UCDRA Picnic Day Award procedures established

UCDRA members will have an opportunity to nominate candidates for the annual Picnic Day Honoree award under procedures recently approved to formalize and establish criteria for the honor. Basic criteria for recipients include UCDRA membership and service, additional community service, contributions to UC Davis during employment, and “innovative problem solving and advocacy activities of benefit to UC Davis retirees.”

A UCDRA board-appointed selection committee will issue the call for nominations annually, make nomination forms available on the UCDRA website, review the nominations, notify nominees and request additional information from them, and select a slate of nominees. The UCDRA board will make the final selection.

Past Picnic Day Honorees
2009 Lorena Herrig
2010 Hal and Rosie Cushings
2011 Bob Halferty & Barbara Nichols
2012 Ed and Aggie Costantini & Norma Rice
2013 Bill Pritchard and Deanna Falge Pritchard and Sandy Filby
2014 Ted Hillyer

Contact us:
Contact either association c/o
UC Davis Retiree Center
University of California, Davis
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616
Email: retireecenter@ucdavis.edu
Tel: (530)752-5182
Fax: (530)754-7487
Physical Location:
Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, Suite 110

UCDEA Spring Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2014
AGR Hall, Buehler Alumni Center, Davis CA

Social Hour/RefreshmentsProgram
2 to 2:30 p.m. 2:30 to 4 p.m.

From Crown King to Beijing: Living with Revolutions
Professor Emeritus Eldridge Moores

In the arc of Eldridge Moores’ 40 year career as an earth scientist, he has seen—and also been a leader in—seismic shifts in the way we think about the planet we live on and the planetary systems we inhabit. He will discuss new technologies that have led to earth-shaking shifts (pun intended) in our understanding of Earth, including the evolutionary history of California.

Professor Emeritus Moores’ career has been a remarkable international journey of scholarship and service as a scientist as well as an educator. In his presentation, he will use the history of his career as a way of charting the dramatic growth of the field of earth science. Among many honors he has received the Emeriti Association's Distinguished Emeritus Award for 2013.

UCDRA Spring Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2014
AGR Hall, Buehler Alumni Center, Davis CA

Social Hour/RefreshmentsProgram
2 to 2:30 p.m. 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Heather Clifton, UC Davis Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Physiology

This talk will address some of the many ways that regular physical activity impacts the health and function of various organ systems, as well as the role that participation in sports and exercise activities plays in our physical and emotional development, our self-concept, and our relationships with our friends and family.

Heather Clifton is a doctoral candidate in the Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Physiology Graduate Group and has a master’s degree in Exercise Science from UC Davis. She is also a certified Medical Exercise Specialist and has been working as a personal trainer, fitness coach and health educator for the last 10 years.
Retirees’ Association
Executive Board Members
2013–2014

Officers
Phyllis McCalla, President
Janet Hamilton, Vice President
Linda Vieira, Secretary
Diane Mundy, Treasurer
Deanna Falge Pritchard, Archivist
Gloria Alvarado
Immediate Past President

Members-at-Large
Karen Castelli
(Health Sciences, 2013–15)
Lucy Day (2012–14)
Micki Eagle (2012–14)
Sandy Filby (2013–15)
Bob Halferty (2013–15)
Norma Rice (2013–15)

Committee chairs
Sharon Henn, Audit
Silvia Hillyer, Bylaws
Yvonne Marsh, Membership
Janet Hamilton, Nominating
Maggie Ahern, Scholarship
Bill Wagman and Louis Campos
Program
(co-chairs with UCDEA)
Sandy Filby, Public Relations

Ex-officio members
Ted Hillyer
CUCRA Alternate
Representative
Kate Mawdsley
Newsletter editor
Barbara Nichols
Retiree Center Advisory Committee Representative

UCDRA Treasurer’s Report
Bank of America checking account
Bal. forward $21,835.54
Credits 490.00
Debits 1,241.81
Closing bal. 2/28/2014 $21,083.73

President’s Message
This will be my last President’s message, since my term will end June 30. Below you will find the 2014–2015 slate of officers. I encourage you to attend the May 22nd UCDRA Spring Meeting at the AGR Hall of the Buehler Alumni Center to meet and vote on the slate.

A social hour will begin at 2 p.m. prior to the 2:30 general meeting.
I see several areas of progress for the association in the past year:
• bringing new retirees on to the board and allowing some seasoned board members to move into other community activities;
• restructuring the monthly agenda to allow more time for discussing projects and action items;
• having good discussion about reaching and involving Health System retirees, a continuing challenge for the next Board;
• formalizing procedures for granting an annual award for an outstanding UCDRA member identified as UCDRA Picnic Day Honoree;
• helping to initiate the campaign to establish a UCDRA endowment to fund a UC Davis staff scholarship or fellowship.

I look forward to continuing to serve as an active retiree on several UCDRA committees as I move into the position of past president.

Phyllis L. McCalla
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2014–2015 Slate for Election at Annual Meeting
The following members of the UC Davis Retirees’ Association are proposed as the Executive Board for 2014–2015. Members will vote on this slate at the annual meeting on May 22 and may propose additional candidates at that time.

