

HUMBOLDT-ERFSA Executive Committee Meeting, March 9, 2023, Notes

In attendance: Marshelle Thobaben, Jeffery Borgeld, James Floss, Bernadette Cheyne, Susan Dobie and Ken Fulgham

Luncheons: We had great attendance for Lori Dengler's presentation: 15 on Zoom, and 39 in attendance for a total of 54 attendees.

Meeting: The presentation went longer than expected, so we conducted our executive meeting over Zoom at 4p.m.

Spring Presenters: Next in the series, on April 13, will be a presentation and discussion with Matthew Marshall, Executive Director of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority. The final presentation in the series, on May 11, is a presentation and discussion with Jeffrey Crane, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Ken suggested that we think of future presenters who have wide appeal to Cal Poly Humboldt personnel and the general public.

Communications: James found a few more outlets for our press releases and was lauded, in part, for our good attendance this month. James reported that the sweet spot for disseminating information is one week before our events. We had a broader range of attendees, including the general public. James was asked to create a "template" for our news outlets, and he will. The best link for this is <https://marcom.humboldt.edu/wordout>.

Membership Update: Jeffery reported that we have one new member, bringing our total of paid memberships to 42. Today's attendees expressed interest in joining Humboldt ERFSA, including community members.

Treasurer's report: Humboldt Area Foundation has in our account \$52,348.66, which is an investment return of almost \$2,900. However, the market is in flux and lost over 500 points today. Our TV012 at the University is \$4,824.01. Not posted are the two most recent payments to *Uniquely Yours Catering* for \$210. With membership up, we are receiving more into our TV012 account.

Web Page: Marshelle reported that keeping the web page current is a challenge.

Emeritus Status: Bernadette attended the Senate meeting where new policies for granting emeritus status were voted upon. The status quo was upheld despite Bernadette's opposition. It was agreed that the resolution passed was concerning as the Cal Poly Humboldt Provost can reject retired faculty and staff applications for emeritus status with no public explanation and with the only recourse to submit a rebuttal to the Cal Poly Humboldt President who designates the Provost this responsibility. The Provost/Emeritus Committee recommendation can revoke emeritus status from retired faculty and staff for egregious behavior. There was a discussion of how we can best inform retired faculty and staff, and current Humboldt-ERFSA members of the changed policies. Marshelle and Ken will work on that message.

Grant Applications: The application deadline is April 7. Executive Committee members will have 6 days to review the applications and we and we will evaluate the submissions after the April 13 Luncheon meeting. Ken will send out the scoring template.

Reception: Humboldt-ERFSA will contribute \$500 for our reception at the Septentrio Winery on April 24, \$500 contribution from the CSU-ERFSA, and CAL Poly Foundation paying the remainder of the cost. We need further accountability for this reception by reporting to CSU-ERFSA how many new emeritus-status retired folk join Humboldt-ERFSA. We will send a special invite to those that contributed to our grant program and acknowledge them at the reception. Marshelle will disseminate information about emeritus status recipients being honored at the reception and Susan will send an invitation to donors.

--Submitted by James Floss, Monday, March 13, 2023