning a trip to Borrego Springs in November or December
  - The board wants to move forward to plan the Travel Speed Dating and Wine Event. Arlene will look for dates in January 2021 for available dates at the McMahan House

## **New Business**

- **April 24, 2020 Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting**
  - Develop agenda
    - 11:00 am – Arlene arrives
    - 11:30 am – Guests arrive & socialize
    - 11:55 am – Pat Benson welcomes guests, brings attention to the surveys on the table & asks guests to fill them out, and then invites guests to start buffet
    - 12:30 pm – Pat convenes brief business meeting during dessert – Pat mentions Coronado Excursion on Sat., May 30 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual walk and lunch in Del Mar to be held on Monday, August
    - 12:40 pm – George comes to podium to introduce Dr. Harold Goldwhite – George also mentions joining ERFSA
    - 12:42 pm – Dr. Goldwhite speaks
    - 1:30 pm – Q & A with Dr. Goldwhite
    - 1:40 pm – Pat draws tickets for centerpieces
    - 1:45 pm – Event concludes
  - George updated the board on the speaker – he will pick up Dr. Goldwhite at the train station and take him back.
  - Interest Survey – combine with what we currently have that the board updated along with “Contributions of CSU Retired Faculty & Staff to their Campus” that the board edited – Arlene will update & send to board for approval
  - Caterer and menu selected: Brothers Signature Catering & Events – Greek menu
- **AROHE HERO Awards – Distinguished Service Award**
  - The board agreed to move forward to nominate Janet McDaniel for this award – nominations are due by Monday, April 13 – Lori will get the ball rolling
- **Introducing President Neufeld to the Retirees Association**
  - It was agreed to invite President Neufeld to be the guest speaker at the 2021 Retirees Annual Luncheon/Board Meeting. Lori will work with the President’s Office to secure a few dates.
- **Board of Directors**
  - Pat leaving as Chair – June 30
  - Bill leaving as Member at Large – has served his 2 terms of 2 years each
  - Vivienne will stay as Vice Chair
  - George – term is up June 30, 2021 (can stay on 2 more years)
  - Suzanne – term is up June 30, 2021 (can stay on 2 more years)

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Board of Directors Meeting continued

- Next Board Meetings – Location: Commons 207
  - **June meeting on Wednesday, June 24 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm

*Minutes submitted by Arlene Cratsa*