

CSUN ARF BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ORCHARD CONFERENCE CENTER, CSUN
10:30 A.M – 12:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

MONTHLY BUSINESS

1. **Call to Order – President Diane Schwartz. C. 10:30 a.m.**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
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3. **Approval of Board Minutes from the February 14, 2025, Meeting**

MSP Following one suggestion by Kathy Jeppson that the group return to the Buon Gusto Restaurant where the recent Valentine's Lunch occurred.

4. **Attendance. (The meeting included Zoom participants. There were serious technical problems with the Zooming, so there may be a missing attendant or two. Apologies!)**

Diane Schwartz, Patrick Nicholson, Cynthia Rawitch, Steven Stepanek, Dan Blake, Cynthia Desrochers, David Fox, Tim Fox, Cathy Jeppson, Bob Kiddoo, Gene Turner, Ann Perkins.

Excused: Michael Barrett, Sharon Klein.

5. **President's Announcement**
 - a. Diane Schwartz noted that under New Business there will be a preliminary discussion about the relationship between the CSUN Alumni Association and ARF.
 - b. Diane thanked the ARF Nominating Committee for finding good people to run for the 2025-2026 ARF board seats. She also thanked the Nominees for being willing to serve on the Board next year.
3. **Board Members' Announcements**
 - a. Tim Fox noted that the first application for a Memorial Award has arrived.

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF 2025 ELECTION SLATE

MSP: 2025 – 2026 Proposed ARF Executive Board Election Slate

Nominating Committee – Diane Schwartz, Cynthia Rawitch, Tim Fox, David Fox, Robert Kiddoo

President Cynthia Rawitch (elected)

Vice-Pres/President -Elect Steven Stepanek (Nominate)

Immediate Past President Diane Schwartz (elected)

Secretary David Fox (Nominate)

Treasurer Cathy Jeppson (Nominate)

Program Chair Pat Miller (Nominate)

Membership Chair Tim Fox (Nominate)

ARF Notes editor Ann Perkins (Nominate)

Historian Dan Blake (Nominate)

Webmaster Eugene Turner (Nominate)

Member-at-Large 2 Year Sharon Klein (Nominate)

Member-at-Large 2 Year Barbara Gross (Nominate)

Member-at-Large 2 Year Justine Su (Nominate)

Member-at-Large 1 Year Steven Stepanek (elected)

Member-at-Large 1 Year Robert Kiddoo (elected)

Member-at-Large 1 Year David Fox (elected)

If Steven Stepanek is elected as Vice-President/ President-Elect and/or David Fox is elected as Secretary, we will have a second ballot to elect other candidates to fill the remaining Member-at-Large terms of Steven Stepanek and/or David Fox. Carrie Saetermoe and Beth Lasky have been nominated to run for these remaining terms.

2. Potential New Relationship with the CSUN Alumni Association.

Board Member Pat Miller noted that the Alumni Association wants to create a formal partnership with ARF that would be beneficial to both ARF and the Alumni Association. The idea is that such an alliance would have no impact on how ARF does its own business; but for example, it could help ARF rent space on campus.

After Pat's brief introduction, several Board members made comments and offered questions such as:

- What is the Problem(s) we are trying to solve?
- The last time we discussed this we found that the ARF Newsletter and the ARF Logo would have to be approved by the Alumni Association.
- Two years ago, a three-person committee (Dan Blake, Bob Kiddoo and Patrick Nicholson) investigated ARF's joining up with the Alumni Association.
- We need to be sure that ARF would be covered under the University for ARF events.

The Issue was tabled for later discussion.

President Diane Schwartz will send to each Board member the draft MOU proposal from the Alumni Association.

REPORTS (a note: Reports were shortened, as time was running short and our important guest speaker, Merrie Pawlowski from ERFSA will be presenting right after lunch.)

1. Treasurer: Cathy Jeppson

Cathy briefly discussed the Treasurer's Report (emailed) and asked for questions. She said that the Orange Conference Center (OCC) works with ARF on charges. The OCC administrator Javier and his group are doing a good job. A real improvement: bank statements will be sent to Cathy rather than to the post office. Cathy also noted that ARF may need to raise the cost of brunches after Board meetings to \$25. Also, when paying a meal, cash is preferred.

MSP: For All Events that have Fees, People who RSVP and do not show will still have to pay the fees.

2. Program Chair: Patricia Miller

- The Norton Simon Field Trip on April 17. The Bus leaves Campus at 11:00 a.m. and should return at 3:00 p.m.
- The OCC Memorial Brunch and the June Picnic are being finalized. Watch for announcements.
- To Do Next Year: Increase attendance at our speaker talks. A possible September talk would be on "Artificial Intelligence and Education."
- Let us consider and plan an ARF Banquet for January 2026.

3. Membership Chair: Tim Fox

The ARF Membership Count remains at 185

4. Remembrance Chair: Cynthia Rawitch

No recent ARF deaths to report.

5. Newsletter Editor: Ann Perkins

No report for this meeting.

6. Historian: Dan Blake

Dan noted that the main question is What Should We Put In The Archives? Dan read from the ARF Bylaws, and all present agreed that the list includes the right items to enter in the archives. For the Treasurer reports, all we need is the end of year Treasurer report. Also, Tim Fox allowed as he will send Dan a list of the Hansen Scholarship Winners and their Achievements.

7. Webmaster: Gene Turner.

No report for this meeting.

8. Faculty Senate Representative: Michael Barrett

No report for this meeting.

9. ERFSA Representative: Tim Fox

Tim reminded everyone that today there will be after lunch a talk by ERFSA Executive Director Merrie Pawlowski.

PRESIDENT-CHAIR DIANE SCHWARTZ ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12 NOON.

Minutes edited and submitted by Patrick Nicholson, with profound thanks to Diane Schwartz for her essential help.

(He lost his notes!)