

Agenda
RS Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021 (1:00 to 4:00 p.m.)
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(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 November 9, 2020 Board Meeting (see **Attachment 2**)
 - Condolences (Elizabeth R. Solomon)
- 3.2 Controller's Report (Norv Wellsfry - Verbal)
- 3.3 Office Manager's Report (Shari Lowen)
- 3.4 CSUS Liaison's Report

4.0 Specific Agenda Items

- 4.1 Leadership Meeting with Sac State President Robert S. Nelsen Dec. 21, 2020:**
Barbara Davis-Lyman, Bob Benedetti, and Ken Cross (**Item 2**)

- 4.2 Proposal to Extend Ad Hoc status for the 19th Amendment Centennial Ad Hoc Committee:** Jennifer Cummings, Muffy Francke & Ginger Mack (**Item 3**)

5.0 Committee Updates:

- 5.1 Communications and Marketing committee:** Deborah Seiler

- *RS-Sac State Center for Small Business (CSR) Special Project with Sac State students from MGMT 102 - Business Communications – External Communications recommendations*
- *2019-2020 Annual Report on and off campus distribution*

- 5.2 Nominating Committee:** Susan George

- 5.3 Forum committee:** Tom Suchanek

- *Spring 2021 Forum Speaker Series line up*

- 5.3 Resource Development committee:** Nancy Findeisen

- *Fall 2020 RS Sac State Student Scholarship solicitation letter, donations and thank you letters*

- 5.4 Program working group/Seminar committee:** Cindy Suchanek and Allan Keown

- *"Flipbook" Catalog Spring 2021 status*
- *Seminars, presentations, and SIGs (shared interest groups) numbers for Spring 2021*
- *"60 Second" Program Sneak Preview videos*
- *Seminar Leaders' and Technical Hosts' Workshop plan*
- *Orientation & Rendezvous, January 15, 2021 – Evie Boggs & Ken Cross*

5.5 Technology working group/committee: Jeff Hendy

- *IRT support – CSUS Zoom accounts storage of Forum Zoom recordings, MS 365 software and Team feature*
- *RS Technical Hosts for the Spring 2021 semester*
- *ZOOM training for seminar leaders, technical hosts, and members*

5.6 Finance & Administration committee: Norv Wellsfry

- *Innovation fund status*
- *UEI accounts payable update*

5.7 Gerontology: Evie Boggs

- *Mentor Celebration event feedback December 14, 2020*

5.8 Membership, Diversity, and Community Engagement (MDCE) committee: Ken

Cross

- *Membership midyear renewals & new members for Spring 2021 semester*
- *Key dates for Spring 2021*
- *Social activities – Allan Keown & Maryellen Burns*

5.9 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 Gerontology Committee (Evie Boggs) (see **Attachment 5**)

6.3 Membership (MDCE) Committee (Ken Cross) (see **Attachment 6**)

7. New or Urgent Business

8. Adjourn

9. Next Board meeting 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 8, 2021

Item: Report of Secretary, Robert Benedetti

Date: January 3, 2021

Title: Secretary's Report, January 2021

Action: Information only

On October 11, 2019, mother, grandmother and friend, Elizabeth R. Solomon died. She lived a long and glorious 97+ years in bright technicolor tones. She was an accomplished artist whose work received many awards in recognition of her talent. The Society just learned of her passing this December 2020.

ITEM: 2

DATE: January 11, 2021

TITLE: Renaissance Society Leadership Meeting with President Robert S. Nelsen, 1:00 to 1:45 p.m., Monday, December 21, 2020 - President Ken Cross, Vice President Barbara Davis-Lyman, Secretary Bob Benedetti

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

The purpose of the meeting was to present President Nelson with the annual report and to learn more about the President's vision for the Anchor University and plans for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion. It was also to raise the possibility of a move of the Society's office to the Capital Public Radio building once it is vacated.

Ken Cross opened the meeting with introductions and an overview of the Annual Report which President Nelson had received. Ken also briefly sketched the Society's plans for Spring.

At Ken's invitation, the President reiterated his antiracism initiative and the Anchor University initiative, appreciating the Society's willingness to participate in both. He also promised to include the Society in the planning of his initiatives. He was aware of the volunteer and philanthropic support provided by the Society and indicated his appreciation of these efforts.

