MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Wilson, John Pollock, Marian Yoder, Susan Meyers, Dolores Escobar Hamilton, Lonna Smith, Joan Merdinger, Beverly Jensen, Wayne Savage, Abdel El-Shaieb, Peter Buzanski, Dennis Wilcox, Jill Cody, Carmen Sigler, Adnan Daoud, Gene Bernardini, Don Keesey, Irma Guzman Wagner

Call to Order: President Jill Cody called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes:
   1.1. October 1, 2012 Minutes: Peter Buzanski moved (Abdel El-Shaieb seconded) approval of the minutes. In item 1, “501-c-7” replaced “503-c-7.” The minutes were approved as corrected.
   1.2. November 1, 2012 Business Meeting at Fall Luncheon: Bob Wilson moved (Lonna Smith seconded) approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

2. President’s Remarks: Jill Cody welcomed new Board members, Joan Merdinger and Carmen Sigler. John Pollock’s book, Every Picture Tells a Poem, signed by Board members, was presented with appreciation to Dennis Wilcox for serving as Board President during 2011-2012.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Abdel El-Shaieb reported a balance of $10,596.63 and a forecasted end-of-year amount around $8,000. There are currently 191 paid members; 27 paid through CSU-ERFA. The Spartan Shops billing for coffee has increased significantly. Abdel will contact the manager.

4. Membership Report:
   4.1. Membership: Wayne Savage reported that there are 339 members listed in the Directory. Discrepancies between membership and treasurer’s reports are due to a number of explainable factors.
   4.2. New Bulk Mailing Rules: Archivist Lonna Smith responded to an ERFA Office phone call from the Mail Room informing the Board of new bulk mailing rules which affect the Newsletter and Directory. After debate, Dennis Wilcox moved (Peter Buzanski seconded) to send directories this time “as is” at a non-machineable cost between $80 to $140 extra. The motion was adopted. New regulations go into effect on January 1. Wayne and Gene Bernardini will look into software problems pertaining to mailing the Newsletter. Gene offered to check with Sir Speedy Printing regarding the Directory and new USPS regulations.

Questions of privacy were raised about putting the Membership Directory online. Joan Merdinger offered to look into the issue. The item is to be placed on the February 2013 meeting agenda.

5. Events:
   5.1. November 1, 2012 Fall Luncheon Report: The overall response to the venue was positive in terms of the location, food, and parking facilities. Table service needed improvement to prevent delays. Larry Gerston’s presentation was well-received. Seventy-five persons attended the event. For future Fall Luncheons, a single coordinator needs to be designated.
   5.2. December 7, 2012 Holiday Celebration Report: Beverly Jensen asked for assistance regarding the music set-up and directional signs. A flyer will be going out prior to the event which is scheduled from 3:00-5:30 p.m. She will re-check contract prices for the menu and, also, speak to Catering about the less-than-acceptable coffee service provided at Board meetings.
   5.3. Establish Spring Luncheon Date: Dolores Escobar-Hamilton reported that the Spring Luncheon will be held Friday, May 10, 2013 at the Villages Clubhouse. A menu will be distributed after January. Several speakers were proposed including the SJSU President, SJSU Provost, CSU Academic Senate Chair, and musician and symphony expert, Anthony Cirone. No decision was made at this meeting.
Joan Merdinger volunteered to assist in a separate session addressing PERS and Medicare issues. Bob Wilson pointed out that CSU-SJSU ERFA has a Health Committee and offered to speak to the person in charge regarding presentation possibilities. Discussion will be held at a future Board meeting.

5.4. Spring Excursion Possibilities: The following possibilities were named: Google Campus; de Young Museum exhibitions: “Girl with a Pearl Earring” and “Rembrandt’s Century,” Fremont Older Estate and Spreckles Public Art Site in Woodside, and Montalvo Exhibits. Dennis, Don, John, Jill, and Carmen agreed to get more information to share with the Board.

6. Interest Group Activities Report: Marian Yoder noted that nine movie-goers saw “Flight” on Sunday, November 4. Two more ERFA members would have seen it if the movie had not sold out. Mary Jo Gorney has agreed to try to start a Travel Discussion Group.

7. Academic Senate Report: Peter Buzanski reported that a major issue is “The Budget and the Election.” A controversial issue deals with the requirement for all departments to reduce their unit load to 120. Since the Academic Senate Policy needs consensus, discussions in departments are taking place to decide how this is to be achieved.

8. CSU-ERFA Report: Adnan Daoud informed members that SJSU can have three delegates but there are currently only two due to Dave Elliott’s resignation. The next meeting will be held in Pomona. The October 26, 2013 meeting is at SJSU and members are invited. CSU-ERFA membership is a concern because it is down. A Long Term Care Report showed that 90% of females use long-term care compared to 5% of men. Adnan reminded members that the Grants Committee provides from $4,000 - $5,000 to selected research projects that address retirement.

9. Newsletter’s Report: Gene reported that the next Newsletter goes out in January and asked for articles, essays, and announcements.

10. Archivist Report: There was no report on archives but Lonna was thanked for staying in touch with the Mail Room in order to get the directories mailed out soon according to Post Office requirements.


12. Consolations Report: John Pollock sent a condolence letter to the family of Gertrude Corcoran.

13. Other Business:

13.1. ACE (American Council on Education) Grant: Joan Merdinger described the $100,000 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant received by SJSU to help faculty think of options available after retirement. The Board supported learning more about the grant. Joan will invite Amy Strage and Pam Stacks, who are working with the grant, to speak at the December Board meeting.

13.2. Liability: A question was raised about Board members’ legal liability, if any.

13.3. Board Member Sings with Barbra: Lonna will be singing with the San Jose Symphonic Choir which will provide backup at the end of Barbra Streisand’s concert in San Jose!

14. Adjournment to December 3, 2012 Board Meeting: Bob Wilson moved (Wayne Savage seconded) that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting ended at 11:32 a.m.

Submitted by: Irma Guzman Wagner, Secretary