**Cal State LA Emeriti Association**

Monthly Meeting

**February 11, 2021**

**1:00 p.m., via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 1:03

Present: Paula Arvedson, Peter Brier, Stan Burstein, Marshall Cates, Pat Chin, John Cleman, Stephen Felszeghy, José Galván, Alfredo Gonzalez, Martin Huld, Dorothy Keane, John Kirchner, Steve Ladochy, Dimitri Margaziotis, Kathy Reilly, Deborah Schaeffer, William Taylor, Andrew Winnick

Absent: Nancy Hunt, Janet Fischer-Hoult, Gary Novak

Agenda

1.0 Announcements

1.1 José Galvan announced CSULA would serve as a Community Mass Vaccination Site for Covid.

1.2 José Galván also announced that Cal State LA was preparing to celebrate our 75th Anniversary and he suggested that Paula Arvedson should plan a response. Stan Burstein proposed a history of the university; John Cleman said that he had been contacted by Maria who asked about slide show; Stan Burstein suggested updating of emeriti profiles and interviewing James Rosser as the surviving past president; Jose Galvan suggested a hosting a panel of emeriti past-presidents.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda m/s/p

3.0 Approval of the Minutes m/s/p

4.0 Reports from Officers

4.1 President José Galvan announced the appointment of an ad hoc audit committee.

4.2 Treasurer Marshall Cates announced 1 new membership and 1 check deposited but not yet cleared; there were no outstanding bills.

4.3 Membership Secretary Deborah Schaeffer reported that the Association had 279 life members and 1 new annual membership for a total of 18 paid annual members as of 11 February 2021.

4.3.1 Steven Felszeghy reported that he has received a request to include the department associated with members in the directory;

4.3.1.1 Marshall Cates noted that the college but not the department was given in the announcements sent by the University.

4.3.1.2 José Galván asked if that information could be easily obtained

4.3.1.3 Andrew Winnick suggested circulating the list among board members so that members known to us could be identified by department

4.3.1.4 Stan Burstein asked what name should be used for departments that had changed titles from the time the members were hired to the time they retired.

4.3.1.5 Kathy Reilly asked if this information should be optional? Steven Felszeghy and Marshall Cates noted that it could be coded like home addresses and phone numbers.

4.3.1.6 Dorothy Keane suggested a brief response thanking the correspondent for the suggestion but noting that the Association did not currently have that information.

5.0 Standing Committee Reports

5.1 Fellowship Committee Chair Alfredo Gonzalez reported that the Fellowship Committee received preliminary information from Marshall Cates, anticipating $34,000 available for fellowships; the board accepted Marshall Cates recommendation to spend $34,000 + $2,000, not including 6 named scholarships. The Board will revisit how the money will be spent either to increase the number of fellowships or increase the amounts of each.

5.1.1 José Galvan said that he would like to schedule a meeting of the board next week

5.1.2 Marshall Cates asked if the scheduling could wait until he received the latest financial report.

5.2 Emeritimes Editorial Board Chair Kathy Reilly presented an update on the status of the Emeritimes Editorial Board meeting of January 28 and the progress toward publication of the Winter Emeritimes. The Editorial Board recommended the appointment of Brennen Hernandez, a recent graduate of the Graphic Design Program at Cal State to replace Dennis Kimura (who retired) as the Graphic Designer for the newsletter. Brennan was selected after a search and interview with him and one other candidate. The Committee felt that he should be hired immediately to be able to get started. With the approval of the Executive Committee, who were polled by Jose Galvan that afternoon (thanks to the Committee), he was offered a contract of $20 per hour for up to 20 hours for the February edition be produced by Constant Contact. He signed a scope of work contract approved by Kathy, Jose, and Ellen Stein, to be completed by February 26. This morning Ellen submitted the first page of copy to Brennan and gave him instructions, including asking him to experiment with several possible versions of the format (the usual three columns, two equal columns, and one larger column with a side narrow column), in order to compare the look in this new digital format). José will announce the new format in his President’s message. The hope is to be able to distribute the digital newsletter by email by the end of February.

5.2.1 José Galvan asked if there was an end date for this issue. Kathy Reilly noted that Brennen Hernandez’s last date is February 26th.

5.2.2 Dimitry Margaziotis asked if there is a provision for overtime? Kathy Reilly replied that no such provision was made and that if that happens we will address the issue. José Galvan added that the Editorial Board assumes 20 hours is adequate.

5.2.3 Marshall Cates asked how will Brennan Hernandez be paid. Kathy Reilly answered that she, José Galvan, and Ellen Stein will verify his hours and then he will submit them to Marshall Cates for remuneration.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 Emeriti Association Constitution Review Committee chair, John Cleman reported that the Committee is almost done.

6.1.1 Dorothy Keane asked if members will have the document before the presentation meeting to introduce the plan. José Galvan said that he would submit the document for comments and then call a meeting a week or so later for discussion.

