

**Board Members Present:** Alyce Akers, Daniel Blake, Margaret Holzer, Max Lupul, Ron McIntyre, Patrick Nicholson, Nancy Owens, Ann Perkins, Karen Robinette, Phyllis Russell, Elizabeth Schneider, Diane Schwartz, Barbara Swerkes.

### **Monthly Business**

1. **Call to order and adoption of agenda:** Alyce Akers  
President Alyce Akers called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro, CSUN. **MSP** to adopt the agenda.
2. **Approval of minutes:** Margaret Holzer  
**MSP** to approve the minutes. Meg will attach Barbara Swerkes's report of the September Faculty Senate meeting to the minutes.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Dan Blake  
Dan gave an overview of the treasurer's report, highlighting the expenses and the membership dues. The extremely low bank interest rate has greatly decreased the money available annually for scholarship awards. There was a short discussion about encouraging donations from the members specifically for scholarships. Dan also presented information about the cost to have the ARF phone reconnected and it was **MSP** to authorize reconnection of the desk phone in the ARF office. This phone will be connected to the ARF email account and this will allow authorized persons access to the voice messages and to handle any questions/business that arise. The Vice President will be responsible to answer the voice mail. Each year, changes may be made to the list of persons authorized to have access to the voice mail. **MSP** to receive the report.
4. **President's Announcements:** Alyce Akers  
Alyce has received word that Rose Bromwich, Ed. Psych., has passed away. Also Carol Turner, wife of Gene Turner, Geography, passed away recently. Nancy Owens asked whether Alyce was planning to send a condolence card.
5. **Board Members' Announcements**  
There were no announcements.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

1. Program Committee: Alyce Akers, for Karen Robinette
  - a. *January TGTHAO Banquet:* The committee has decided to invite the Harmony Partners, a barbershop quartet for the entertainment. **MSP** to approve the payment of \$500 for the entertainment. There will be the additional charge for their four dinners. The banquet menu has been chosen.  
The Board decided: we will need email/postcard "save the date" mailings; information in the Newsletter and snail mail reservation form to be sent out so that the members can make their reservations by the deadline: Wednesday January 6 for the banquet on Saturday, January 16.
  - b. *Monthly Meeting Speakers:* The following people will be asked to speak at our monthly membership meetings:

- i. Sandy Banks
- ii. Robin Abcarian
- iii. Amir Hussain
- iv. Elyce Wakeman

c. *April Field Trip*: Bus arrangements are incomplete as Mike Englander's office has not determined the availability of funds this far in advance. Alyce will contact them again in December. The Wilkinson center is another possible source for a bus but there would be a charge for it.

2. **Membership Committee:** Diane Schwartz

Jolene Koester was pleased to have been invited to join ARF but declined the invitation. ARF currently has 251 members. The Board discussed ways of "capturing" more of the newly retired faculty and Dan suggested that we clarify our 1-year free membership offer. Diane agreed that the Membership Committee would review the current practice of offering free memberships (after this year's membership renewals and directory are completed). She suggested that the committee bring a new policy to the Board, probably at the March Board meeting.

3. **Newsletter:** Ann Perkins

- a. Ann reported that Jim Allen asked if we could archive all back issues of the Newsletter online. In the discussion that followed it was agreed that keeping the archive on the website could take up too much space, especially if links were included to locate specific subjects. Instead, we could make known that the ARF office has an electronic file of Newsletters that could be available upon request.
- b. Ann is concerned about the length of some Newsletter articles crowding out other equally valuable articles. **MSP** that starting with the March/April 2016 issue there will be a 400-word limit to articles published in the printed version of the Newsletter. The Board discussed allowing the authors to submit a longer article for the electronic version. The longer article could be submitted at the same time as the shorter print version article.
- c. Ann requested that someone be designated to write up each ARF event, especially for events where she cannot be available.

4. **Historian:** Christine Smith

There was no report.

5. **Faculty Senate:** Barbara Swerkes

Barbara's notes from the October Faculty Senate meeting were distributed. The item that the Board responded most strongly to was the proposal for a hotel to be built on campus. Barbara asked for a volunteer to take notes at the next Senate meeting as she will be out of town. Diane, who is a member of the Senate, will take notes.

6. **Website:** Max Lupul

Max reported that since the October meeting, there have been 98 visitors to the website (including about 20 of his own visits.)

## **Old Business**

### **1. ERFA Meeting:**

- a. Nancy Owens has submitted a written report of the meeting. She commented on their meeting with the Chancellor. Alyce indicated that she had been surprised that several of the large CSU campuses automatically include both staff and *emeriti* in their equivalents to ARF. She did indicate that they had varying levels of involvement of retired staff and that on these campuses they had full cooperation with the school administration with respect to getting information about retirees (addresses, *etc.*) contrary to our experience at CSUN.
- b. ERFA is still looking for an executive director. There seems to be a desire to keep the office at CSUN, but that presents problems if the new director is not local. There is a salary and travel allowance associated with the position.

### **2. Miscellaneous:**

Nancy Owens reported that the Hansen/ARF scholarship committee is now complete.

**Adjournment: MSP** that the meeting be adjourned. (1:05 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Holzer, Secretary

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