Barbara Davis-Lyman then shared the initiatives the Society has begun regarding diversity in the curriculum, including seminars and forum presentations. She also mentioned the continuing support for scholarships, the Food Pantry, and Gerontology mentoring.

President Nelson commented on the importance of mentoring and encouraged the Society to increase its commitment in this regard.

Bob Benedetti shared the growing interest of the Society in community outreach with the goal of partnerships that increased the diversity of its membership.

President Nelson mentioned that the organization of retired CSUS faculty could be of particular help in this regard.

As the meeting was coming to a close, Ken mentioned the Society's interest in space in the Capital Public Radio building. He noted that is the Society would like to have the opportunity to interact with other programs of the university focused on community engagement, understanding that these groups would also come be housed in this space.

President Nelson indicated that he would consider our request when the time came to allocate the space.

ITEM: 3

DATE: January 11, 2021

TITLE: Proposal to Extend Ad Hoc status for the RS 19th Amendment Centennial Committee

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

Background and Purpose:

On March 14, 2019, the RS Board of Directors granted ad hoc status to the RS 19th Amendment Centennial Committee. This status was to end with the December 2020 BOD meeting and the committee was to disband.

The committee is grateful for the support of the BOD at that time. The ad hoc status allowed the committee members to achieve the stated purpose of bringing attention to this important centennial with commemorative and educational activities to our membership, to students and faculty of Sac State, and to the general population at large.

Sadly, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, planned activities, presentations and educational opportunities of the committee were interrupted in March 2020.

The committee is interested in continuing our work with on-line events in February and March 2021 – to honor both Black History month and Women’s History month. There are sufficient funds in the special programs account held by the Sac State Foundation to pay for virtual presentations, which might include the Living Voices programming, and pertinent authors’ presentations, among other possibilities.

Recommended Actions:

The committee chairs, Jennifer Cummings, Muffy Francke and Ginger Mack, and committee treasurer, Anne Rewell, are therefore requesting that this Board extend the ad hoc status of the RS 19th Amendment Centennial Committee through June 30, 2021. At that time, the committee will disband and a full report of our activities from March 2019 through June 2021 will be presented to the RS Board.

Presented by: Jennifer Cummings, Muffy Francke and Ginger Mack

Attachment: Action Item date March 8, 2019 and March 14, 2019 outlining the committee’s original request, background, and purpose.

ITEM:

DATE: 03-08-2019

TITLE: Proposal for Ad Hoc Designation: 19th Amendment Centennial Committee

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

Background and Purpose

Background: The purpose of this ad hoc committee is to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of women's enfranchisement. This historic anniversary offers an unparalleled occasion to commemorate this milestone and its 72-year history of struggle, to explore its significance to equal rights today, and to provide opportunities to share the history and spirit with younger generations to ensure its future relevance for all citizens.

Purpose: To bring attention to this important centennial with commemorative and educational activities to be achieved through two tasks.

Task 1: Recruit speakers on relevant subjects which can be included in the seminar, Forum, mini-seminar, summer seminar, and off-campus site offerings starting with Summer 2019 and ending with Summer 2020. See attached Framework for further particulars.

Task 2: The committee believes there is potential to provide both inspiration and educational ideas to organizations in the broader community planning commemorative activities. Since the Renaissance Society has a long-standing relationship with CSUS on the campus, the committee would explore this first with CSUS by requesting a meeting with Dr. Ted Lascher to get input on any planned activities. If he does not know of any plans, we will ask him for introductions to those within the University who might be interested to hear about the society's proposed activities and how that might provide inspiration for a campus-based celebration.

Recommended Actions

The Board designates the 19th Amendment Centennial Committee as an Ad Hoc Committee of the Renaissance Society, according to standing rules and policies, adopted as amended March 14, 2014.

A final report, per the rules and policies, will be submitted to the board by the December, 2020 board meeting, at which point the ad hoc committee will disband.

Presented by: Muffy Francke, RS Member-at-Large

Attachment: Framework for Renaissance Society's 19th Amendment Centennial Committee