

RENAISSANCE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING AGENDA

December 5, 2022 at 2 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Officers	Present	Members at Large	Present
President, Deborah Seiler		Kevin Bray	
Interim Vice President, Susan Brackenhoff		Laurye Brownfield	
Secretary, Bob Benedetti		Michele Finerty	
Controller, Norv Wellsfry		Darryl O. Freeman	
Past President, Ken Cross		Kathryn Tobias	

Committee Chairs	Present		
C&M Lorraine Murphy		Program Kathryn Tobias	
Fin/Ad Norv Wellsfry		Resource Dev Mike Pidd	
Forum Michele Finerty		Rules Bob Benedetti	
Gerontology Susan Brackenhoff		Scholarship Laurye Brownfield	
LRP Ken Cross		Technology Jeff Hendy	
MDCE Debbie Martinez		Technology Sarah Ryan-Roberts	
Nominating Susan Brackenhoff		University Services Pat Paul	
Program Pam O'Brien		University Services Paula	

Liaisons/Guests	Present		
Website Jennifer Kerr		Weekly Update Blake Tomson	
Website Loretta Burdeaux		Sac State Liaison, College of SSIS /Asst. Dean Ati Mosupyoe	
Recorder Lorraine Murphy		Office Manager, Debra da Costa	
Recorder Mark Vance		Other	

1. Call to order

2. President's Welcome Message.

3. Approval of November 7, 2022 Minutes (vote)

4. Reports

- a. Secretary: Bob Benedetti (included)
- b. Controller: Norv Wellsfry
- c. Office Manager: Debra da Costa
- d. Sac State Liaison, Asst. Dean Ati Mosupyoe, College of SSIS

5. Decisions and Discussion:

- a. Named Scholarship Proposal (included)
- b. Board Liaison Position (included)
- c. Membership Goal, continuing
- d. Diversity/Cultural Assessment/BIPOC meeting – Debbie Martinez
- e. Pilot Program – continuous registration and database changes – Jeff and Sarah
- f. Scholarship Endowment update – Mike and Laurye
- g. Inclusivity Ideas – posting budget; new member functions/letters; open Board meetings

6. Committee Reports

- a. Statements of No Report: Nominating, University Service (to follow after final Dec. 4 performance)
- b. Committee Meeting Schedule

7. Verbal Reports by Committee Chairs

- a. Program – Pam and Kathryn
- b. Resource Development - Mike
- c. Scholarship - Laurye
- d. Technology – Jeff and Sarah
- e. University Services – Pat and Paula
- f. Communications and Marketing - Lorraine
- g. Finance and Administration - Norv
- h. Forum – Michele
- i. Gerontology - Susan
- j. Long Range Planning - Ken
- k. Membership, Diversity, Community Engagement - Debbie
- l. Nominating - Susan

NOTE: At the next Board meeting, Nominating Committee will move to the top with subsequent rotation of committee reports.

8. Working Groups

- a. Events WG – report on status

b. Database WG -Shari Lowen

9. New or Urgent Business

10. Key Dates

December 2	Holiday Party – Engrained, 4-6 pm
December 2/9	Fall programs end – Friday
January 9	Spring Catalog posted
January 13	Orientation and Open House, Tech Workshop
January 16	Program Enrollment begins
January 20	Program Leader Workshop
February 6	RS Classes begin

11. Adjourn

Secretary’s Report, December, 2022

Date: November 29, 2022

Since last month, I have not become aware of the passing of any Renaissance Society members.

ITEM: 5.a

DATE: December 5, 2022

TITLE: Change to the Scholarship Committee Specification and process

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

Background and Purpose

The purpose of this item is to inform the RS Board of new policy drafted by the Scholarship Committee in conjunction with the Resource Development Committee. The Renaissance Society Scholarship Committee seeks to establish criteria for a named scholarship. The purpose of this policy will be to ensure any named scholarships are done in a fully transparent and equitable manner. It offers members and families an option to honor a RS member or other honoree through this process.

