

UCI Emeriti Association Executive Committee

May 4, 2009 Minutes

- I. President Hamkalo called the meeting to order at 9:17 am, noted need for focused discussion. Present were: Ken Dumars, David Easton, Cindy Eddleman, Julian Feldman, Eldon Foltz, Richard Frank, Jeri Frederick, Barbara Hamkalo, Judy Horn, Ron Jevning, Stuart Krassner, Pamela Lawrence, Peggy Maradudin, Ron Miller, Garland Parten, Lyman Porter, Ted Quilligan, Marianne Schnaubelt, and Marilyn Soley.
- II. Announcements – Annual Meeting will be on June 10 in the University Club, 1 – 4 pm on the Wheelchair Project. - Moved by Frank and Porter: Offer \$100 for any project Dr. Meese has ongoing. Passed unanimously. – Ron: Didn't we once agree to pay honoraria? – Barbara: Let's consult the Minutes. We need to expedite discussions so we can adjourn at 11:00.
- III. Minutes of April 6 amended: IV.3 sentence "Used to justify reductions . . ." should read "Used to justify proposed reductions . . ." Minutes then accepted.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Stuart: We now have over \$8,000 on hand. Can that be rolled over? Yes, except I'm unsure about money from EVC. Next year we can expect to get ca. \$4,000 from dues, including ca. \$1500 for lifetime memberships. Much better than previous years. Moneys from EVC don't go directly to us; go to Center and allocated by Jeri. So it should be regarded as "emergency funds." Next year there will probably be less.
- V. Welfare – None of our representatives could go last month.
- VI. CUCEA – Barbara: Lyman and Barbara attended meeting in UCSD. Packed agenda. Barbara will send us written summary. Joint Benefits Committee will include CUCEA representatives. -- Post-retirement Task Force will have 30 members, to include faculty, regents, heads of CUCEA and CUCRA. Aim is probably reduction of health benefits for new employees. – Dick: So there will be two "tiers", as in supermarkets. – Barbara: Legislature has made a change; no more State contributions to retirement systems. Issue now postponed to May 19 election. – Miller: Hess wants to mobilize support for Propositions 1A–1B. – Barbara: I don't think so. – Lyman: Unclear. – Stuart: What does the State contribute now? – Lyman: Now, nothing. That was a statement of intention. – Barbara: I'll contact Charlie Hess, ask him what he wants us to do. – Ron: Hess is going to send all of us a letter to recommend support of 1A-1B. – Barbara: But there was one piece of good news: those who retired by July 2008 will get a COLA, those before July of 2006 a COLA of 2.6% Bad news: The State of Washington has cut budget of U. of Washington by 25%. – Ron: On the internet there is a report on the retirement system; find it at CUCEA.UCSD.EDU. It says, "There is considerable concern for sustainability of health benefits." – Barbara: Also, there will be a new form for the Bio-Bib report in the Fall. Last time we had a 20% response, not as good as other campuses, but much better for us.
- VII. Awards – Pam reported on selection of two mentoring awards: Professors Laura Mosqueda (Family Medicine) and Robert Folkenflik (English). – Barbara: Those nominated but not selected will be held over for reconsideration next year.
- VIII. Election – Ted reported that in June we must choose a secretary and treasurer, and incumbents Dick Frank and Stuart Krassner have agreed to stand for re-election.
- IX. Brochure – Judy: We need to choose between the long and short versions. Long has an insert. – Barbara: I like brevity. – Ken: The long is better; contains info on Bio-Bib survey, chairmen deserve

status for work done. - Barbara: All is on the web. – Ron: Then no need for brochure? – Barbara: No. – Ted: The short version is better. Pictures soon are out of date. – Dave: Have short version refer to long version and website. – Barbara: We aren't going to have two brochures! – Ken: Long version is better recruitment tool. OK to put it all on the web; nothing wrong with repetition. – Judy: The long version has more history. There was a call for the question, and the vote was: short 7, long 3, abstention 1. Short version it will be.

X. By-Laws – Barbara: We should aim to have a consensus on what we present at the June 10 [Annual] meeting. By-Laws are not a constitution; they show how we do business. Can be changed. – Judy: Changes suggested by Ron have been made.

There followed an extended and animated discussion of various changes. Notable: (1) Officers shall be elected for one year, and shall be eligible for re-election. (2) Newsletter Editor shall not be elected. (3) Disbursements – Ron: Checks for over \$1,000 shall be signed by two officers. – Julian: Officers don't write checks. – Jeri: I review all checks. – Barbara: That's OK; checks and balances. (4) Newsletter shall be issued three times a year. (5) Barbara: Delete reference to Mellon Fellowships. One must be invited to make nominations, and at present UCI is not invited. (6) We will have our own Welfare Committee. (7) Archives & History Committee will maintain records in the Center, and the Director of the Center will be Custodian. (8) By-Laws will be revised periodically. – Barbara: Let's keep that indefinite. We don't want to go through this every year.

Barbara: Judy will revise her draft in light of this discussion and decisions, and present the revised draft at the June 10 meeting. – Julian: It will be announced in the Newsletter, which will refer readers to our website, and they will be able to ask for a hard copy. Deadline for submissions for the Newsletter is May 10.

XI. OLLI – Cindy reported on new courses, including Laughing Yoga. – Barbara: Another new course, Animatroners, to be given by Stuart Samida in November, will be about science education in 21st century, and a new approach to teaching at UCI in Medicine.

As a result of a tidal wave of expeditious discussions, the meeting was adjourned at exactly 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Frank, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
1- 4 PM IN THE LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY CLUB**