ARF Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, October 10, 2025
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: In Person and via Zoom

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1. Call to Order

Chair Cynthia R. called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

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2. Attendance

Present: C. Rawitch, B. Gross, B. Lasky, C. Saetermoe, C. Jeppson, D. Blake, D. Schwartz, G. Turner, D. Fox, M. Saiz, P. Nichelson, R. Kiddoo, S. Stepanek, T. Fox, P. Miller

Attending via Zoom: D. Blake, D. Fox, G. Turner

Absent: A. Perkins, ZJ Su

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3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

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4. Approval of September Minutes

The minutes from September were approved as amended.

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5. President's Announcements

- Reminder of the upcoming CSU-ERFSA Fall meeting; all Board members are invited and assistance is requested. ARF merchandise will be displayed.

- The Board still needs a Faculty Senate Representative. Martin Saez will attend the November meeting as a temporary representative.
- Volunteers are needed for the Program Committee and Membership Committee. Both require significant time commitments, and the current Chairs will retire from these roles after this year.

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6. Board Members' Announcements

- Cynthia R. will not attend the November Board meeting. Past President Diane S. will chair in her absence.

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7. Old Business

- **Faculty Club (Miller):** Pat M. reported continued progress on the Faculty Club Project.
- **Faculty Perks (Rawitch):** Discussion regarding retired faculty who have not received emeritus status. The Faculty Senate must approve certain perquisites. Cynthia R. will seek to address this with the Faculty Executive.
- **Campus Communications and Emeriti (Gross):** Barbara Gross reported that some Emeritus Faculty have noticed they are receiving fewer campus notifications and updates. She referenced university policy that treats Emeritus Faculty as internal and outlines their rights, including notification about major public ceremonies. The administration has acknowledged her inquiry and promised a response. Barbara G. reported that, with the encouragement of the ARF Board, she has been in communication with the university administration —the President's Office and University Relations and Advancement — to express that Emeritus Faculty have noticed receiving fewer notifications and updates of interest to the general campus community than in the past. One example is that Emeritus Faculty no longer receive invitations to the President's Welcome Back Address (formerly known as the President's Convocation Address). When Barbara inquired about this, she was informed that Emeritus Faculty are considered an external audience. Barbara responded that the *Administrative Manual, Academic Personnel Policies and Procedures* ("Section 600") outlines the rights and responsibilities of Emeritus Faculty (Section 650.3) and treats Emeritus Faculty as internal to the university. Barbara pointed out that Section 650.3.5 provides a list of "Rights and Privileges" of Emeritus Faculty, which includes (number 5), "notification about major public ceremonies of the University, such as commencement, dedications, open houses, convocations, and the like, and the right to participate, subject to availability." This email was acknowledged, and it was promised that Barbara will hear back soon.
- **Zoom Meetings (Stepanek):** Steven S. continues to improve Zoom technology for Board meetings.

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8. New Business

No new business was discussed.

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9. Reports

9.1 Treasurer's Report (Cathy J.)

As of August 31, 2025:

- Savings: $6.33
- Checking: $17,691.90
- CD 46: $155,995.03
- CD 45: $11,310.52
- Total Interest Income: $589.38
- Total Inflows: $6,836.10
- Total Outflows: None
- Total Balance: $185,003.78

As of September 30, 2025:

- Savings: $6.33
- Checking: $24,869.90
- CD 46: $156,511.74
- CD 45: $11,349.29
- Total Interest Income: $555.48
- Total Inflows: $7,188.00
- Total Outflows: $10.00 (Bank monthly fee)
- Total Balance: $192,737.26

Banking Update:
Matador Credit Union is charging $4.80 per check processed, resulting in an estimated annual fee of $120. The Board will check Premier Credit Union's policy; if similar, ARF will move check processing to Chase Bank, which charges no check fees.

*Full Financial Information below

9.2 Program Chair's Report (Pat M.)

- Schedule of events through March was reviewed.
- OCC will offer a new sandwich option; pricing unchanged, but a 30-person guarantee is required.
- The Nethercutt Museum is the target for the next field trip.
- Surveying interest in the Soraya - Duke Ellington event on January 31, 2026, at 4:00 PM, with lunch possibly at OCC.

