

Board Members Present: Alyce Akers, Daniel Blake, Bonita Campbell, Margaret Holzer, Joyce Linden, Heidemarie Lundblad, Ron McIntyre, Patrick Nicholson, Ann Perkins, Karen Robinette, Phyllis Russell, Diane Schwartz, Christine Smith

Guest: Roberta Mauksch

Monthly Business

- 1. Call to order and adoption of agenda:** Karen Robinette
President Karen Robinette called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro, CSUN. The appointment of the nominating committee was added to the agenda under New Business. **MSP** to adopt the amended agenda.
- 2. Approval of minutes:** Margaret Holzer
Meg announced that she had made one editorial change to the minutes distributed via email. Also, Diane Schwartz's name as senior advisor was added to the list of the constitution revision committee members. **MSP** to approve the minutes, as corrected.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Heidemarie Lundblad
Heidemarie had distributed the report via email. **MSP** to receive the report. She has had productive conversations with the people who oversee the Orange Grove Bistro and has received assurances that the billing process should be more professional in the future. She urged that the treasurer be given contracts and invoices for all financial negotiations in the future. That way the treasurer will be able to make sure that the billing is properly done.
- 4. President's Announcements:** Karen Robinette
Karen announced that we still need one more delegate to the ERFA meeting on April 25 at CSULB. Nancy Owens and Karen Robinette will represent CSUN. Dan Blake has tentatively volunteered to be the third delegate. If he is unable to go, Patrick Nicholson will be the third delegate.
- 5. Board Members' Announcements**
Ron McIntyre reported that the Honored Faculty Reception will be held on Monday May 18 in the USU Grand Salon from 1:30-3:30 pm. As President of ARF, Karen will make a presentation inviting the retirees (including FERPers) to join ARF.

Reports of Standing Committees

- 1. Program Committee:** Joyce Linden.
 - Field Trip – April 1, 2015:* After many problems and difficulties during the planning stages, the 14 members and guests who went enjoyed the trip to the Science Museum to see the Space Shuttle, the IMAX movie and the Dead Sea Scrolls. People got to the museum via carpools and the Red Line. Henry Abrash, ARF member who is a volunteer at the museum met with the group. After all money was collected and all tickets were paid, Joyce was left with a short-fall of over \$100. On the recommendation of the Program Committee, **MSP** reimburse Joyce \$110.

- *May Memorial Scholarship Luncheon:* The committee decided to use basically the same menu as last year. They will ask for a different dessert. Diane, Phyllis and Alyce volunteered to come early to staff the welcome table. (The program cover is the one designed by Larry Caretto last year, a jaunty mortarboard perched on a large dollar sign.) Chris reminded us that we need certificates to present to the awardees. Larry has the certificate format on his computer. Joyce expressed her deep gratitude to Larry for all his help during the year.
 - *June Picnic and Annual Meeting:* Preliminary plans include
 - a. Roberta Mauksch is the liaison with Juan Oliva. She has taken responsibility to have the hazard tapes in place before the event begins. She will order the wine and beer.
 - b. The gardener will be alerted to stop watering the area a few days before the picnic.
 - c. Joyce and Chris have volunteered to provide coffee urns.
 - d. Joyce will handle the table rental, delivery and return.
 - e. Other details for shopping (food, paper goods) set-up, clean up, *etc.* will be completed at the May Board meeting.
2. **Membership Committee:** Ron McIntyre
Ron distributed a list of all of the 2014-2015 ARF members
 3. **Newsletter:** Ann Perkins
Ann announced that the deadline for the next issue is April 15th.
 - Some of the articles planned for the issue:
 - a. Reports on the February and March general meetings. (Larry Caretto will write up his talk and Ann will write the report of Jim Dole's talk.)
 - b. Report on the field trip to the Science Museum
 - c. Introduction of the ARF Memorial Scholarship awardees
 - d. Article about the mentoring program for students close to graduation
 - e. Announcement of the retirement of the Provost, Harry Hellenbrand, who will return to the English faculty.
 4. **Historian:** Christine Smith
Chris reported on the ARF/Hansen/College of Education Scholarship committee's recent meetings where they are discussion revisions to the application process. Bonnie Ericson will be committee chair again next year. The fund is now large enough that it should generate enough interest to support the four \$2500 scholarships annually.

Old Business

1. **Revised ARF brochure:** Ron McIntyre and Alyce Akers
Ron and Alyce presented two formats of the proposed brochure prepared by Jean O'Sullivan. It was well received. **MSP** that we use the "non-bleed through" version. It was **MS** that we no longer offer free memberships to new retirees. Following a long discussion, motion failed.
2. **ARF Memorial Scholarship Committee:** Roberta Mauksch
Roberta distributed information on the four awardees and said that even though there were fewer candidates this year, the general quality of the applications was much higher than in previous years. This made it very difficult to choose the final winners but the

committee is pleased with each of them. **MSP** to accept the candidates proposed by the committee.

The winners are:

- Marjan Maria Akopyan, Biology, “It’s Not Easy Being Green: The Color of Gene Diversity in Red-eyed Treefrogs.
- Samuel Ginther, Biology, “The Effects of an Invasive Alga, *Sargassum horneri*, on Kelp Forest Habitat and fishes at Santa Catalina Island, California”
- Jake Reschke, Mathematics, “Geometric Extensions of Robertson-Walker Spacetimes”
- Chris Wilson, Mass Communications/Journalism, “Algorithms on the Beat: Automation in Journalism”

The committee is concerned that some departments have many candidates and some departments have few or none. The Board considered the role of advertising in this inequity and discussed possible ways of making the scholarships more widely known and ways to encourage a broader range of applications.

New Business

Appointment of the Nominating Committee: Alyce Akers

Alyce will chair the Nominating Committee for the 2015-2016 officers. Members of the Board who volunteered to serve are: Ann Perkins, and Diane Schwartz. Larry Caretto will also be asked to join the committee.

Adjournment: **MSP** that the meeting be adjourned. (12:45 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Holzer, Secretary

Next Board meeting: May 6, 2015
Orange Grove Bistro, CSUN