

**Minutes, ARF Executive Board
9 November 2016**

(Draft submitted to Board for approval)

Board Members Present: Alyce Akers, Daniel Blake, Margaret Holzer, Bob Kiddoo, Ron McIntyre, Patrick Nicholson, Ann Perkins, Elizabeth Schneider, Diane Schwartz, Barbara Swerkes, Eugene Turner, Cindy Ventuleth

Guests: Samantha Delagardelle and Shellie Hadvina (Alumni Relations) and Don Cameron and Harold Goldwhite (ERFA)

Monthly Business:

1. **Call to order and adoption of agenda:** Ron McIntyre
President Ron McIntyre called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro, CSUN. **MSP** to adopt the agenda as distributed.
2. **Approval of minutes:** Margaret Holzer
MSP to approve the October 19, 2016 Board Meeting minutes as distributed.
3. **President's Announcements:** Ron McIntyre
 - a. Ron welcomed Gene Turner to the Board as our new Webmaster.
 - b. He noted the recent deaths of Claire O'Connell and Alfred Slor.
 - c. Dan Blake has recently been chosen as the recipient of the prestigious Dean Peckham award for loyalty and service to CSUN.
4. **Board Members' Announcements:**
Patrick Nicholson reminded the Board members to sign in on the parking registry list at the door to prevent being ticketed by the CSUN police. This is must be done even though a CSUN emeritus parking permit is displayed on the car.

Reports:

1. **Treasurer:** Dan Blake
Dan reviewed the account balances and cash flow for the period October 19 through November 9, 2016. The current account balances (checking, savings, CD) total is \$117,499.46. **MSP** to receive the report. Because the Board does not meet in December, Dan will send an email report of financial activity for the July 1-December 31 period.
2. **Program Committee:** Alyce Akers
The TGTHAO Banquet:
 - a. Alyce announced that menu for the banquet will be substantially the same as last year: main course choices include prime rib, salmon and vegetarian lasagna. The one change will be a choice of desert. The menu was approved by consensus.
 - b. The committee recommended the jazz quartet from campus. The quartet is composed of three instrumentalists and a vocalist, all seniors at CSUN. The Orange Grove Bistro has a \$150 charge to cover the cost of moving the piano into the room and tuning it. Dan will see if this charge can be renegotiated. **MSP** to authorize up to \$150 extra, if needed for the entertainment.
 - c. The committee has a soloist under consideration, should the jazz quartet not be available. If not needed this year, this soloist will be suggested as a possible entertainer at the 2017-18 banquet.
3. **Membership Committee:** Diane Schwartz
Diane reported that currently we have 245 members. The roster is being prepared for the directory and will be sent to the printer next week. Diane noted that the contact Board members made with the non-renewing members yielded several more continuing members.

Meg Holzer proposed that we invite Elaine Levin, retired UCLA faculty, to join ARF. **MSP** that we invite Elaine Leven to be a member of ARF with a one-year free membership.

4. **Newsletter Editor:** Ann Perkins

The deadline for the next issue will be in early December. Ann requested several short articles: a profile of Don Cameron and his work as ERFA director, Dan Blake and the Peckham award, something on the proposed distinguished speaker series (Paul Wilson will be asked to write). Also she requested signup information for the banquet. (Alyce will send this.) Ann also requested more photos from ARF meetings and other events.

5. **Historian:** Cindy Ventuleth

Cindy reported that our retiring historian, Chris Smith, is recovering from her fall. Chris is very concerned about all the ARF papers that she has stored in her home. She has talked with someone in the campus library about archiving these. Barbara Swerkes suggested talking with ERFA about their archives at CSUDH.

6. **Webmaster:** Gene Turner

Gene has been familiarizing himself with the current website and is seeking suggestions from the Board members on ways to improve, revise and renew the site. Ron McIntyre suggested that one immediate change could be made: access to the Newsletter is no longer password controlled. (Note: This was MSP at October 19, 2016 Executive Board Meeting.) Barbara Swerkes suggested that we each take a careful look at the website and send our suggestions to Gene.

7. **Faculty Senate Representative:** Diane Schwartz for Barbara Swerkes

Diane Schwartz, who attended the October 27, 2016 meeting of the CSUN Faculty Senate for Barbara, highlighted her emailed report of the meeting.

8. **CSU-ERFA State Council Meeting:** Nancy Owens

Nancy was unable to be at the Board meeting but submitted her report of the meeting email. Of special interest to us as retirees was the discussion of the attack on current retiree benefits in Marin County that could apply to all CSU employees, if upheld by the California Supreme Court.

9. **Ad hoc Committee on ARF Officers' Terms of Office:** Patrick Nichelson

Patrick reported that the committee (Patrick Nichelson, chair, Bob Kiddoo and Diane Schwartz) is communicating in various ways. He led a brief discussion of the proposed changes in officers' responsibilities and their terms of office. He explained the rationale behind the proposed changes and solicited feedback from the Board members. The *ad hoc* committee will continue to develop its proposal. Any changes that are made, which require changes in the ARF Constitution, must be published several weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in June.

10. **Southern California ERFA Affiliates Meeting:** Ron McIntyre

Ron McIntyre recently attended a meeting of ERFA affiliates. He observed that all of the ARF-type organizations seem to be very similar, though he felt our interest groups were more exciting. Some did fund raisers to support their scholarship programs. He also noted that ERFA currently covers the travel costs for one delegate to the CSU-ERFA State Council Meetings. In the past, they had paid for more than one. The Board agreed by consensus that ARF reimburse Barbara Swerkes, our third delegate, for mileage. (Nancy Owens automatically has her mileage reimbursed because she is on an ERFA committee.)

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Ron McIntyre

Ron introduced Don Cameron, outgoing Executive Director of ERFA, and Harold Goldwhite, incoming Executive Director of ERFA. The Board extended hearty thanks to Don for his long service and welcomed Harold, the new Director, who indicated that the State-wide office of ERFA will remain on the CSUN campus. He plans to be in the office on a regular part-time basis.

Adjournment:

MSP that the meeting be adjourned. (12:22 p.m.)

Next Board meeting: January 11, 2017 – Orange Grove Bistro

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Holzer, Secretary