

**MINUTES**  
**CSUN ARF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022**  
revised 3/6/22, approved 3/9/22

Board members present: Daniel Blake, Pamela Bourgeois, John Clendenning, Cynthia Desrochers, Timothy Fox, Catherine Jeppson, Robert Kiddoo, Sharon Klein, Virginia Lussier, Ron McIntyre, Pat Nichelson, Ann Perkins, Cheryl Spector, Joel Zeitlin.

Board members excused: Phyllis Russell, Eugene Turner.

**Monthly Business**

1. Call to Order: John Clendenning called the meeting to order at 11:05.
2. Formal Adoption of the Agenda: **MSP** (Moved, Seconded, Passed) to adopt the agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes, November 10, 2021: **MSP** to adopt the minutes with the correction of two typos.
4. President's Announcements: There were no announcements.
5. Board Members' Announcements: There were no announcements.

**Reports**

1. Treasurer: Daniel Blake presented his previously distributed written reports: a revised November 2021 report including a necessary correction for a bounced check, and the February 2022 report, which shows a balance of \$168,507.60 as of Feb. 6, 2022.
2. Program Chair: Sharon Klein's report listed the Committee's work on future programming:
  - a. Today's program with Dr. Terri Lisagor will take place at 2 p.m. on Zoom.
  - b. The March program is set. The topic is "The Cognitive Science of Religion."
  - c. April's field trip to the Soraya will be offered in hybrid format (both Zoom and in-person options) to maximize participation.

- d. The format for the Awards luncheon and brunch is still uncertain.
  - e. If we can host a picnic this year, it will be on campus at the Arbor Grill Courtyard.
  - f. Future programs are under consideration. If we host them on Fridays at the Orchard Conference Center, we will have ready access for virtual programming. We may also arrange museum visits, possibly including the Met.
3. Membership Chair: Tim Fox reported on behalf of Phyllis Russell, who continues to mend after her recent surgery. The data:
- a. We now have 201 members (as compared with 206 last year)
  - b. Comments written on membership renewal forms vary; details on some of the feedback concerning ARF's programming will appear in the March report. Feedback is positive about Zoom meetings, but some members seem unaware of that option.
  - c. We had 84 donors to the ARF Memorial Graduate Projects Fund in 2021 (as compared with 95 in 2020). 26 of the 95 did not donate this year (which suggests that 15 new donors must have done so). The total amount donated--\$10,833—was approximately the same.
  - d. 44 out of 201 total members paid their dues through ERFSA, which yields us rebates of several hundred dollars.

The Board discussed current and future ways of encouraging members to donate, and John noted that we need to continue working to attract newly retired faculty to join ARF. Sharon offered to include a pitch to donors as part of future Program Committee reports in the newsletter. Tim summarized the various targeted lists used to reach past, current, and likely members. Further discussion centered on inclusion of lecturers (who must be eligible for PERS retirement to join ARF) and whether to include staff, as ERFSA now does. Ann suggested that the ARF newsletter could expand its CSU and CSUN content to target those who have moved out of the area. We could also expand *ARF Notes* to include more information about our spring awards recipients. And we should continue to publish Remembrances.

Finally, we could use interest groups to expand our membership, especially if we start new interest groups on Zoom.

John reminded the Board that we will need to add a new member to the Membership Committee because Phyllis will be stepping down at the end of the year.

4. Editor, *ARF Notes*: Ann Perkins announced that February 18 is the deadline for submissions to the March newsletter. Ann observed that in the past, members sometimes submitted reports of their recent activities, but COVID appears to have curtailed travels. Ron suggested we try soliciting letters to the editor, which many people enjoy reading (and writing).

Ron commended Ann for her continuing excellent work as *ARF Notes* editor.

5. Historian: Virginia Lussier asked whether information about the Hansen awardees was ready because it should go into the ARF Archives. She suggested that Bev Cabello should once again write an article about the winners for *ARF Notes*. Sharon will ask her to do so.
6. Webmaster: Eugene Turner was not present so there was no report.
7. Representative to ERFSA: Timothy Fox reported that there was nothing new from ERFSA. Pat observed that ERFSA not only lobbies for retired faculty and staff, but also provides useful information in its newsletters. Ron mentioned the example of information about IRMAA (Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts to Medicare Part B and/or Part D), and John described another article focusing on ailments particular to older people.
8. Representative to Faculty Senate: Diane Schwartz previously emailed the board her summaries of the November 18 and December 9, 2021, Senate meetings, along with her invitation to send her any questions.

### **Old Business**

1. Relocation and Finances: Daniel Blake reported that we can meet on campus on Fridays at the Orchard Conference Center for about the same cost as last year. Our awards event could take place around noon on a Saturday, with a continental breakfast, for \$8.99 per person. Bob Kiddoo noted that the issue

is whether to keep coming to CSUN for these events, and that we should therefore do some comparison shopping. John noted that the Board needs to make a specific recommendation whether to stay on campus, and several members spoke in favor of staying at CSUN. Further discussion suggested that the current CSUN Administration needs to be made more aware of ARF. The upcoming Investiture ceremony might be one opportunity. Another opportunity could be afforded by the newly hired VP of Advancement.

### **New Business**

1. Memorial Awards Committee: Timothy Fox updated the Board on the process for spring:
  - a. Information about the 2022 awards was sent out on Jan. 31 to department chairs and graduate program coordinators.
  - b. The Awards Committee is changing the language to be more flexible about how many awards are given each year.
  - c. Friday, March 25, 2022, is this year's application deadline.
  - d. The Committee will begin its work on March 28, 2022, when it meets to review the selection process.

Tim noted that several committee members want to step down after this year. We need to think about who will succeed them. Board members should come to the March meeting with proposed names.

John thanked Tim for continuing to do this work with the Memorial Awards Committee.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Spector, Board Secretary