

MINUTES
CSUN ARF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

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

Board member excused: Pat Nichelson.

Monthly Business

1. Call to Order: John Clendenning called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
2. Formal Adoption of the Agenda: **MSP** (Moved, Seconded, Passed) to adopt the agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes of February 9, 2022: Cheryl Spector: **MSP** to adopt the minutes.
4. President's Announcements
 - a. President Beck Investiture is scheduled to take place on March 14, 2022. Ron McIntyre and John will attend in regalia on behalf of ARF. They will be listed in the event program.
 - b. Revision of "About ARF": Ginny Lussier has made several revisions to this portion of the ARF website. After discussion of the history, administration, and formal name of the Hansen ARF awards, it was **MSP**: to create an ad hoc committee to determine how to refer to these awards. Tim Fox and Ginny will serve as co-chairs, with Pam Bourgeois, Sharon Klein, **Ron McIntyre**, and Joel Zeitlin serving as committee members.
5. Board Members' Announcements: Tim announced that Nancy Owens's husband Joe passed away last Thanksgiving.
- 6.

Reports

1. Treasurer: Daniel Blake presented his previously distributed report showing that little has changed since last month aside from minor expenses and additional dues and rebates, primarily from ERFSA. Our balance as of Mar. 8, 2022, is \$169,247.35.
2. Program Chair: Sharon Klein reported that—thanks to Cynthia Desrochers—we will be hosting Jeff Gold from the CSU Chancellor’s Office at this afternoon’s ARF meeting. Looking ahead:
 - a. Our April meeting’s program is still being finalized but should include a tour of the Soraya, with possible additions to include attendance at an afternoon rehearsal for that evening’s Baroque concert and perhaps also a luncheon, either at the Terrace (at the Soraya) or the Orchard Conference Center.
 - b. The May 14 program, which will honor recipients of the ARF awards, is still in the planning stages. The program may include brunch, or possibly just coffees and Danish. One concern is that we have had very few applicants for /early inquiries about the awards. Tim suggested that we could invite some of the Hansen award applicants to attend the brunch and that we might also ask them to describe their projects (as we already do in the case of the ARF award winners).
 - c. The Program Committee is starting to plan our June 4 picnic. It will probably take place at the Arbor Grill Courtyard.
 - d. Sharon will be stepping down from her role as Program Committee chair at the end of this year.
3. Membership Chair: Phyllis Russell and Timothy Fox reported that they have updated the ARF email listserv, and that it includes about 200 ARF members as well as about 200 others who are emeriti or who retired in the last two years, for a total of 412 email addresses. *ARF Notes* goes to this entire group of 412. In addition:
 - a. There is a new list with only paid members included.

- b. Another list contains those who want to receive information through the USPS.
 - c. And we continue to lose members as they die: we are down to 198 from our previous figure of 201.
- 4. Editor, *ARF Notes*: Ann Perkins asked the Board for suggestions on how to inform members about the newsletter's deadline for each issue.
 - a. Currently we give ten days' lead time. But we could set a monthly date—perhaps the 20th of the preceding month. There was general agreement that this idea was a good one.
 - b. Ann noted that currently no one approves the newsletter content before it is published (although her husband serves as a proofreader). She would like to receive feedback if there are errors in the published newsletter.
- 5. Historian: Virginia Lussier had no report.
- 6. Webmaster: Eugene Turner reported that he has added a few **more** names to the *website's In Memoriam* page. He wondered whether it might be good to have a committee to help ensure that program announcements and other published items are accurate. In response, John asked the Board to review the website and notify Gene about any updates or corrections, as well as notifying John.
- 7. Representative to ERFSA: Timothy Fox announced that the spring ERFSA meeting will take place on April 26. He also encouraged all of us to compare their Social Security statement information concerning the Medicare deduction to their income-related monthly adjusted amount (IRMAA). CALPERS reimburses retirees for Part B expenses incurred through IRMAA. In discussion, Robert Kiddoo noted that the letters notifying those affected by IRMAA typically arrive annually around Thanksgiving. He encouraged everyone to respond promptly to ensure that their reimbursements are processed promptly. [Details for interested readers from your ARF secretary: see <https://www.medicareresources.org/medicare-eligibility-and-enrollment/what-is-the-income-related-monthly-adjusted-amount-irmaa/>]

8. Representative to Faculty Senate: Diane Schwartz sent her customary summary of the February 17 meeting of the Faculty Senate, along with an invitation to send her any questions about the summary.

New Business

1. Memorial Awards Committee: Timothy Fox reported that he has the names of three proposed members who are willing to serve: Justine Su, Sandra Jewett, and Patrick Nichelson. He will continue to chair the committee and is still seeking a fifth member. The ARF Board typically approves the slate, but time is running short given that the Board typically does not meet during the month of the April field trip, and in any case the award recipients are chosen just before that date. The Board will therefore approve the selection committee (when it is complete) by email.
2. Nominating Committee: The members of this committee are usually the current, immediate past, and incoming presidents, which gives us these proposed members: John Clendenning, Timothy Fox, and Ronald McIntyre. In discussion, it was noted that this group was all men, and that we should add a woman. Cathy Jeppson (a former president of ARF) volunteered to serve, and it was **MSP**: to approve these four members as the Nominating Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Spector, Board Secretary