6.1.2 Dorothy Keane further asked will we have two documents? John Cleman replied that members would not receive the present version, which is available on the website for those who wish to see it, but members would receive a version marked up as in the Academic Senate with underlining and CAPS and a clean copy of the emended document.

6.2 José Galvan led a discussion of Lifelong Learning Program and finding a way to include LLL in the Constitution;

6.2.1 John Cleman noted that the first task was to determine if we want LLL in the constitution. Alfredo Gonzalez noted that we agreed to be fiscal host of LLL. Marshall Cates assumed we agreed LLL is part of us; they are a de facto subcommittee of the Emeriti Association.

6.2.2 Dimitry Margaziotis noted that so far Peter Brier has shielded the Executive Committee from burden of arrangement for LLL. Andrew Winnick stated that we should accept responsibility as LLL is the single most effective way to maintain our presence in the community. He for one would hate to lose this opportunity.

6.2.3 José Galvan asked if we need to name LLL as a standing committee because it arranges outside venues and needs risk assessment. Alfredo Gonzalez do we want to include LLL as one of the purposes of the Association? Should we have a committee to consider? Marshall Cates raised the issue if Peter retires from LLL how would the program be maintained? José Galvan responded by suggesting that Extended Education create a program through UAS as responsible unit.

6.2.4 Peter Brier, LLL liaison responded by observing that he was elected chair of LLL by its board and the Executive Committee of the Association elected him as liaison. If he retired, the LLL board would elect new chair and Executive Committee of the Association would elect a new liaison. He further observed that liability is the responsibility of the venues who contract with LLL.

6.2.5 Discussion of the relation of the LLL board to the Emeriti Association ensued.

6.2.6 Kathy Reilly moved create and ad hoc committee to define our relationship with LLL. (no second)

6.2.7 Dorothy Keane asked who is on the board and who arranges meetings? Peter Brier answered Marilyn Friedman, Barbara Sinclair, Barbara McBride, Peter Brier, Victor Pierce. Ellen Pierce, and Steve Ladochy.

6.2.8 Stan Burstein observed that the Emeriti Association recognized LLL was an existing program with its own board when we agreed to handle fiscal sponsorship; if we change the relationship, it would need the agreement of LLL Board. He further observed that the purpose of the Emeriti Association was service to university and emeriti, and support of LLL serves the emeriti who wish to share their expertise with the community.

6.2.9 Pat Chin asked why Health and Human Services withdrew from support of LLL.

6.2.10 Martin Huld observed that we agreed to sponsor LLL as a campus organization of emeriti professors and could in principal select a new liaison. The only issue was defining the role and duties of the liaison.

6.2.11 Marshall Cates said he expected a proposal that the Executive Committee to approve the LLL board and appoint a liaison.

6.2.12 Dorothy Keane stated that LLL’s mission statement fits into our mission. John Kirchner observed that LLL is probably the most enjoyable opportunity for emeriti and serves a purpose for our members and we should find a way to accommodate LLL. José Galvan observed that if we do nothing, we could continue as we have and noted the problem of creating a standing committee.

6.2.13 In response to Pat Chin’s question, Stan Burstein said that in the past Health and Human Services was audited and money could not be accounted for. The Emeriti Association took over the role of financial manager so that as program enjoyed by emeriti faculty could continue under campus auspices. He felt that the Executive Board is the standing committee and liaison PB; he recommended that we define the liaison as an officer. John Cleman observed that there were already 2 liaisons to senate and one to ERFSA; add a 3rd liaison. William Taylor suggested forming a committee to define the role of the liaison.

6.2.14 Marshall Cates asked what authority do we have for paying the bills for LLL?

6.2.15 Peter Brier observed that the University leadership is now placing greater emphasis on community service as a service to the university.

6.2.16 Jose Galvan observed that there was wide agreement for continuing our support of LLL and asked William Taylor, Peter Brier, and Marshall Cates to join him as a committee. Dorothy Keane suggested that Steve (?Ladochy) also be on the committee.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Appointment of Ad Hoc Audit Committee

7.1.1 José Galvan asked William Taylor to chair a committee with Pat Arvedson and Kathy Reilly to work with Marshall Cates to report on the audit.

7.1.2 Dorothy Keane suggested an outside member be appointed

7.1.3 Kathy Reilly declined to serve, citing the duties of the Emeritimes Board.

7.2 Possible Spring Events

7.2.1 Paula Arvedson reported on plans for the Spring Luncheon

7.2.2. Stan Burstein suggested Raphael Sonnenshein as speaker. A date in mid to late April was suggested. Dimitry Margaziotis agreed that a political topic would be appropriate. Andrew Winnick suggested how close we are to Weimar Germany. John Cleman asked who would speak.

7.2.3 Jose Galvan asked if Andrew Winnick, Dorothy Keane, and Paula Arvedson would meet and set an April date.

7.3 Stan Burstein suggested a Post-Election Event perhaps Monday 15 March.

8.0 Adjournment at 2:54

Respectfully submitted

Martin E Huld