

**Agenda**  
**RS Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, April 12, 2021 (1:00 to 4:00 p.m.)**  
Join Zoom Meeting / <https://csus.zoom.us/j/96918342112> / Meeting ID: 969 1834 2112  
(Attachment 1)

**1. Opening**

- 1.1. Call to Order
- 1.2. Introductory Remarks
- 1.3. Announcements (New Information)

**2.0 Agenda**

- 2.1. Additions to Agenda (New/Urgent Business)
- 2.2. Approval of Agenda

**3.0 Updates/Reports from Officers, Staff, CSUS Liaison**

- 3.1 Secretary's Report (Bob Benedetti) **(Item 1)**
  - Draft Minutes/Approval for March 8, 2021 Meeting (see **Attachment 2**)
  - Condolences [Marilee Monagan]
- 3.2 Controller's Report (Norv Wellsfry)
- 3.3 Office Manager's Report (Shari Lowen)
- 3.4 CSUS Liaison's Report

**4.0 Specific Agenda Items**

- 4.1 Board Slate Nominations for Officers and Members At Large for the 2021 Board Election:** Susan George, Nominating Committee Chair **(Item 2)**
- 4.2 Appointment of Tellers for the 2021 Board Election:** Ken Cross, Board President **(Item 3)**
- 4.3 RS Diversity & Inclusion Award 2021:** Debbie Martinez & Ken Cross, MDCE Committee **(Item 4)**
- 4.4 Special Program Fund Procedures:** Nancy Findeisen, Resource Development Committee Chair **(Item 5)**
- 4.5 RS Budget Workshop 2021:** Controller Norv Wellsfry

**5.0 Committee Updates:**

- 5.1 Program working group/Seminar committee:** Cindy Suchanek and Allan Keown
  - *Seminar leader and SIG (shared interest group) sign-ups for the Fall 2021 semester*
  - *Fall 2021 catalog development process.*
- 5.2 Technology working group/committee:** Sarah Ryan-Roberts.
  - *IRT support – CSUS Zoom accounts storage of Forum Zoom recordings, MS 365 software and Team feature training.*
  - *IRT classroom technology upgrades.*
- 5.3 Finance & Administration committee:** Norv Wellsfry
  - *2021-2022 Budget development process timeline.*
  - *Innovation fund status.*
  - *UEI accounts payable update.*
- 5.4 Communications and Marketing committee:** Deborah Seiler
  - *Survey results from RS members who receive the print version of The Recorder newsletter – Deborah Seiler.*
  - *All member survey for program and communications tools – Nancy Findeisen*

**5.5 Forum committee:** Tom Suchanek

- *Fall 2021 Forum Speaker Series search underway.*

**5.6 Resource Development committee:** Nancy Findeisen

- *Latest solicitation results.*
- *Sac State-RS Estate Planning seminar Fall 2021.*

**5.7 Scholarship committee** – Chris Budwine

- *2021 Sac Student Scholarship selection timeline and selection process; presentation of Sac State student scholarship recipients at a virtual Zoom Annual Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**5.8 Gerontology:** Evie Boggs

- *Gerontology classroom support with Sac State GERO 100: Aging Issues in Contemporary America Lecturers Carol Sewell and Terence Ranjo.*

**5.9 Membership, Diversity, and Community Engagement (MDCE) committee:** Ken Cross

- *Membership midyear renewals & new members for Spring 2021 semester.*
- *Voluntary membership registration donations midyear.*
- *Social activities – Allan Keown & Maryellen Burns*

**5.10 Announcements, Board Direction and Next Steps**

**6.0: Reports:**

**6.1** Program Committee (Allan and Cindy) (see **Attachment 3**)

**6.2** Technology Committee (Jeff Hendy) (see **Attachment 4**)

**6.3** Membership (MDCE) Committee (Ken Cross) (see **Attachment 5**)

**7. New or Urgent Business**

**8. Adjourn**

**9. Next Board meeting** 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 17, 2021 (Meeting moved one week due to RS Annual/General Meeting on May 10, 2021.)

**Item: #1** Report of Secretary, Robert Benedetti

Date: April 12, 2021

Title: Secretary's Report, March 2021

Action: Information only

Marilee Monagan passed on December 4, 2020. Besides Renaissance, she was active in Rotary and an avid golfer. She had a long and diverse career in government including service in Washington and Sacramento. In this she carried forward the tradition of her father, Robert Monagan, who was Speaker of the California Assembly among other leadership roles in government.

**ITEM: AGENDA ITEM #2**

**DATE: April 12, 2021**

**TITLE: Nominations for Officers and Members At Large**

**ACTIONS: Discussion   X   Direction   X   Decision   X**

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### **Background and Purpose**

In accordance with the Renaissance Society's Bylaws and Standing Rules, each year the Board President appoints a Nominating Committee that is approved by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to develop a slate of eligible candidates to stand for election as officers or as Members-At-Large of The Renaissance Society Board of Directors.