President: Janet Hamilton
Vice President: Dave Shelby (new)
Treasurer: Diane Mundy (2014–2016)
Member at large – Carl Foreman (new; 2014–2015)
Member at large – Ellie Sandoval (new; 2014–2016)

Continuing, listed for informational purposes only; not subject to vote:
Past president: Phyllis McCalla
Secretary: Linda Vieira
Member at large – Health Sciences: Karen Castelli
Member at large – Campus: Sandy Filby
Member at large – Campus: Bob Halferty
Member at large – Campus: Norma Rice
From the President

I write this note to tell you about your UCDEA Executive Committee. Since many of you have better things to do than follow the inner workings of the UC Davis Emeriti Association, I’ll start by reminding you that the committee’s purpose is to manage the affairs of the Emeriti Association throughout the year. Our sole mission is to look after your interests as a retiree and, frankly, we are doing a pretty good job of this.

The Committee, which meets monthly, is made up of a dozen people—the usual officers (president, VP, treasurer, etc.) along with some key committee chairs (Program, Awards, Video Records, Membership, etc.), plus two representatives-at-large.

Participation in the Executive Committee opens the door to getting involved as members of various committees and task forces on campus where the experiences and perspectives of emeriti are welcomed and valued. And getting involved also promotes some healthy socializing with long-time friends.

But what I find most impressive about the committee—what I personally value the most—is the commitment and dedication of the people in this group. In addition to serving on the Executive Committee, they volunteer for other emeriti events. They help on conferences and social gatherings; they act as caterers; and, if needed, they even help with the cleanup. Many of them have served for years (Alex McCalla said once in an off-hand remark: “We’re lifers.”). Others are newbies—they have just gotten involved in the last couple of years.

If you have thought that maybe you would be interested in stepping up your involvement in the UCDEA, you could begin by taking a look at our website and seeing if there is a place or two where you might help out. Or you could talk with one of the current committee members. Try it. You might like it.

John L. Vohs
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UCDEA Slate 2014–2015

The following slate of officers was proposed by the nominating committee and approved by the Executive Committee at its March meeting. It will be voted upon by the membership at the May general meeting.

President Lyn Lofland (2014–2016)
Vice-President Jo Anne Boorkman (2014–2016)
Secretary Peter Hays
Treasurer Tom Sallee
Archivist Buzz Haughton
Member-at-Large Gibbe Parsons (2014–2016)

UCDEA Treasurer’s Report

Bank of America checking account
Bal. forward 12/2013 $18,796.69
Credits 2915.45
Debits 4,295.82
Closing bal. 2/2014 $17,416.32

http://emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award 2014–2015

The UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) cordially invites emeriti/ae to apply for the Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship Award. $25,000 will be available for distribution in 2014–15 to UC Davis recipients, and one or more awards may be given, up to the funding limit. Proposals should be submitted electronically to the UCDEA Awards and Recognition Committee, in care of the Retiree Center, retireecenter@ucdavis.edu, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2014.

Proposal Preparation
The Emeriti Professorship award is normally used for direct research or project expenses, but can also be used to provide some salary for emeriti/ae on recall. The highest priority will be given to proposals that clearly benefit the campus and for which funding is not available from other sources. Proposals should be concise, but with enough detail to allow careful evaluation. Proposals must include a budget indicating how the funds would be used, with brief justification for categories such as salaries, supplies, and travel.

Post-Award Report
The Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship will begin September 1, 2014 and end August 31, 2015. Award recipients must present a report of accomplishments to the UCDEA at the end of this period.

Proposed changes in UC Davis Emeriti Association Bylaws

The first change below (Article IV) was introduced at the Executive Committee meeting, 1/9/14. Both of these proposed changes were considered and approved at the Executive Committee meeting of 3/13/14. They will be voted on at the 5/15/14 general membership meeting.

**Article IV: Meetings**

**CURRENT LANGUAGE:**

Section 1. There shall be a regular meeting of the Association in the fall, winter and spring quarters of each academic year. The spring meeting shall be the annual business meeting at which the membership shall receive the reports of officers and standing committees, consider changes in the Association’s dues structure proposed by the Executive Committee under the provisions of Article V, conduct elections as noticed in Article XI, and transact all other appropriate business.

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE:**

Section 1. There shall be two scheduled general meetings of the Association membership each academic year, one in the fall quarter and one in the spring quarter. Additional general meetings may be scheduled as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. The spring meeting shall be the annual business meeting at which membership shall receive reports of officers and standing committees, elect the officers of the Association for the following year and conduct other items of business as necessary.

(Rationale: The only substantive change is from three general meetings to two. Experience has shown that a third meeting, which is held in February and currently required by the bylaws, is unnecessary. It would better serve the interests of the UCDEA to use this time for a regular monthly Executive Committee meeting. Other changes are editorial ones, for purposes of increasing clarity.)

**Article VIII: Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, two up to three elected members-at-large, the chairs of the standing committees, and the editor of the newsletter. To the extent that it is feasible, Committee membership should include at least two emeriti from the UC Davis Health System.

(Rationale: The language in italics is proposed. The at-large change simply allows the Executive Committee to have a little more flexibility in its membership if/when it seems useful to bring in additional competencies or to cultivate interest in leadership roles. The reason for specifying representation from the Sacramento campus should be self-evident.)

In Memoriam

We remember these members who have died in recent months.

**Retirees’ Association**

Birgit Hempel
James Hogan
Coralee Munro
Margene Tooker

**Emeriti Association**

Benne Alder
Robert M. Carlson
Elliot Goldstein
Ira Gourley
Dewey Raski
Jewel Sims

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