

Minutes
Executive Board of the Emeriti Society
Monday, October 6, 2014
DeRosa Center

Present: Ken Beauchamp, Judy Chambers, Roy Childs, Roland di Franco, Doris Meyer, Mike Sharp, Bill Topp. Guest: Reuben Smith.

1. The revised minutes from the meeting on Sept. 8, 2014 were approved
2. Treasurer's Report: 10/6 balance \$1888.32. 9/19 W&C income \$231, expense \$272.53. Roseann sent the Provost her requested summary of the past luncheon and W&C costs. No response so far. Agreed that Roland will ask the Provost for a January meeting in which the cost issue would be presented. At the December board meeting we need to discuss the content of the proposed Provostian meeting.
Re. the Sept. W&C event, the Library Community Room food placement in the annex caused some access issues. Judy will suggest a different placement for future events there.
3. Plans for Fall luncheon: everything is under control (thank you Judy for smoothly handling the time reschedule). Bill Topp will MC the luncheon, and will include no more than 10 minutes of Emeriti Board business.
3. Cabbages and Kings: Mike handed out an outline of content that was approved. All assignments are done or will be shortly. It was noted that the usual email appeal to send news to News from Members Editor Maurice McCullen had not occurred. [Subsequent to the meeting Bill and Walt sent a request.]
4. Options for Board Leadership: Roland's previously emailed suggestion of electing a one-year term chair supplemented with rotating assistant chairs was discussed along with Jed's 2-month term for rotating chairs idea. There was much discussion about the need for a named "chair" for the year. It was suggested that when a non-emeriti office or organization would need a liaison person (such as OLLI) then a Board member would be assigned that responsibility (as Roland is assigned to the Provost). Bill volunteered to follow-up with job responsibilities checklist for each current assignment. Agreed to continue the current rotating chair procedure.
5. AROHE emphasizes the importance of surveying the emeriti regarding wants and also the relevance of current programs. Suggested that we expand Roy Child's informal survey to a larger and more diverse group. Roy distributed a highlights summary of his work including: suggested fine-tuning of the W&C events, no change of the luncheons, inform new emeriti more systematically about our projects and invite participation, continue with the fund-raising project, and ask Dale McNeal to take on

the identification of people in unnamed photos in the U. archives [Dale accepted the task]. Bill and Roy will take on the task of creating a periodically administered emeriti questionnaire; focus groups for discussion sections might be selected from respondents to the questionnaires.

Regarding informing new emeriti more systematically, besides the current workshops on medical plans and retirement activities, add a workshop on the aging process and what to do about it (e.g., mental and physical health, relocating, downsizing, etc.). A committee (the Connections Group) chaired by Bill Topp and including, Reuben Smith, Gary Howells, Roy Childs, and Roland di Franco will explore this concept.

6. Roseann emailed a summary of her meeting with Stacy Erickson, Director of development for the School of Ed. and Library, but also in charge of fund raising for the various Tomorrow projects. Stacey made several suggestions about the procedural details of fund raising and suggested three projects where our efforts would be helpful: Harmony Stockton, PrepUSA/Reach for the Stars, and Summer Success Leadership Academy. All of these are collaborative efforts involving The School of Ed., SUSD, and various other partners. [Subsequently, Nancy Shaw (Administrator of the Tomorrow Project) and Stacy agreed to meet with us at our next Board meeting. Nancy will provide some material prior to the Board meeting.]
7. Doris is recruiting Deann Christianson to help with updating the Society History.
8. The Board Bylaws/Constitution are out-of-date; a specific issue is the size of the Board. We will proceed as if the Bylaws were silent on this issue, and fix them later. Reuben Smith agreed to become a Board member. We will continue with asking Dale McNeal and Dale Dunmire (one at a time) to the next two Board meetings.
9. Oral history update: 54 are finished, 5 are close to being finished, 4 need to be turned in for editing, 2 need to be scheduled.
10. AROHE suggests “Coffee with Campus Leaders” (prior to board meetings). Should we expand our current procedure of meeting with the Provost to other campus leaders? Not much enthusiasm for this idea. No great responses to the question “Why?” Topical meetings were recommended—the Connections Group (see #5 above) is taking on that task.
11. The last two agenda items were not addressed as the time had run out. Suggested that the “Connections Group” should discuss both items.
12. Jim Blankenship has accepted the responsibility of being the emeriti liaison for the United Way campaign.
13. Next meeting: November 3 (Monday).

Co-Chair rotation schedule:

October: Bill and Glee

November: Glee and Skip

December: Skip and Judy

January: Judy and Roland

February: Roland and Doris

March: Doris and Mike

April: Mike and Ken

Ongoing Tasks

Luncheons: Judy & Bill

Wine & Cheese: Doris & Mike

Cabbages & Kings: Mike

Director of Communication: Bill

List master: Walt

Annual Update of Monograph: Emeriti Secretary

Oral History Project: Doris

Bridge to Asia: Roland

Provost's Office Contact: Roland

Retirement Dinner Liaison with Provost: Rosie

Welcome Letter to New Emeriti: Acting Chair

Academic Council Representative: Roland

University Compensation Committee: Ken