This year the Nominating Committee has interviewed every applicant, adhering to strict standards of uniformity in the interview process, providing equal opportunity for each applicant to relate their interest, experience, and abilities to the Committee. The Committee has selected nominees based on the information received in the applications submitted and during the interview process.

The Committee goal has been to select applicants for nomination who are the most capable of interacting effectively with the Board of Directors and Renaissance membership, who are best able to fulfill the duties of the position applied for, and who will best maintain and further the purposes and ideals of the Renaissance Society.

### **Recommended Actions**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors accept the slate of Officers and Member At Large nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee.

### **Presented by:**

Susan George, Nominating Committee Chair

### **Attachment:**

Slate of Officers and Members At Large Nominated

## **Renaissance Society Slate of Officer and MAL Nominations - April 12, 2021**

To: Ken Cross, President

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following slate of officer nominations for the Board's consideration. Officer roles will be assumed on July 1, 2021.

**President** Ken Cross

**Vice-President** Deborah Seiler

**Secretary** Bob Benedetti

**Controller** Norv Wellsfry

### **Members At Large - Two-year term**

Laurye Brownfield

Darryl Freeman

Mimi Dixon

### **Member At Large - One-year term**

Pamela O'Brien

### **Member At Large Alternates**

Ranny Eckstrom

Michelle Finerty

Twyla Tweitzel

Submitted by Susan George, Chair

Barbara Davis-Lyman

Warren Bonta

**ITEM: #3 Appointment of Tellers for the Annual 2021 Board Elections**

**DATE: April 12, 2021**

**TITLE: Appointment of the Tellers to Receive and Count the Annual Board Election Ballots**

**ACTIONS: Discussion \_\_\_\_\_ Direction \_\_\_\_\_ Decision   X**

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**Background and Purpose:**

Item #2 Election of Officers, 2021 presented by Bob Benedetti, Secretary and Parliamentarian at the March 8, 2021 RS Board meeting. Motion passed to approve the same election process for this year's election that was followed in 2020. The proposal included the following provision:

“In addition, last year the President appointed a group acting as tellers to receive and count the ballots to ensure confidentiality and efficacy. I suggest this continue to be practice and that the board approve the President's appointments after being persuaded that the nominees do not include current office holders, members of the current Nominating Committee or any members currently nominated as part of the slate provided by the Nominating Committee. A representative of this group would then report results of the election to the Board at its next meeting.”

**Recommended Actions:**

Jeff Hendy, Shari Lowen and Lorene Sarne will act as tellers to receive and count annual Renaissance Society Board election ballots. Jeff Hendy will submit the report of election results to the RS Board of Directors.

**Presented by:** Ken Cross, President of the Renaissance Society Board of Directors

**Attachment:** N/A

**ITEM: #4 Diversity & Inclusion Award**

**DATE: April 12, 2021**

**TITLE: Diversity & Inclusion Award Nominee, 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Committee Co-Chairs**

**ACTIONS: Discussion \_\_\_\_\_ Direction \_\_\_\_\_ Decision   X**

**Background and Purpose:**

The Membership, Diversity & Community Engagement (MDCE) committee is nominating the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Committee Co-Chairs, Muffy Francke, Ginger Mack & Jennifer Cummings to receive the Renaissance Society Diversity & Inclusion award for 2020.

The accomplishments of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Committee embody the very spirit of the Diversity & Inclusion principles that created this award. The committee engaged with members of Renaissance Society, the CSU Sacramento faculty and administration, and the greater Sacramento community. Their activities raised the awareness and consciousness about diversity and inclusion.

The committee began with the goal of celebrating the centennial of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which gave the franchise to women in the United States. They soon understood that while this historical event, in theory, added to the diversity and inclusion of those participating in our democracy, it was not a perfect fix. It took more time and effort for all female populations in the United States to be included and the struggle to exercise the right to vote, continues to this day.

The committee encouraged exploration of these themes through seminars and one-time events to celebrate this enormous social advancement for women, but also to acknowledge the ongoing efforts required to ensure the right to vote to all Americans. Over 51 seminars or presentations during the 2019-2020 academic year either discussed the suffragist movement or other issues related to women.

By entering an innovative partnership with CSU Sacramento, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment committee made their programs available to students, faculty, other members of the university community and the community at large. This partnership enabled the committee to share the story of the struggle for the right to vote with a diverse audience of ages, color, and background.

Two on campus events were held in collaboration with CSU Sacramento. In January 2020, Dr. Johanna Neuman, author of *And Yet They Persisted, How American Women Won the Right to Vote*, spoke to a group of over 300 people. In March 2020, in honor of Women's History Month, a second collaboration with the university celebrated women leaders. In August 2020, a virtual event was held celebrating Women's Equality Day.

Involvement with the greater Sacramento community included exhibiting with the League of Women Voters. On October 10, 2020, our members literally took their message to the streets, when volunteers stood on Sacramento street corners in full costume, holding "VOTE" placards.