Background

The Renaissance Society (RS) currently funds 6 \$3000 scholarships. These are funded through direct contributions to the RS through member donations.

As a recognition of the funding and to honor Doug Fulton, the SC is in contact with the Fulton family regarding the Fulton Scholarship. In 2022, the Fulton family was approached about selecting one of the seven recipients once the SC had completed the selection of the seven recipients. The Fulton family requested this be delegated to the SC using specific criteria. This was completed and once the selection was made, the recipient information and video were shared with the family. The Doug Fulton donation was significant and should be recognized to honor him. This recognition could also lead to additional donations to sponsor and potentially increase the number of scholarships.

Proposal

The SC is in favor of named scholarships and believes a policy should be set to ensure that equity and transparency occur along with a workable process to track the scholarship money.

Guiding Principles

- Does not significantly increase workload of Scholarship Committee or any other committee; same scoring rubric will be used for any named scholarships.
- Does not introduce significant workload to track scholarship information.

ITEM: 5.b

DATE: December 5, 2022

TITLE: Board Liaison Position

ACTIONS: Discussion _____ Direction _____ Decision X

Background and Purpose

Several of our Renaissance members belong to the Sun City Lincoln Hills (SCLH) Big History Club and provide Big History seminars to both groups on Mondays. The club, led by Ranny Ekstrom, has invited several Board members to introduce Renaissance to their members on Monday, December 5 to inform the full membership about our organization.

Planning for the new Placer One center, a satellite location for both Sac State and Sierra College, has begun, and the College of SSIS is exploring ways to involve both SCLH and Renaissance.

This is an appropriate time to establish closer ties with organizations in the Placer One center region, and SCLH appears to be our closest partner at this stage.

Renaissance By-Laws state:

Article XIII: Board of Directors

G. The Board of Directors may establish non-voting liaison and any other ancillary roles as needed for the well-being of the Society. These positions shall be filled by appointment by the president.

Recommended Action

Approve the establishment of a non-voting liaison position to further ties with the Sun City Lincoln Hills Big History Club for purposes of creating a partnership between the two organizations and exploring opportunities in the Placer One center region.

It is proposed this position be created beginning immediately and terminate on June 30, 2023, with the Board's option to renew. If this position is approved by the Board, it is my intention to appoint Ranny Ekstrom as the non-voting liaison through June 30, 2023.

Presented by:

Deborah Seiler, Board President

- Donor levels set by Resource Development Committee are considered when developing scholarship recognition.
- Named scholarships will need to be funded for five years and be at current scholarship level of \$3000.

The SC is recommending the following options to someone who may want a named scholarship:

1. Contribute \$15,000 to the RS Scholarship Fund - Any new RS named scholarship like the Doug Fulton Scholarship will require funding of \$15,000 and the donor will be recognized for 5 years. This assumes the current level of scholarship at \$3000. The SC will select the final pool of RS scholarship recipients and will determine if the donor wants to select the candidate for their named scholarship or delegate it to the scholarship committee. The SC will ensure the recipient is notified of this honor and the donor will be notified of the award and recipient information. In addition, this information will be shared in the annual meeting and in the Recorder.
2. Contribute \$15,000 to the Scholarship Endowment Fund and be recognized annually when scholarships are awarded. In addition, have a listing as a Major Donor to the Scholarship Endowment Fund on-going. This eliminates the bookkeeping tasks for the Scholarship Committee, although it does require new tasks for the Resource Development Committee, tracking gifts in memory or honor of, for instance.
3. Contribute \$75,000 for a full Scholarship Endowment - and be recognized annually when scholarships are awarded on-going. The SC will select the final pool of RS scholarship recipients and will determine if the donor wants to select the candidate for their named scholarship or delegate it to the scholarship committee. The SC will ensure the recipient is notified of this honor and the donor will be notified of the award and recipient information. In addition, this information will be shared in the annual meeting and in the Recorder.

Recommended Actions

Hold a discussion on the creation of the Named Scholarship Policy. If possible, reach consensus to move forward to make the changes.

Presented by:

Laurye Brownfield, Scholarship Chair