ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES


DATE: Nov 1, 2017  LOCATION: Murphy Hall 2121  TIME: 1:30

1. Introductory remarks - Welcome  Cederbaum

2. Minutes of the Meeting of October  Lippe

   ACTION: Approved following corrections

3. President’s Report:  Cederbaum

   a. CUCEA Health Benefits working group


   1. Premiums will increase based on cost increases but whether the administration will lower their “70 % Floor” or keep it the same is still under negotiation. A newly formed committee will come up with suggested items to remove from coverage to reduce costs [ie: chiropractic care? acupuncture? other benefits]. It was noted that whatever changes are made will apply to all retirees [in state or out of state] although in-state expenses are 2x more than out of state

   2. Structure of the statewide association: The cost to run CUCEA has decreased. While there is a push to reduce some of the costs of the meetings and to use [temporarily the “reserves” a new program for managing CUCEA will be put in place. In the meantime, CUCEA is financially stable economically for the next several years.
3. It was noted that while there is reluctance to fund CUCEA on the part of UCOP, Emeriti have made major donations to UC campuses through development activities through building naming, chair donations, etc. but this varies from campus to campus.

4. The Academic Survey was discussed. It was noted that it needs better representation of faculty. Sy Levin, our Emeriti Survey Chair will outline a plan to increase representation of faculty that was developed by John Vohs at UC Davis who will spearhead the next survey and will be assisted by Sue Barnes.

b. Retirees Survey Report-sent for your review Barnes/Cederbaum
   1. Retiree Survey Report was the first Digital Version
   2. A major finding was that 63% of retirees listed volunteer activities in their community as “public service”
   3. Cederbaum suggested we add “volunteer activities” to our Emeriti Survey.

c. 4. Old Business

   a. Who brings the cookies?
      **ACTION:** Betti

5. New Business
   a. Electronic Newsletter Cederbaum
      1. Discussion deferred to next meeting

6. Committee Reports
   a. Treasurer
      i. Report and Budget Permaul
         1. Financials are in good order
         2. We are lacking a format for electronic payments. We no longer have the Affinity group RSVP process. We will look for alternatives including going back to Affinity group, or exploring use of Event Bright without cost to EA [Carol Betti and Jane Permaul will explore that option].

   b. Membership Taylor
      i. Membership is doing well- total to date [more pending] are 573 EA+228 spouses-811 with outstanding payments yet to be processed. Of note is that of the 573 who paid, 468 used mail and 105 used paypal. A look at all outstanding Emeriti disclosed that of 1605 436 did not list having email. Thus while electronic payment systems must be in place there are still some without access.
      **ACTION:** Add a statement to Newsletter about email and electronic payments and electronic communications for the future.

   c. ERRC Barnes
i. Successful reception at Chancellor’s House with 120 Retirees and EA members attending
   ii. ERRC tour of Luskin Conference Center on 11/2
   iii. Maria in ERRC is working on a survey of Retirees and looking at ideas for programs, speakers, and exploring electronic newsletter options.
   iv. Cederbaum and selected board members will develop one or more questions for the survey.
   v. Development of a Pilot program to Video tape speakers at programs and post them on UTUBE with members given a link
   vi. Need an EA member to assist in checking in attendees at joint programs

d. Hospitality  
   Kwan
   i. There are 80+ persons signed up for the Nov 8th dinner
   ii. Former Chancellor Young cannot attend but will be awarded a life-time achievement award.
   iii. There is no banner

e. Programs  
   Steele
   LUNCHES
   i. Dec 7th speaker Pending..two potential speakers were discussed
   ii. Jan 11 program- musical
   iii. March 8th Speaker : Wendy Slusser- Focusing on the Healthy Campus Initiative as it relates to retirees and emeriti.. food options, recreational opportunities, community garden
   iv. April 12- Discussion on inviting Philip Rundel , and holding meeting in the new Garden space

   DINNERS
   I. Nov 8th : In process  Drs Wendy Slusser and Michael Goldstein
   II. Feb 21st  Professor Anne Mellor- Mothering Monsters: Frankenstein and Genetic Engineering
   III. May 9th Professor Kathlyn [Kara] Cooney- “What can we learn from Ancient Egypt?”

f. Corresponding Secretary  
   Childs:
   i. Childs distributed an article from the Spring 2002 Newsletter written by Norah Jones, Archivist, which addressed the origin of the UCLA Emeriti Association and included a list of 26 names of faculty who attended the second meeting of what was to become the EA. This summary will be handed out at the forthcoming dinner meeting celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the UCLA EA.

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g. Newsletter  
   Childs
   I. Childs thanked the 13 people who helped get the newsletter out in 2 hours and also thanked those who came later to help but found the task had been completed. The material for the forthcoming newsletter is due in early December for the January letter.
h. Faculty Women’s Club
   
i. Betti noted that the FWC November General Meeting and Speaker will be held on November 14th at 1:30 PM in the Sequoia room. The speaker will be Christine Simmons, current President of the UCLA Alumni Association and the president and COO of the Los Angeles Sparks. Her talk is titled: “Breaking Barriers through Empowerment and Enlightenment.”

i. Arts and Crafts

   i. Featured artist chosen

   ii. Belmont Village has a community room it wants to use for a rotating Art Show [approximately 6 month cycles] of “Fine Art Quality” Art work for its local site as well as Calabasas site. The idea of our contacting some of our artists and put them in contact with Belmont was discussed. There was general support for the idea since it would give us visibility as well as would support Belmont who has been a good partner with EA, albeit we would play only for a minor role once contacts have been made. ACTION: Belkin can put together an ad hoc committee to assess the pros and cons, the amount of input EA would have, and the manner in which the artists would be contacted.

j. Faculty Center

   i. On October 17 a special meeting was held in the FC between the FC Board and its Chair, Belinda Tucker, Chancellor Block, and others from the administration. The goal was to come up with an negotiated formal agreement between the FC and the administration that outlines the mechanisms for support of the current structure. The impression given by Miller is that this First Ever Agreement is likely to be satisfactory to both stakeholders and that the FC will remain independent albeit two administration members would have seats on the board. Miller also noted that there is an ongoing working group focusing on an architectural plan focusing on “fixing the roof”

   ii. Miller also pointed out that the FC Board Treasurer noted that the FC had “broken even” financially for the last quarter.

   iii. Miller reported that former President of the FC Board Patricia Greenfield had resigned from the board.

7. Consent Calendar

   a. University and Public Relations

   b. Book exchange

      i. The UCLA library will no longer take books from the EA lending library after yearly culling. The Book Exchange will look for an alternate partner to recycle the books that are culled each year.

   c. Joint Committee on Emeriti/Retiree Housing
Meeting adjourned at  3:10 PM

Respectfully submitted:  Barbara Lippe