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**Minutes, ARF Executive Board Meeting  
10, May 2017**

**(draft, 21 May, 2017.)**

**Board Members Present:** Alyce Akers, Daniel Blake, Ronald McIntyre, Patrick Nicholson, Nancy Owens, Karen Robinette, Phyllis Russell, Elizabeth Schneider, Diane Schwartz, Eugene Turner.

**Board Members Excused:** Margaret Holzer, Ann Perkins, Barbara Swerkes, Cindy Ventuleth.

Robert Kiddoo (Professor Kiddoo was absent for the first part of the meeting as he was representing ARF at a public meeting with CSUN Vice President Colin Donahue regarding the development of a hotel on campus. See below: **New Business. 1.**)

**Monthly Business:**

- 1. Call to order and adoption of agenda:** President Ron McIntyre called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro at CSUN. **MSP** to adopt the agenda as distributed via email.
- 2. Approval of minutes:** Ron McIntyre. Secretary Margaret Holzer excused, Patrick Nicholson taking the May 10 minutes. **MSP** to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Board Meeting.

The minutes were emailed in advance; included by attachment in the email from Secretary Holzer was the January 2017-June 2017 Program and Speaker Schedule, as well as the Proposed 2017-2018 Executive board recommendations for the General Membership Meeting in June 2017.

**3. President's Announcements:**

- a. Ron McIntyre thanked those present for their service to ARF during 2016-2017 and for the graceful and skilled help they gave him during his tenure as President.
- b. Ron informed the Board that earlier that morning he and Dan Blake had attended the beginning of a public meeting with CSUN Vice President Colin Donahue, CSUN vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer, and other speakers about a CSUN Joint Agreement regarding a major construction project on campus. The public meeting concerned the campus's plans and agreements for a major building development that will entail the destruction of the CSUN Orange Grove Bistro, the main venue for ARF gatherings. Board member Bob Kiddoo was attending the full session of the public meeting and would join this Board session later in the morning for a fuller update and discussion about this campus project. (See **New Business**)

**4. Board Members' Announcements:** there were no announcements by members.

## **Reports:**

### **1. Treasurer: Dan Blake**

- a. Dan reviewed the account balances and cash flow for the period of April 12, 2017 to May 10, 2017. He had earlier provided the board via email a printed summary of his report. (See Attached Document) The total ARF bank accounts are a bit up, but upcoming expenses will balance that. He reported also that soon he will be renewing the Certificate of Deposit (CD), though he is holding off making changes to assist with next year's new costs.
- b. One cost that Dan briefly spoke about is the Memorial Graduate Awards Luncheon. He also pointed out that ARF awardees are not invited to the CSUN Honors Convocation because the ARF awards

are considered off-campus awards, as are Rotary Scholarships *et cetera*.

- c. Ron suggested that we might reconsider the luncheon part of the award meeting. Other Board members briefly mentioned various possibilities, such as the reviewing the calendaring and place of the **ceremony**, as well as the number of hosted guests.

## 2. Program Chair: Alyce Akers

- a) Alyce reported that the plans were in place for the Memorial Graduate Awards luncheon. Forty people were expected to attend.
- b) The 2017 General Meeting and Picnic will be held Saturday, June 3, again at the home of Juan Oliva.
- c) At the previous (April 12) Executive Board meeting volunteers stepped forward for the following duties regarding the Picnic:
  - i) Food (as well as sodas and water) ordering, pickup and delivery: Alyce Akers and Patrick Nichelson.
  - ii) Wine, beer and ice pick-up: Dan Blake.
  - iii) Set up: Phyllis Russell, Tim Fox, Meg Holzer, Nancy Owens and Karen Robinette (warning tape on the steps). Roberta Mauksch will be present for the delivery of rentals. Alyce will arrange with the rental company for tables, a mister, et cetera.
  - iv) Cleanup: Ron McIntyre, Diane and David Schwartz, Roberta Mauksch, Barbara Swerkes, and Bob and Pat Kiddoo, assisted by a grown grandson of Alyce and Patrick.
- d) Concerning the General Membership Meeting and Picnic, Alyce suggested that ARF may wish to provide a buffet breakfast for the membership, instead of the picnic

luncheon; in many years the picnic luncheon occurs at the hottest time of day.

- e) Alyce will contact JPL about possible reservations for an ARF Visit.
- f) Alyce and others will be checking with various organizations (e.g., local churches, civic gathering places) in search of ARF meeting sites after the Bistro is closed this Fall.
- g) Ron suggested that future ARF presidents set up a system of volunteer drivers for members who are not able to drive to ARF programs (SCCARF, Lectures, *et cetera*). There was a consensus that this is a sound idea.

**3. Membership Chair:** Diane Schwartz.

Diane reported that membership processes are working well. She also said that she will be sending out email invitations for the annual session in August when Board volunteers stuff envelopes for the Fall membership outreach.

