



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors  
Minutes from Wednesday, June 12, 2019  
Commons 207 – Noon to 1:30 pm**

**Present:**

Vivienne Bennett, Pat Benson, George Diehr, Suzanne Lingold, Laurie Lindeneau and Bill Ward

- Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator

The agenda for the June 12 meeting and the minutes from December 13, 2018 meeting were approved.

**Chairs Report**

Chair Pat Benson welcomed George Diehr and Suzanne Lingold as new members to the Board. She thanked Laurie Lindeneau, Bill Ward, and Marcia Woolf for their service to the Board.

A small gift of appreciation was given to Laurie and Bill.

**Coordinator's Report – Arlene Cratsa**

- Membership Report: 117 members (69 Lifetime and 48 Annual)
  - Honorary Lifetime Memberships were gifted to President Haynes & Jim Mickelson
- Financial Report: Balance as of 6/10/2019: \$12,553.86
  - Last financial report balance was \$13,256.35 on 12/11/2018

**Tukwut Times**

- Next Issue Volume 3, Issue 5 (June) – Content due by end of business day on Friday, June 14
- Chairs Report – Pat
  - There was discussion and agreement to list the Board of Directors at the end of the Chairs Report in each issue of the Tukwut Times
- Recap of recent activities with photos – (who will do write-ups):
  - January 14 – GIA tour & Karl Strauss (Laurie)
  - February 7 – Report to the Community (Arlene)
  - February 9 – Palliative Care / Estate Planning Workshop (Laurie)
  - February 19 – The Kitchen at Bernardo Winery (George)
  - March 20 – The Chemistry of Chocolate & Urge (Arlene)
  - April 19 – RA Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting (Suzanne)
  - June 8 – Annual Gala (Arlene)
- Membership Profile
  - The board agreed to feature retired faculty member Walter Dutton in this issue since he turned in his profile months ago. The next issue will feature an administrator or staff member
- Summer/Fall Calendar of Events
  - Saturday, July 27 – Del Mar Racehorse Morning Workout Tour
  - Monday, August 26 – Walk on the Del Mar Beach & Lunch at Jakes
    - Walk from 10:30 to 11:30 am and lunch at 11:45 am
  - Fall events – To be determined

- Do You Remember – Article from LA Times written on June 17, 1990 entitled “Instructors at New CSU Campus Weigh in Tradeoffs”
- Retirement Tip – Vivienne
- In Memoriam – Susan Mitchell
- Additional Article – Karen Riehl – “Bad Girls” chosen to be part of 2019 New Play Festival at New Village Arts (Arlene will call Richard)

### **Tukwut Times Additional Discussion**

Vivienne informed the board that Janet McDaniel is the point person and volunteer at the Greyhound Bus Station to assist asylum seekers. She is the greeter and ensures they get on the correct bus to their next destination. It was suggested Janet be featured in the next issue of the Tukwut Times.

There was discussion and consensus that there should be a section in the Tukwut Times listing volunteer opportunities as well as soliciting volunteer ideas...“send us your ideas!”

### **Board of Directors**

There is a vacancy on the board with the resignation of Marcia Woolf. Pat asked if Laurie or Bill would like to stay on the board another year since they are both within their term limits. Board appointments to fill vacancies outside of election time is acceptable even though it might not be explicit in the Bylaws. Bill offered to stay another year. The board approved of extending Bill for another year.

### **Board Positions:**

- Pat Benson – Chair
- Vivienne Bennett – Vice Chair
- George Diehr – Treasurer
- Suzanne Lingold - Secretary
- Bill Ward – Member at Large

### **Old Business**

#### **Upcoming Excursion**

- Saturday, July 27 – Del Mar Racehorse Morning Workout Tour – will start to advertise this excursion

### **New Business**

- Next Board Meeting
  - **Wednesday, August 21 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm (University Commons 207)**
- Communications with Retirees
  - There was discussion on how to better communicate with retirees and encourage attendance at events. It was suggested to advertise events as far out as possible in the Tukwut Times and on the Retirees website. Events could also be listed at the bottom of the monthly emails that go out...“Mark Your Calendars Now”
- Affinity Groups – Book Club, Hiking, etc.
  - Laurie agreed to take the lead to attend initial meetings of groups that form.

**Open Discussion**

- George asked if we could send an email to members regarding the CAL PERS Election that will take place in the fall to encourage retirees to vote. George will let Arlene know when this email should be sent.
- The board will discuss the Bylaws at the August 21 meeting. There was nothing specific in the Bylaws regarding the resignation of a member and how the vacancy should be filled. Each board member was given a copy of the Bylaws to review and see what else needs to be tweaked.
- The board will also discuss affinity groups, the volunteer opportunities list, and the postponed Coronado excursion at the August 21 meeting

*Minutes submitted by Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator*