

THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 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 Barbara Davis-Lyman, Secretary Bob Benedetti, Controller Norv Wellsfry; Members at Large – Susan George, Karen Martin, Deborah Seiler, Charles Wiseley; Committee Chairs- Evelyn Boggs, Chris Budwine, Nancy Findeisen, Allan Keown, Sarah Ryan-Roberts (for Jeff Hendy), Cindy Suchanek, and Tom Suchanek; SSIS Associate Dean Marya Endriga, and guests Jennifer Cummings, Cheryl Huffman, Jennifer Kerr, Debbie Martinez and Lorraine Murphy.

1.2 Introductory Remarks: Ken discussed Zoom and meeting etiquette.

1.3 Announcements: Lorraine Murphy announced that there will not be a *July Recorder*.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Additions to the Agenda: none

2.2 Approval of the Agenda- Motion/Second - M/S –Boggs/Davis-Lyman - unanimous approval.

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

3.1 Secretary's Report

- Approve minutes from March 8, 2021 Board Meeting- **M/S** – Benedetti/Davis-Lyman - unanimous approval.
- Condolences – Merilee Monagan

3.2 Controller's Report – see 5.3

3.3 Office Manager's Report – in the process of hiring a temporary part-time staff person to assist during peak office workload times.

3.4 CSUS Liaison Report

- Fall 2021 campus re-population- plans are continuously changing in accordance with guidelines. SSIS will primarily continue online. Renaissance Society will likely continue virtual pending availability of rooms on campus.
- Some of the additional federal relief funds which CSUS will receive will be used to upgrade classrooms and equipment.

4. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Board Slate Nominations for Officers and Members At Large for the 2021 Board Election. Motion to accept the slate of Officers and Members At Large nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee. **M/S** – George/Boggs- unanimous approval.

4.2 Appointment of Tellers for the 2021 Board Election. Motion to appoint Jeff Hendy, Shari Lowen and Lorene Sarne to 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. **M/S** – Cross/Findeisen-unanimous approval.

4.3 RS Diversity & Inclusion Award 2021

- Debbie Martinez, Membership, Diversity and Community Engagement Committee member, presented plans to annually recognize an individual or group that has created, promoted, and enhanced diversity and inclusion within the Renaissance Society.
- The award will be presented at the May Annual Membership Meeting.
- Motion to select 19th Amendment Committee Co-Chairs Jennifer Cummings, Muffy Francke, and Ginger Mack for the 2021 award. **M/S** – Cross and Martinez/Davis-Lyman- unanimous approval.

4.4 Special Program Fund Procedures – motion to approve the Special Program Fund Procedure. Oversight of the Special Program Fund is provided by a Renaissance Society Finance and Administration Committee. Proposal must be presented to the Committee and the SSIS Dean or

designee for review and approval. M/S – Findeisen/Wellsfry – unanimous approval.

4.5 RS Budget Workshop 2021

- Norv presented a comprehensive overview of the budget process. The Power Point slides are available upon request.
- Discussion of options for requesting donations from members for the RS General Fund. The Resource Development Committee will present a strategy for such donations to the Board.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES – see written reports

5.1 Program Working Group/Seminar Committee

- Currently have 51 seminars and 19 Special Interest Groups for Fall 2021.
- Fall 2021 Catalog is proceeding within required timeframe.
- Need a few volunteers to coordinate the Summer Program.

5.2 Technology Working Group - IRT has received funds to upgrade classrooms to provide Zoom capabilities. The Technology Committee has asked to be kept up to date as they progress.

5.3 Finance and Administration – the Innovation Funds have been completely committed to various projects.

5.4 Communication and Marketing Committee - analyzing results of survey members completed on how they use the various RS communication tools.

5.5 Forum Committee – working with CSUS Communications Department on getting student interns.

5.6 Resource Development Committee –

- Through March 2021, have raised \$17,000 for student scholarships.
- Estate Planning Seminar will be held in Fall 2021.

5.7 Scholarship Committee

- Received 42 applications. Thirty are being evaluated. Deadline for selection of 7 recipients is April 19.
- Scholarship recipients will be introduced at the May 10 Annual Membership Meeting.

5.8 Gerontology – see written report.

5.9 Membership, Diversity, and Community Engagement Committee - see written report.

5.10 Announcements, Board Direction and Next Steps - none

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 – May 17, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shari Lowen (for Bob Benedetti, Secretary)