

THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2021

1. OPENING

1.1 Call to Order: The meeting was held on Zoom and called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ken Cross. In attendance were: President Ken Cross, Past-President David Abelson, Vice-President Deborah Seiler, Secretary Bob Benedetti, Controller Norv Wellsfry; Members at Large – Christie Braziel, Laurye Brownfield, Michele Finerty (appointed during this meeting), Pam O'Brien, and Charles Wiseley; Committee Chairs – Susan Brackenhoff, Nancy Findeisen, Allan Keown, Lorraine Murphy, Cindy Suchanek and Tom Suchanek; and SSIS Dean Boatamo Mosupyoe. Members not in attendance: Darryl O. Freeman, Jeff Hendy, Debbie Martinez, Sarah Ryan-Roberts.

1.2 Introductory Remarks: Ken asked Board members to review two recent emails he forwarded. The first announces the CSUS Diversity Convocation on September the 29 and the second asks for additional RS members to serve as mentors for Gerontology students.

1.3 Announcements: none

2. AGENDA

2.1 Additions to the Agenda: none

2.2 Approval of the Agenda - Motion/Second - M/S – Cross/Findeisen - unanimous approval.

3. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM OFFICERS, STAFF, CSUS LIAISON

3.1 Secretary's Report

- Approve minutes from August 9, 2021 Board Meeting- Nancy amended the minutes to correct the spelling of Mark Drobny's name.
M/S to approve the minutes as amended –Benedetti/Abelson - unanimous approval.

- Condolences – Judy Matthews

3.2 Controller's Report – see 4.1

3.3 Office Manager's Report – 1) Thank you to Amber Korb and Lorene Sarne for filling in while Shari Lowen was on leave. 2) Current office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to 1 pm.

3.4 CSUS Liaison Report – 1) 50% of CSUS classes are face-to-face. 2) Students who have not self-certified that they are vaccinated or have an exemption will be dropped from class as of September 27. 3) Twenty five percent of classrooms are equipped for virtual.

4. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 RS Controller End of Year Report 2020-21 – Board Packet

Attachment 3 -\$15,500 surplus at end of fiscal year. Had expected deficit. Donations to the general fund at the time of registration resulted in increased revenue. Biggest savings was rent due to relocation of office.

4.2 RS Board Approval of MAL Replacement Appointment – motion to approve the appointment of Michele Finerty as a Member-at-Large for the remainder of former MAL Mimi Dixon's term of office through June 30,2023. Question regarding how MAL duties will impact Michele's Forum Committee responsibilities. Ken explained that the Forum duties are part of her MAL position. **M/S** – Cross/Seiler- unanimous approval.

4.3 RS Amendment to Standing Rules on Privacy

Motion to amend the Standing Rules Privacy Policy: 1) Delete the sentence in current policy related to release of member information. 2) Add a section on confidentiality of donor database. 3) Recognize donors publicly by name and by donation levels established by the Resource Development Committee unless they indicate that they wish their donation to remain anonymous. Discussion- add an amendment to the motion to state that all donors will be given an opportunity to remain anonymous if they choose.

M/S Motion as amended – Findeisen/Seiler-unanimous.

4.4 RS Leader Meeting with Sac State President Robert Nelsen –

CSUS Liaison Dean Dianne Hyson and RS Board President Ken Cross met with Sac State President Robert Nelsen on September 1,2021. This was a

periodic meeting called by President Nelsen to “check in” on how RS is doing. Ken reported that the President was pleased with the update Ken provided.

4.5 RS Catalog and Marketing Working Group Update

- Volunteers stepped up to create an external Facebook page – i.e., not restricted to RS members.
- Need a volunteer to take a leadership role in creating a new website.
- Need an RS photographer – Ruth Marie Chambers has held this role and may be willing to continue.

4.6 RS Spring 2022 Catalog Request for Proposal (RFP) Update

- Three proposals have been submitted
- Committee will evaluate proposals and make a recommendation at the October meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

5.1 Program Working Group/Seminar Committee – see written report - looking for new Committee members

5.2 Technology Working Group/Committee – see written report

5.3 Communications and Marketing – 1) new Recorder Editors-Elizabeth Deuso and Donna Thayer. 2) thanks to Lorraine Murphy for setting up a Twitter account. 3) Annual Report is in progress.

5.4 Forum Committee – 1) 1,600 registered for the September 10 Forum on Climate Change by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe; 2) suggestion to determine if Forums should be made available to those who are not RS members.

5.5 Resource Development Committee – 1) next Estate Planning Seminar is September 15. 2) have exceeded \$15,000 goal for donations to the general fund at the time of registration.

5.6 Finance and Administration Committee- nothing to report

5.7 Scholarship Committee- see written report

5.8 Gerontology Committee – have 84 mentors but need a few more.

5.9 Membership, Diversity and Community Engagement- currently have 1,462 members.

5.10 Announcements, Board Direction and Next Steps – President Nelsen wants us back on campus.

6.0 REPORTS – see Board Packet.

7.0 NEW OR URGENT BUSINESS – none

8.0 ADJOURNMENT -there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

9.0 NEXT BOARD MEETING – October 11, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Shari Lowen (for Bob Benedetti, Secretary)