9.3 Membership Chair's Report (Tim F.)

- Current membership: 188 (last year: 181).
- 36 annual members have not renewed.
- $10,395 collected for Awards, with an additional $3,000 possible.

9.4 Remembrance Chair's Report (Diane S.)

- Correction to September Minutes: Robert Hiegert (not Robert Healy) listed as Remembrance faculty.
- Recent faculty passings: Sandra Bostrum-Aguado and Betsy Stelck. Remembrance articles for Sandra and Betsy will be in the November 2025 ARF Notes.

9.5 Newsletter Editor's Report (Ann P.)

- No newsletter discussion.

9.6 Historian's Report (Dan B.)

- Dan will continue collecting ARF history.

9.7 Webmaster's Report (Gene T.)

- No new updates.

9.8 Faculty Senate Representative Report (Cynthia R.)

- Discussion on university policy for flying flags at half-mast; committee formed to address the issue.
- Committees formed to discuss reassigned time for major grants (administration and faculty).
- ADA issues reported.
- Faculty retreat will be held on campus.
- University president highlighted campus stresses.

9.9 ERFSA Representative Report (Steven. S.)

- Steven Stepanek will attend his first ERFSA meeting on October 25.

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10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

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11. Announcements

- The second installment of the Speaker Series: Bob Rawitch will present “Is there too much free speech in America?” at 1:00 PM. The talk will be recorded.

Respectfully submitted,
David Fox

ARF TREASURER'S REPORT: As of August 31 , 2025							
	Submitted by Cathy J.						
						check	
	ACCOUNT BALANCES					$6.33	
						$17,691.90	
	1-Aug-25		8/31/25	DIFFERENCE		$11,310.52	

Savings	$6.33		$6.33	$0.00		$155,995.03	
Checking	$10,855.80		$17,691.90	$6,836.10		$185,003.78	
CD 46	$155,445.57		$155,995.03	$549.46			
CD 45	$11,270.60		$11,310.52	$39.92		$185,003.78	
				$0.00		-$177,578.30	
TOTAL	**$177,578.30**		**$185,003.78**	**$7,425.48**		$7,425.48	
	Aug. 1 - 30, 2025						
Interest Income		Amount					
Dividend CD 46		$549.46					
Dividend CD 45		$39.92					
	Total Interest Income	**$589.38**					
INFLOWS		Amount					
SCAARF rebate		$25.00					
CSU-ERFSA 6.30.25 rebate		$269.10					
CSU PERS dues 6.30.25 rebate		$351.00					
Dues		$2,304.00					
Memorial awards		$3,887.00					
	Total Inflows	**$6,836.10**					
OUTFLOWS		Amount					
		None					

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	Submitted by Cathy J.							
	ACCOUNT BALANCES							
	9/1/25		9/30/25	DIFFERENCE				
Savings	$6.33		$6.33	$0.00				
Checking	$17,691.90		$24,869.90	$7,178.00				check
CD 46	$155,995.03		$156,511.74	$516.71				Dues
CD 45	$11,310.52		$11,349.29	$38.77				2256
								336
TOTAL	**$185,003.78**		**$192,737.26**	**$7,733.48**				240
								2832
	September 1 - 30, 2025							
Interest Income		Amount						Memorial

								2956
Dividend CD 46		$516.71	lower interest rate					146
Dividend CD 45		$38.77						677
	Total Interest Income	**$555.48**						**3779**
INFLOWS		Amount						
SCAARF rebate		$57.00						
ARF Lunch proceeds (9/12/25)		$520.00						
ARF Dues receipts for 2025/26		$2,832.00						
Memorial awards		$3,779.00						
	Total Inflows	**$7,188.00**						
OUTFLOWS		Amount						
Bank monthly fee		**$10.00**	is reversed but Oct. bill					
Checking Net Change		**$7,178.00**						