

**UC Davis Emeriti Association
Executive Committee
Minutes, Meeting of Dec. 9, 2009**

Attendees: McCalla, Chair; Barnes, Boorkman, Breidenbach, Gall, Goldman, Hess, Hillyer, McGuinness, Walters, Webster

Announcements: None

Minutes of Nov. 12, 2009 Meeting: Approved as distributed

Retiree Center Report:

Sue Barnes reported that the Football Tailgate Party and the King Tut Museum field trip were great successes in terms of attendance and user satisfaction. This opinion was soundly endorsed by several committee members.

Equipment from University Club. Sue indicated that it is necessary to remove EA equipment from the former University Club as it completes conversion to a Theater and Dance building. Some items, including tables and chairs, can be stored for an extended period of time in that building. Other items are currently in Sue's office and will be placed where they best fit. Items that exceed the capacity of these two options have been placed for sale to other departments with a very good reception – moneys received (\$10,400) have been placed in general Retiree Center funds, not earmarked.

The CenterNews newsletter has been sent to reprographics and will be distributed 2nd week of 2010. The Campus Connections newsletter is nearing completion and will be distributed during the third week of January. (Later in the meeting Nora McGuinness reported that the editorial process of preparing these documents has been considerably improved by more effective communication between herself and the Retirees' Committee's editor.)

Retiree Advisory Committee: McCalla indicated that there was no report at this time.

Retirees' Association: Vice president Ted Hillyer expressed the Association's thanks to Sue and staff for their help. He also indicated that, in a recent meeting of their executive committee, they are considering generating a survey similar to the CUCEA Bio-Bib survey for their people to provide additional documentation for retiree-related activities on campus to further justify maintaining or increasing UC support of retirees as well as emeriti. This matter will be further considered at the January meeting of their executive committee.

Liaison with Academic Senate Emeriti Committee: There was no report as Jack Reitan, chair of the senate Executive Committee, did not attend this meeting.

Archivist: JoAnn Boorkman reported that she plans to meet with Dick Walters and a few others to obtain more information about the status of our archives (and perhaps help eliminate unnecessary material). She will report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Goldman distributed a copy of the current treasurer's report, which shows that we are in reasonably good financial condition. The endowment for the association is in the vicinity of \$16,000, a point discussed later in the meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee: Dick Walters reported he wished to withdraw the suggestion he had made earlier to automatically grant Life membership to Annual members who had contributed for ten years or more, citing ambiguity in obtaining accurate payment information, and potential difficulties relating to annual members who have already converted to life membership, including several during the current year. He proposed instead that this matter be tabled until such time that the Executive Committee could develop a policy that would be made public and affect only those who retire after such policies might be adopted.

Dick indicated that the membership list, distributed with the Treasurer's Report, showed 142 annual members among the 406 total, and noted that as of this week, approximately 33 had not yet renewed their membership for the current year. He is continuing to follow up on these individuals.

Dick raised questions about the status of the endowment fund. Shirley Goldman reported that one-half (\$125) of each lifetime membership is deposited in the Endowment Fund, which currently stands at approximately \$16,000. There is no current policy in place for the use of these funds, and university policy restricts endowments from any use of funds until the total of the endowment exceeds \$25,000, so it was decided to withhold further discussion until we reach that level (probably a few years into the future). Dick raised the matter of admitting Robert Dorn, MD to the Emeriti Association. He cited our bylaws, which require nomination by two people and approval by two committees – Membership and Executive. Dr. Dorn retired in 1986 from the School of Medicine, and some of his academic background was mentioned. The nomination was made by Dick and Charley Hess. The Membership Committee has already approved this selection, which was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Committee on Committees: In the absence of Ed Costantini, chair, Alex McCalla reported that a candidate to replace Graham Gall as vice president of the association had been identified (Bill Rains), and that a formal committee report recommending this change would be made by the Committee at a suitable time next year.

Awards and Recognition: In the absence of Chair Rhode, it was reported that further requests for nominations for the Panunzio Award had not produced results, and that Wilson (Bill) Smith was the only candidate. Accordingly, his nomination will be forwarded to the Awards Committee for their review, if they agree Alex McCalla will forward the recommendation to the Provost for concurrence and then prepare the nomination for submission to the Panunzio Awards Committee (at UCLA).

Editorial Committee: (Comments by Nora McGuinness reported previously with relation to newsletter preparation.)

Program and Agenda: In the absence of Tom Rost, Alex indicated that, as far as he knew, the program was in good shape for the remainder of the year, noting that a record 63 people attended the last luncheon meeting (a report by Professor Alan Taylor on the Global Economic Crisis).

University and Public Relations: No report due to Charles Lacy's absence.

Video Committee Report: Bill Breidenbach noted the significant assistance provided by John Skarstad, Special Collections, Shields Library and Mike Poe, Manager of Media Services, in dealing with archival video recordings and equipment investigations. He reported that an earlier request for a substantial amount of equipment has been withdrawn, as many of the items requested have been located, and a new list will be prepared soon. A need almost sure to require attention relates to sound recording, in that several recent interviews have resulted in imperfect sound recordings, requiring a postponement of interviews currently scheduled. He will have a more complete report and request for equipment in January. Graham Gall added that his subcommittee's findings will probably require a larger than originally estimated expenditure for equipment in January.

Continuing Business

(Status of the Panunzio nomination reported previously)

Bio-Bib Survey: Sue Barnes reported that responses are continuing to be received and that the staff assistant is converting hard copy responses to electronic form. The importance of a significant number of responders was emphasized in these difficult financial times, since the report provides important ammunition to justify support of emeriti activities.

Web Site Review: McCalla asked for comments from committee members who had viewed the EA website as requested. One individual felt that the first two pages presented information in a conflicting manner and suggested that they be reconciled. In light of the indexing policies of search engines such as Google, our web site should make an effort to increase its links to other sites and see if that will improve the likelihood of searches properly identifying this site rather than generically going to the UCD web page. There is a need to coordinate efforts to revise the Emeriti Handbook and develop the new EA brochure with the web site revisions.

Emeriti Handbook Update: Barbara Webster indicated that she would be coordinating this effort with several individuals who have made use of this document. Further information should be available by the next meeting.

Retiree Survey Results: Sue Barnes distributed and discussed results of the Retiree Center Survey, which will be placed on the web for open access. Sue highlighted some of the findings of this survey, which include: less interest in social events than in information about issues, newsletters etc.; interest in day-long tours; workshops in areas such as Social Security and Medicare, healthy aging, and travel; possible creation of

special interest groups such as gardening, walking, travel or computer uses; and possibly forming a care-givers support group.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Walters, Interim Secretary