

MINUTES

(approved at the April 09 ARF board meeting conducted via Zoom)

BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, MARCH 08, 2024 CSUN ORCHARD ROOM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** ARF President Cynthia Rawitch began the meeting at 10:30 A.M.
2. **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cynthia Rawitch, Daniel Blake, Patricia Miller, Timothy Fox, Diane Schwartz, Cathy Jeppson, Ronald McIntyre, Patrizia Miller, Cynthia Desrochers, Eugene Turner, Robert Kiddoo, Patrick Nichelson.

EXCUSED: Ann Perkins, Sharon Klein, David Fox, Karen Robinette.

3. **MINUTES APPROVED.** The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the February 09, 2024, Meeting of the Executive board.
4. **BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Tim Fox made this announcement: Do not use the ARF Board email list (arfbd23-l@csun.edu) if you are including non-Board members in the email.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **UPDATE:**
 - A. Chair Cynthia Rawitch reported that CSUN ARF now has a key for the ARF Office on the first floor of Santa Susana Hall. Melanie Mamakos, Executive Secretary of ERFSA, whose statewide office is located next to ARF's office, also has a key to the ARF office.
 - B. Cynthia also reported that the "Cleanup Brigade" for the Santa Susana rooms has been formed ("thanks to the volunteers!"). The brigade consists of Board Members Sharon Klein, Michael Barrett,

Dan Blake, Ron McIntyre, and Chair Cynthia. Melanie Mamakos will be consulted regularly during the brigade's work.

C. The search for the missing Faculty Plaques that adorned the old CSUN Faculty Club continues. Robert Kiddoo suggested we seek help by searching old ERFSA records. Also, Michael Barrett will examine university archives in the CSUN Library for historic information in ARF and ERFSA archives, (membership, activities, et cetera)

D. "PERKS." Cynthia R. is in regular contact with Ranjit A Philip regarding the perquisites for retired faculty, especially those without emeritus-emerita status. She also recommends reading Section 600 for more information on the subject(s).

Ranjit A Philip is the new Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for CSUN.

E. Pat Miller is working on developing guidelines for ongoing ARF events. She also raised the question of the need (or non-need) for strict guidelines.

F. **NOMINATIONS.** Cathy Jeppson has recruited Dan Blake to be nominated for the position of ARF Historian. She also noted that a new candidate is needed for the Board position of President-Elect.

G. **AWARDS.** Tim Fox reported that Graduate Studies has asked that ARF align our awards dates with theirs. Dates, deadlines, announcements to be published soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **TREASURER REPORT.** Dan Blake sent via email the latest detailed report. He noted that for this period ARF did a little better financially, partially because of the quarterly payments from ERFSA. He also stated the ARF's CDs are contributing more to ARF income than they had in recent years; in fact, our CD 46 just matured and is being renewed at 5.25 % APY for 9 months. He also said that Melanie Mamakos from the CSUN ERFSA office has expressed

profound gratitude for the thank-you gift she received from ARF. He finally brought up a question: does ARF want to continue the Soraya reception-style of events in place of our previously celebrated holiday event? He is collecting ideas on this subject with the help of Pat Miller, Sharon Klein, and our President Elect, President, and Past President. They will appreciate any suggestions.

2. **PROGRAM CHAIR REPORT.** Chair Pat Miller has recently sent via email several updates and reports. She reported that while there have been issues with Chartwell, most seem to be resolved. The contact person with Chartwell is “Samantha.” The overall director is John Fisher. Pat also reminded the board that the speaker at today’s ARF event is Loraine Lundquist, Physicist, Social Activist and Faculty Associate with the CSUN Institute for Sustainability. She also reminded the group that the April Field Trip to Huntington Library is set, with optional bus transportation from and back to CSUN. She also said the Memorial Awards brunch will be at a location like the Sierra Center; Tim Fox added that RSVPs will be needed for that \$25 per-person event. Pat noted, too, that a new calendar of events is coming from her soon.

3. **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT.** Tim Fox happily noted that the membership level is steady. He also handed out information about the special membership groups (book clubs, film groups, et cetera) and their members. **Ron McIntyre has the latest list for SCCARF** (ARF’s dining group). With the recent death of SCCARF’s great leader, Jim Dole, Ron has generously agreed to coordinate the group for the next few months. He already has dinner hosts lined up through October 2024. Much appreciation was offered to Ron!

4. **REMEMBRANCE CHAIR REPORT.** Ron McIntyre reported the recent losses of Charles Heimler (Secondary Education) and Jim Dole (Biology). He pointed out that it is always good to have notes from different writers and that Jim Dole’s daughter Deb Dole would appreciate ideas and observations about her father.

5. **WEBMASTER CHAIR REPORT.** Eugene Turner commented that the Website is moving along fine. He needs copies of minutes whenever they are available.

6. **FACULTY SENATE REPORT.** See ARF Notes for reports.

7. **CSU ERFSA.** Tim Fox announced that the next ERFSA statewide meeting will be held at CSU Dominguez Hills; perhaps it will be conducted entirely via Zoom. **(Following this ARF meeting ERFSA announced that the meeting will be held entirely on Zoom.)**

GOOD AND WELFARE.

Bonnie Ericson and Dan Blake are hosting the March 27 SCCARF dinner at the Northridge Wood Ranch Grill.

PRESIDENT RAWITCH ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:05 P.M.

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