

To be approved at 2017 Annual Meeting on June 3, 2017

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**C.S.U.N. ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY
2015-16 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (in conjunction with the Annual Picnic)
and ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Minutes June 4, 2016

The ARF Annual Picnic and Business Meeting at the home of Juan Oliva, 17912 Sunburst Street, Northridge began at 12:00 noon. Paul Kirk and Mary Finley provided entertainment on their accordions.

At 12:35 p.m. President Alyce Akers called the Annual Business Meeting to order. She welcomed all those in attendance. She thanked Juan Oliva for his hospitality and Roberta Mauersch for making possible our use of Juan's home for the picnic and the Annual Meeting. She thanked the Board members for their service and Paul Kirk and Mary Finley for their musical entertainment.

Margaret Holzer presented the Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting, prepared by Alyce Akers and Margaret Holzer. **MSP** approval of the June 7, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Dan Blake presented the Treasurer's Report. He indicated the award that "the ARF Memorial Scholarship Award" has been renamed "the ARF Memorial Graduate Projects Award" because awarding a "scholarship" risks a reduction in the awardee's financial aid. He pointed out that at current interest rates, the award fund does not generate enough to cover the awards and so there is a greater need to depend on the generosity of ARF members as donors.

Diane Schwartz, Membership Chair, was unable to attend the meeting. A summary report was presented by Alyce Akers. The membership of ARF is currently just under 300 members. Alyce pointed out that we suspect the recent 7% salary increase given to all active faculty will decrease the number of faculty who will retire and those who will FERP this year. This will decrease the number of possible new members for ARF. Some PP&R changes now allow part-time faculty to be granted *emeritus* status upon their retirement. It was also noted that the University is now providing ARF with contact information on retirees, both part- and full-time. This will greatly aid the Membership Committee's recruitment efforts.

Ron McIntyre, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate of Officers and Executive Board members proposed by the nominating committee and opened the floor for further nominations. There being none, it was **MSP** that the nominations be closed and the nominees be elected by acclamation.

The ARF Executive Board 2016-2017

President: Ron McIntyre*

Vice President/President Elect: Patrick Nicholson

Immediate Past President/Program Chair: Alyce Akers*

Secretary: Margaret Holzer

Treasurer: Dan Blake

Newsletter Editor: Ann Perkins

Membership Chair: Diane Schwartz

Historian: Cindy Ventuleth

Webmaster: Max Lupul

Members-at-Large

Bob Kiddoo (2016-2018)

Dorena Knepper (2016-2018)

Barbara Swerkes (2016-2018)

Phyllis Russell (2015-2017)*

Nancy Owens (2015-2017)*

Elizabeth Schneider (2015-2017)*

*Elected in a previous year; serves multiple-year term.

Alyce Akers thanked each of the members of the Board and committee members for their service during the year, giving special thanks to Larry Caretto for maintaining the ARF database and his outstanding organizational skills and to Karen Robinette for leadership of the Program Committee. As she said, "ARF runs like a well-oiled machine. Everyone does what they say they will do. Planning and implementation get done. It's a much easier job than being a Department Chair!" Alyce also gave recognition to the ARF activity groups and their coordinators.

Karen Robinette, Program Chair, thanked Alyce for her leadership. On behalf of the entire ARF membership, Karen presented Alyce with a flowering plant. Ron McIntyre, incoming President, added his thanks to Alyce for her leadership.

Ron reminded the members present that many of the CSUN *emeritus* "perks" have come about, at least in part, through the work of ARF behind the scenes: Parking privileges, full library privileges, 20% discount at VPAC, free membership at the Rec Center, faculty discount at the book store. He reported that some of the interest groups are inactive and urged members to suggest new ones. Groups that have been suggested recently include: exercise, bowling and volunteering. Ron gave special thanks to Karen Robinette for her leadership of the Program Committee and announced that the field trip next year will be to the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar that features antique cars (all in operating condition) and mechanical musical instruments.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m., followed by a picnic buffet lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Holzer, Secretary