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Approve the nomination of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Committee Co-Chairs, Muffy Francke, Ginger Mack and Jennifer Cummings.
2. Upon board approval, 3 awards will be ordered to be presented at the May Annual Meeting.

**Presented by:** Debbie Martinez, MDCE member and Ken Cross, MDCE Committee Chair

**Attachment:**

**RENAISSANCE SOCIETY EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD**

**Purpose**

Each year, the Renaissance Society will recognize an individual or group that has created, promoted, and enhanced diversity and inclusion within the Renaissance Society.

The Renaissance Society recognizes the role of diversity and inclusion as being essential to the growth, structure, and continued success of any organization. It is articulated in our approved **Statement on Diversity and Inclusion:**

*“The Renaissance Society, a member of the Sacramento State campus, embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion in all facets: ethnicity, gender, and political persuasion. We do this as we learn, connect, and share with each other and our community. We are committed to eradicating the disease of racism and bias in our community, and we will promote the kindness and compassion necessary to build inclusiveness and trust in our community.”*

The Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award is not given to an individual or group based on who they are, but because of their achievements and accomplishments. Candidates should be nominated based on service above and beyond the duties assigned to their positions. Nominees should also demonstrate how they have contributed to and enhanced the Renaissance Society's goals of creating a more diverse and inclusive organization.

**Eligibility**

1. Candidates must be a current Renaissance Society member in good standing or a current CSU Sacramento faculty, administration staff member or student.
2. Self-nominations will not be considered.
3. If a member of the MDCE committee is nominated, he or she will recuse himself or herself from the selection process.
4. Nominations will be kept and considered for two consecutive years.

**Criteria**

Criteria for selection may include a broad range of efforts and initiatives including but not limited to: efforts to support diversity recruitment of Renaissance Society members, speakers, board members and staff; teaching that expands and embraces our understanding of inclusiveness; multicultural programming or related initiatives; community outreach activities; or a host of other possibilities that enhance diversity and inclusion. Nomination statements should focus on the following criteria:

- The extent to which the candidate's activities have promoted an environment that is welcoming, supportive, and nurturing of cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, age, and other human differences.
- The extent to which the candidate's activities have contributed to raising awareness and consciousness about diversity, and inclusion within the context of the Renaissance

Society's mission and for the greater good of the CSU Sacramento community and greater Sacramento community.

- The extent to which the candidate's activities have had or will have a significant impact on the Renaissance Society in terms of diversity and inclusion.
- The candidate models behavior that promotes diversity and nourishes acceptance of individual differences.
- Integrates diversity concepts and values into Renaissance Society seminars, lectures, activities, events and policy or community service.
- Develops methods for increasing and valuing diversity among Renaissance Society members, CSU Sacramento students, faculty, staff, or greater Sacramento Community.
- Maximizes opportunities to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**The Award:** A personalized memento, preferably engraved and with the Renaissance Society logo.

**Frequency of the Award:** One award annually or as deserved at the discretion of the MDCE committee.

**Nomination Procedure:** A nomination for the award may be submitted by any Renaissance Society member.

**Award Committee Membership:** The MDCE committee or a sub-committee of the MDCE appointed by the chair of the MDCE.

**Method of Selecting Award Recipient:** The MDCE Committee or sub-committee considers the potential candidates, makes a recommendation, and submits the selected nominee to the Renaissance Society Board for approval.

**Presentation of the Award:** The award will be presented at a suitable event in the Spring semester.

**ITEM: #5 Special Program Fund Procedures**

**DATE: April 12, 2021**

**TITLE: 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Committee**

**ACTIONS: Discussion**   x   **Direction**        **Decision**   x  

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**Background and Purpose**

At its March meeting, the RS Board of Directors approved extending the term of the Ad Hoc 19th Amendment Commemoration Committee to October 31, 2021 so the committee can further the spirit of the struggle for women's suffrage by planning programs and events that address civil rights, women's rights and voting rights. The Board directed the Ad Hoc Committee to prepare proposals for the following two issues for approval at the April board meeting:

1. A process for approving new programs and other initiatives that utilizing funds from the RS Special Program Fund, which exists in the University Foundation under the auspices of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.
2. Recommendations for a committee to provide oversight of usage of resources in the Special Program Fund.

**Recommended Actions**

The following recommendation addresses these two issues and should be included in the RS Policy Manual.

**Special Program Fund Procedures**

The donor-supported Renaissance Society Special Program Fund exists in the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS) account in the University Foundation. Oversight of the Special Program Fund is provided by a Renaissance Society Finance & Administration Committee. Proposals for use of funds must be presented to the RS Finance & Administration Committee and the SSIS Dean or his/her designee for review and approval. Once approved RS will continue to coordinate with the SSIS Dean or his/her designee to maximize Sac State support and assure that expenditures conform with Sac State fiscal requirements.

**Presented by:** Nancy Findeisen, Resource Development Committee Chair