

**CSUN ARF BOARD MINUTES
CSUN ORCHARD CONFERENCE CENTER
NOVEMBER 08, 2024**

MONTHLY BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

President-Chair Diane Schwartz called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. in the CSUN Orchard Conference Center.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

PRESENT.

Diane Schwartz, Daniel Blake, Cynthia Desrochers,
Steven Stepanek, Cynthia Rawitch, Patrizia Miller, Sharon Klein, Tim Fox, Cathy
Jeppson, Patrick Nicholson,
David Fox

EXCUSED: Michael Barrett, Ann Perkins, Eugene Turner. Robert Kiddoo

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2024.

M.S.P. unanimous.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. It was agreed that the Orchard Center October 21 Luncheon Meeting with ERFSA representatives Executive Director Merry Pawlowski and ERFSA Office Manager Melanie Mamakos (CSUN Sierra Hall, 1st Floor) was enjoyable and interesting. At that luncheon Merry Pawlowski remarked that the Orchard Center could be a fine place for a future statewide ERFSA meeting.
2. Chair Diane remarked that the January *ARF Notes* may include a short entry regarding ERFSA. ERFSA is a very important statewide ally of ARF.

3. Diane noted that the ARF presenter this afternoon will be retired CSUN lecturer Art Shulman. Topic: "Being 80: Too Old to Change?" Copies of Art's book, *"A Kid Grows in Brooklyn: Memories of a Magical Time,"* will be on hand.
4. Cynthia announced that the next week's SCCARF dinner will be at the Ali Baba Restaurant.

REPORTS

1. Treasurer. Cathy Jeppson

Cathy noted that she had previously emailed the September and October Treasurer reports. She also thanked immediate-past Treasurer Dan Blake for handling the latest IRS tax filing. She also saluted the Matador Credit Union for their help. She reported that the statement for September shows ARF is doing very well with its two CDs. Also, the collection for the ARF Memorial Graduate Project Awards fund is fine, thanks again to Dan. She also praised the Orchard Center for its reasonable charges for board meetings, lunches and presentations.

2. Program Chair. Patrizia Miller

Pat remarked that there were not many changes from, or additions to, the 2024 – 2025 ARF Program Calendar emailed over recent weeks. She reiterated that today's speaker would be Art Shulman, and that on January 18 there will be a "Stomp" performance at 3:00 p.m. at the Soraya, with perhaps a reception. She noted that the food at the Soraya has remarkably improved, and that ARF receives discounts. The field trip to the Norton Simon Museum will be on April 17, 2025. Watch for announcements about the time and bus arrangements. She also stated that she and board member Bob Kiddoo are continuing in the quest for a CSUN faculty club. Members present praised Pat for her prodigious and effective work on ARF programming.

3. Membership Chair. Tim Fox

Tim handed out a detailed and most interesting chart of nine categories of faculty as targets for ARF membership recruitment. Tim noted an especially low response from recent retirees. He stated that a degree of attrition in ARF membership is taking place, but that statewide ERFSA is having that problem as well and is trying different strategies. Tim is ARF's representative at ERFSA and he will soon have a conversation on recruitment-retention with ERFSA.

4. Remembrance Chair. Cynthia Rawitch

Cynthia saluted board member Cynthia Desrochers for her outstanding and talented work on the Remembrance Committee. As Cynthia R. noted, it isn't easy!

5. Newsletter Editor. Ann Perkins. Ann was Excused.

6. Historian. Dan Blake

Dan reported that he has been talking with the new library archivist Gayle O'Hara (Senior Assistant Librarian, Collection Access and Management Services & Archives). There are at least three boxes of relevant historical materials about ARF. Dan is scanning the extensive information at the Library. He noted that Pat Miller and Bob Gohstand are going to make use of these materials, as well. There is a surprising amount of ARF history available.

7. Webmaster. Eugene Turner. Gene was Excused.

8. Faculty Senate. Michael Barrett. Michael Barrett was Excused. He will send a written report.

9. ERFSA. Tim Fox. Tim will send a written report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chair Cynthia Rawitch noted that there should be a faculty-staff restaurant on the CSUN campus, something replacing the legendary CSUN Faculty Club which has been demolished. She said that there are old plans for such a facility, but years ago they fell out of the conversation and out of the plan itself. She emphasized that there never was a plan for **PAYING** for the planned facility. As Cynthia said, it's time to bring into the conversation Colin Donahue, Vice President of Administration and Finance at CSUN. Pat Miller and Bob Gohstand will be talking with V.P. Donahue, as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Diane Schwartz emphasized that ERFSA will appreciate closer ties with ARF, including any notices about ERFSA in ARF NOTES.
2. Pat Miller said to watch for "*In Search of Fellini*," November 21 at CSUN.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Diane Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED by Patrick Nicholson, with continued thanks to Diane Schwartz and other contributors.