



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors  
Minutes from Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
Special Virtual Meeting via Zoom – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Present:**

Vivienne Bennett, Pat Benson, George Diehr, and Bill Ward

- Lori Brockett, AVP and Executive Director for Retirees Association
- Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator

A motion was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2020. (With the exception of Suzanne Lingold who was unable to attend this meeting)

**Chair's Report**

Chair Benson mentioned a nomination was in process for Janet McDaniel to be considered for the AROHE Distinguished Service Award. This was a collaboration between Lori Brockett, Pat Benson, Vivienne Bennett, and Arlene Cratsa. The nomination was submitted on Tuesday, April 7.

**Annual April Business/Luncheon Meeting**

Because of the Governor's stay-home order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Annual Business Meeting cannot be held as planned in April. There was discussion to hold a virtual Zoom business meeting instead of postponing this meeting for another date. The board agreed this would not be the best method and after discussion, decided to hold the meeting via email. Chair Benson stated she would draft the Annual Meeting email. It will include mention of the survey and the upcoming election board of directors election. Notice of the Annual Meeting via email will be mentioned in the Tukwut Times, with encouragement to be on the lookout for the email. The survey would be linked in the annual business meeting email and the election will be conducted toward the end of May. (Arlene offered to contact Fox Russell and Michael Yee to see if they would be willing to serve on the board.)

**Tukwut Times**

- Chair Benson asked what was still needed to complete the Tukwut Times.
  - Still missing a member profile – Bill sent an email to Fox Russell to see if they were interested in doing the membership profile but had not heard back from him. Arlene to follow up with a phone call. If Fox does not come through, then we will skip the member profile for this edition.
  - It was agreed to keep listing, hopefully, upcoming events that would take place late in the year. We will keep moving forward with Jill Watts, "Hattie McDaniel" event for October 21 at the San Marcos Library. Arlene will contact the library to see if this date is still available. This event will only be opened to our retirees and not to the public. We will invite people to read the book, which is available on Amazon for \$13.29.
  - The Chair's report will encourage members to submit "Retiree News" items

### **Virtual Happy Hour**

There was discussion to hold a virtual happy hour via Zoom. Attendees would RSVP so we know how many would be participating. Groups would have to be small so there might be several happy hours and each group would have a host. Arlene and Vivienne agreed to be hosts. The board agreed to try this idea to see how it works.

There was also discussion that this would be a good time to highlight a book club with discussions via Zoom..

### **Optional Membership Renewals**

Chair Benson stated she would draft an email regarding membership renewals in light of COVID-19. If members cannot renew due to financial hardship, the board agreed to extend memberships for a year but if they could renew, that would be appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:40 pm

*Minutes submitted by Arlene Cratsa*