

Approved ARF Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2025

CSUN – Orchard Conference Center
Zoom Meeting
10:30 am – 12:00 pm, April 11, 2025

Monthly Business

1. Call to Order – Diane Schwartz called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.
2. Adoption of Agenda - The draft agenda was adopted without changes.
3. Members in attendance: Dan Blake, Cynthia Desrochers, David Fox, Tim Fox, Cathy Jeppson, Bob Kiddoo, Patricia Miller, Cynthia Rawitch, Diane Schwartz, Steven Stepanek

Excused: Michael Barrett, Sharon Klein, Pat Nicholson, Ann Perkins, Eugene Turner
4. Approval Minutes of Board Minutes from March 14, 2025 – The minutes for the ARF Board meeting on March 14, 2025, were approved.
5. President's Announcements - Diane Schwartz is taking the minutes for this meeting because Pat Nicholson is unable to attend the meeting.
6. Board Members' Announcements – There were no announcements from the Board.

New Business

1. Approval of the nominees for the 2025 ARF Memorial Graduate Project Awards.- The Nominees for the ARF Memorial Graduate Project Awards were approved by the Board. There were 10 award applications, and four awards were given. The Memorial Award Committee consisted of Tim Fox (chair), Sandy Jewett, Carrie Saetermoe, and Bob Kiddoo. The Board thanked the committee members for their hard work.

The Board suggested that in the future the Board should be given a synopsis of the research work done by the awardees.

Reports

1. Treasurer: Cathy Jeppson - Cathy emailed the March 31, 2025, Treasurer report to the Board and reviewed the report with the Board at the meeting. In particular, she explained the void checks which occurred due to paperwork errors on the part of OCC. All has been reconciled.

Cathy mentioned that a few of the ARF members who pay through ERFSA are not yet paying the additional \$4 dues assessed in July 2024. This is due to the requirement that these members must approve in writing the additional \$4 taken from their check. Cathy is working to solve this problem.

2. Program Chair: Patricia Miller
Pat described upcoming ARF events, including the Memorial Awards Brunch (May 3), ARF Annual Picnic (June 7) . The Board approved a \$30 per person charge for the Memorial Awards Brunch. The Board approved the menu for the Annual Picnic. The picnic is free for the ARF members. The 2024 ARF Picnic cost \$1151. Pat will send the cost for the 2025 ARF Picnic to the Board.

The field trip to the Norton Simon Museum on April 17 has been confirmed. Council Member John Lee is providing a bus for the trip. The number of confirmed attendees is 17.

Pat will send the tentative 2025-2026 ARF Event schedule to the Board. ARF Board meetings will be on the second Friday of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, March, April, May. The Program Committee is planning to bring back the “traditional” January ARF banquet in January 2026.

Pat asked the Board to send her ideas for future speakers for the ARF 2025-2026 Speakers series, as well as ideas for future ARF field trips.

3. Membership Chair: Tim Fox The ARF membership count remains at 185, even though we lost 3 members.
4. Remembrance Chair: Cynthia Rawitch - It has been difficult to get the information needed to write remembrance articles for ARF members who died recently. Cynthia is working to reconstitute the Remembrance Committee (one person from each College). We need to find representatives from HHD, Science and Math, Engineering and Computer Science and SBS.
5. Newsletter Editor: Ann Perkins There was no report from Ann.

6. Historian: Dan Blake Dan said he needs the upcoming Hanson Scholarship Award list. He was grateful for the extensive folders that Karen Robinette made for the Archives.
7. Webmaster: Gene Turner There was no report from Gene Turner.
8. Faculty Senate Representative: Michael Barrett There was no report from Michael Barrett.
9. ERFSA Representative: Tim Fox -The ERFSA Spring meeting will be a Zoom meeting on April 30.

Old Business - Status of a Potential New Relationship with the Alumni Association

1. The Alumni Association wants to create a partnership with ARF that will be beneficial to both ARF and the Alumni Association. The Board has reviewed a draft MOU from the Alumni Association. The comments from the Board did not appear to endorse the idea of the MOU with the Alumni Association. A selection of the comments from Board members follows:
 - ARF is an independent organization. If ARF approves a stronger relationship with the Alumni Association, will ARF be swamped by the size of the Alumni Association or the University?
 - We may want to consider ways to do shared activities with the Alumni Association without the MOU, similar to what we are doing this year.
 - It was suggested we drop the idea of an MOU.
 - If we can get the “Orange Grove Bistro” going again, the ARF space issue will be solved.
 - Do we have the “ARF volunteer power” to participate in new initiatives with the Alumni Association?
 - Do we still need easier access to campus space and facilities that the MOU refers to? What are the costs of using these facilities? How useful will the space be to ARF?

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.