Alex McCalla Receives the Distinguished Emeritus Award

Alex F. McCalla, former dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and professor emeritus of Agricultural and Resource Economics, has received the UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus Award as recommended by the UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee. Since his retirement in 1994, McCalla has remained heavily involved in administrative activities and scholarship and has immersed himself in developing programs to improve conditions for the poverty stricken in the developing world.

Soon after his retirement from UC Davis he joined the World Bank and became Director of the Bank's Agricultural and National Resources Department, and later of its Rural Sector Board. During these years, he developed and then implemented a Vision for Rural Development. After retirement from the Bank, he returned to UC Davis to resume teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, help build departmental programs, and co-edit a book on A. P. Giannini and the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics.

Subsequent to his retirement McCalla has received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Alberta and honorary doctorates from McGill University and the Georgian State Agrarian University. He has continued to contribute to the most distinguished journals in his field and to be honored by invitations to contribute to publications containing the work of undisputed leaders in his field. The chair of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Department, Richard Sexton, concluded his letter nominating Professor McCalla for this award by saying of his contributions in retirement, “We bask in the glow of his professional accomplishments, and we have benefited greatly from his presence through his teaching, service, mentoring, and the accumulated wisdom that he shares graciously with all comers.”

This highly competitive award has been given only three times and carries both an honorary title and monetary recognition.
President's Message

Happy Spring!!

I am approaching the end of my second term as your president. It has been a lot of work, but also a very rewarding experience. I would like to thank the members of the Board for their support these past two years. A special thanks to Sue Barnes, Marjorie Ahl and student Fatima Salman; without their assistance this job would have been almost impossible.

The theme of my tenure as president has been “volunteerism.” One concern that most new retirees have is the possibility of over-commitment to the many opportunities to volunteer. Whether it is with UC Davis or other worthy causes, I encourage you to stay actively engaged in assisting others.

On May 14th the Retirees’ Association will be holding the annual election of officers and members-at-large. I encourage you to attend this meeting to vote. Please see the proposed slate listed on page four in this publication.

Best wishes for a continued fun- and health-filled retirement!

Ted Hillyer, President, UCDRA

Retirees’ Association on Facebook

The UC Davis Retirees’ Association now has a Facebook page so we can keep in touch with our members by providing reports on our events, pictures of our trips and notices about upcoming programs. You can visit our page by searching UC Davis Retirees’ Association with the Facebook search bar or using this link https://www.facebook.com/UCDavisRetireesAssociation. Please “like” our page! You will be able to post comments and questions for the Association, share pictures from the retiree events you attend, and connect with friends that you may have lost touch with after leaving the Davis or Sacramento campus. Barbara Leary took the lead in developing the Facebook page, and the Board thanks her.

RA Proposed By-laws changes 2012

The Board recommends the two changes printed below, to be voted upon at the annual meeting on May 14. The first gives UCDRA members who serve as CUCRA officers and representatives voting privileges on the UCDRA Board. They are currently non-voting members. The second separates the responsibilities of the Second Vice-President and the chairperson of the Program Committee. Deleted material is indicated in bold print with strikethrough and added material is indicated in italics and underline.

Article IV - Administration

Section III. The Executive Board: The Executive Board serves as the governing body of the Association. The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers of
From the President

As most of you know, there have been events on campus in the last few months that have raised questions about the leadership and the character of UC Davis. Members of the Emeriti Association are very concerned about the impact of these events on the future development and support of our academic programs. The Executive Board asked that emeriti and retirees be represented on committees deliberating the future of the campus, citing the experience and institutional memory of our membership. After we discussed our concerns with Chancellor Katehi, she recommended appointing three retirees, one to each of the three major committees considering the future under the “2020 Initiative.” Academic Resources, Enrollment Management, and Facilities Management. We recommended Charley Hess and Alex McCalla from the Emeriti Association and Bob Halferty from the Retirees’ Association to serve on these important committees. We were very pleased with the response of the Chancellor in recognizing the potential of retired, experienced personnel in assisting UC Davis in planning.

We encourage you to attend the monthly noon luncheons. The spring social events will be capped by the Steak Bake on June 8th. Please save that date attend this wonderful event.

Bill Rains, president, UCDEA

Dickson Emerita/us Professorships and Call for 2012-2013

An endowment established by a late professor emeritus from UCLA makes it possible for our campus to grant one or more of our emeriti the Edward A. Dickson Professorship Award on an annual basis. The award supports projects in the areas of research, teaching and service. The nomination and selection process is implemented by the UC Davis Emeriti Association's Awards and Recognition Committee, chaired this year by Al Harrison. This year four awards went to:

- Charles Halstead of Internal Medicine for “The Epigenetic Regulation of the Development of Alcoholic Liver Disease”
- Peter Hays, English, for “Continued Research on Hemingway”
- Don Price, History, for “Song Jiaoren and China’s Political Culture”

Proposals for next year’s award should be submitted to the committee, in care of Marjorie Ahl at the Retiree Center, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012. Electronic submissions are welcome and should be sent to mahl@ucdavis.edu. The award period will be: October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

UCDEA Treasurer’s Report

Bank of America checking account
Balance forward $20,049.98
Credits $715.32
Debits $1,753.48
Closing balance 2/16/12 $19,011.82
Proposed Roster of Retirees’ Association Board Members

OFFICERS
President — Gloria Alvarado*
Vice President — Phyllis McCalla*
Secretary — Norma Rice*
Treasurer — Diane Mundy*
Archivist — Bob Hafley
Past President — Ted Hillyer

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
Programs — Sandra Filby
By-Laws — Beverly Brooks
Nominating — Phyllis McCalla
Scholarship — Iva Armstrong
Membership — Aggie Costantini and John Whitehead
Public Relations — Barbara Leary
Audit — Sharon Henn
Benefits — Gil Apaka

MEMBERS AT LARGE
(2012/14) —
Millie Whitehead*
Sharon (McMillan) Ewing*
Yvonne Marsh*
Lucy Day*
Barbara Leary*
UCDHS Representative*

(2011-2013) —
Micki Eagle
Don McNary
Lew Dudman

Approval of the membership will be sought at the Spring General Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, at 2:30 p.m., for those positions with an asterisk (*) beside them.

Proposed Slate of Emeriti Association Board Members

President — John Vohs
Vice President — Lyn Lofland
Secretary — Peter Hays
Treasurer — Tom Sallee
Archivist — Jo-Anne Boorkman
Member-at-Large (2012/14) — Richard Plant
Member-at-Large (2011/13) — vacant

Approval of the membership will be sought at the Spring General Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 10, at 1 p.m., following the Noon Talk.

See Your Colleagues and Predecessors on TV

DVDs of interviews conducted and recorded by members of the Video Records Project are now shown regularly on DCTV, and approximately 20 of them are available for viewing on its website: http://dctv.davismedia.org/content/ucd-emeriti.

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the Association and six (6) Members elected by the Regular Members, to include a member retired from the UCDHS, and the immediate Past President. The Officers shall serve during their terms of office; the elected Board Members shall serve two-year terms. Any Regular Members who are also officers of the Council of University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA) and/or CUCRA Representatives are ex-officio voting members of the Executive Board during their terms of office in CUCRA. The President of the University of California, Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.

Article V- Officers
Section II. The Vice Presidents:

B) The Second Vice-President, in the case of resignation, death or succession of the First Vice-President to the Presidency, shall automatically become First Vice President. The Second Vice-President shall serve as Chairperson of the Program Committee.

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