**4. ARF Notes:** Ann Perkins, excused, no report.

**5. Historian:** Cindy Ventuleth, excused, no report.

**6. Webmaster:** Gene Turner

- a) The Web is developing. Gene noted that the Web has Executive Board minutes back only to 2014. Secretary Meg and others will search their files for earlier minutes.
- b) Alyce will give Gene the Program Schedule of 2017-2018 for placement on the Web.

**7. CSUN Faculty Senate Report.** Barbara Swerkes, excused. Barbara had provided the report via email; printed copies were distributed at the

meeting. Questions may be addressed to Barbara, who is the voting member of the Senate representing ARF.

#### **8. ERFA. (California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association).**

Nancy Owens reported on the April Executive board meeting of ERFA at CSU Dominguez Hills. ARF President Ron McIntyre and Barbara Swerkes also attended this meeting. A report on the session may be found in the current 'ARF Notes.' Nancy said there were interesting and important reports and discussions on free speech and issues of redefining intellectual property in the CSU. Regarding the latter, if a current Chancellor's Office proposal is adopted, significant portions of faculty members' work, even if produced at home, will belong to the university.

*Nancy also reported that ERFA Executive Director Harold Goldwhite gave public praise to the work and programs of CSUN ARF, an ERFA affiliate.*

#### **9. Nominations and Constitution Revisions for the ARF General Meeting.**

Patrick Nichelson reported that the Nominations to the Executive board that were approved at the April meeting will be provided to the membership along with the Executive Board's recommendations for revisions to the ARF Constitution.

### **New Business**

#### **1. CSUN Joint Venture: Destruction of the Orange Grove Bistro in Fall 2017.**

Executive Board member Robert Kiddoo, who had joined the ARF meeting after attending the entire first public session on the CSUN Hotel Proposal, reported on that session. The hotel will be constructed on the land that now includes the Orange Grove Bistro. For more information, Bob recommended that Executive Board members read online the official statements that will be emerging the next few days (see below for URLs).

At ARF President Ron McIntyre's request, Bob previously also had arranged an

ARF private meeting with Colin Donahue, VP Administration & Finance and CFO; Rick Evans, Executive Director, The University Corporation; Betsy Corrigan, Director of Foodservice; and Ken Rosenthal, Assoc. VP, Facilities Planning & Construction. This meeting is set for May 25 at 3:00 p.m. Representing ARF's specific questions and concerns will be Ron McIntyre, Bob Kiddoo, Alyce Akers, Dan Blake and Patrick Nichelson.

Bob, who himself had many CSUN capital projects on campus before he retired, reported that the public meeting that morning had been unusually complex, due in part to the fact that so many varying interests and questions from several areas of the campus were represented in the audience.

The presenters at this morning's public meeting were CSUN Vice President Colin Donahue; Jerry Ong for Jupiter Realty Company; Jerry Cataldo for Hostmark Hospitality Group; and Mark Pratt for the Walsh Group (Construction).

Bob garnered several general points at the morning meeting: the hotel will hold about 148 rooms, a restaurant, and facilities for conferences and parking. The current estimate of the construction cost is fifty-two million dollars, which no doubt will change; there will be little or no financial responsibility for CSUN; after three years, the campus will receive per year \$250,000 in rent, and one quarter of one percent of the gross ('gross' was not defined at the public meeting); and the campus may enjoy certain amenities from the relationship with the hotel (affordable meeting rooms, dining facilities, work place training for hospitality students, et cetera).

Basically the public-private project is a joint venture between Jupiter Realty - - a construction company that has participated in several similar projects across the USA - - and CSUN with the goal of building a hotel on campus. (One campus URL mentions a Hyatt Place Hotel.) The construction of the hotel will probably begin in early Spring 2018 and may be completed by Fall 2019, **but the destruction of ARF's prime meeting place, the Orange Grove Bistro, will start in Fall 2017.**

Bob suggested that Board Members study the verbal descriptions and artists' renditions of the construction project that would soon be available online (see below for URLs).

Bob and other members noted that, even if ARF ultimately finds places with the projected hotel for ARF activities, for at least the next two years, the organization faces a serious challenge in finding suitable locales with accessible parking for seniors, on or off campus.

President Ron McIntyre and other members thanked Bob for his report and for organizing the upcoming May 25 meeting with top CSUN administrators who have responsibilities in this joint venture.

CSUN WEB Links Regarding the Hotel Project:

<http://csunshinetoday.csun.edu/university-news/csun-forms-public-private-partnership-to-develop-on-campus-hotel-and-restaurant/>

<http://www.csun.edu/tuc/csunhotel>

**Adjournment:**

**MSP** that the meeting be adjourned. (12:20 p.m.)

Next Board meeting: Time and location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Nicholson for Secretary Margaret Holzer