

THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 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 - Christie Braziel, Susan George, Karen Martin, Deborah Seiler, Charles Wiseley; Committee Chairs- Evelyn Boggs, Nancy Findeisen, Jeff Hendy, Allan Keown, Cindy Suchanek, and Tom Suchanek; SSIS Dean Dianne Hyson, and guests Jennifer Cummings and Betty Ann Beauchamp.

1.2 Introductory Remarks: none

1.3 Announcements: none

2. AGENDA

2.1 Additions to the Agenda: none

2.2 Approval of the Agenda- Motion/Second - M/S –Benedetti/Seiler - unanimous approval.

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

3.1 Secretary's Report

- Approve minutes from January 11, 2021 Board Meeting- **M/S** – Benedetti/Findeisen - unanimous approval.
- Condolences – none

3.2 Controller's Report

- The last Program Managers' Report was received in August 2020. Without current information, a detailed report of RS finances is not available. However, it appears the organization is in a good position financially.

- There have been issues with UEI submitting timely payment upon receipt of invoices. This resulted in late fees for the monthly rent and for Comcast, due to no fault of RS.
- Committee Chairs will receive a request for a proposed budget for 2021-22.

3.3 Office Manager's Report – member calls during the first day of programs were moderate.

3.4 CSUS Liaison Report

- Discussions are underway to determine how and when the campus will roll out the return to in-person classes. There will be a `hybrid model with virtual and in-person classes for Fall 2021. On campus occupancy will be between 25 and 40 %.
- CSUS is now a vaccination site for COVID-19.

4. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 RS Nominating Committee Member Slate

- Motion to approve the members of the Nominating Committee who are Susan George, Barbara Davis-Lyman and Warren Bonta. **M/S** Cross/Abelson – unanimous approval.
- There is one candidate for Vice-President and 10 candidates for the 4 Member-at- Large vacancies. Interviews will be in March.
- Discussion about various issues related to the election process – e.g. does a candidate for a Board Officer position need to be a Member-at-Large before running for office? Susan George will write up the Committee procedures so these issues are clarified and included in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

4.2 Community Outreach – The Jeff Rubin Project Slideshow – Ken Cross has this Power Point for use when making presentations on RS to community groups.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

5.1 Communication and Marketing Committee –

- Senior Facility Pilot Project – Oakmont and Eskaton Activity Directors have been offered a complimentary membership in RS so that they can share RS programs with their communities and encourage individual memberships.
- A survey was sent to members who receive the hard copy *Recorder*. It is a way to find out how the change to virtual programs has impacted those who are less likely to be technology savvy. Thirty nine surveys have been returned. The next phase will be to send it to any members 90 years of age or older who were not included in the first group.
- Logo survey – have received over 50 responses.

5.2 Nominating Committee- see 4.1 above

5.3 Forum Committee

- Fall 2021 Forums will be virtual regardless of whether RS has a presence on campus.
- Trying to build a relationship with CSUS Technical Studies Program with possible internships.
- Thank you letter sent to each Forum speaker and a donation is made in their honor to the Seth Nelsen Emergency Fund. The donation should be acknowledged on a Power Point slide during Forums so that members are aware of it.

5.4 Resource Development Committee

- As of December 31, 2020, the RS Office received \$7,920.00 in check donations to the Student Scholarship Fund in response to the end of year direct mail campaign. The University Foundation received an additional \$7,515.00 through credit card donations. There is over \$100,000.00 in Foundation funds available for student scholarships.

- There will be another Estate Planning Workshop in March or April

5.5 Scholarship Committee – presented by Barbara Davis Lyman for Chris Budwine

- New committee member – Emily Moulton.
- Student applications are due in March.
- Chris Budwine attended the CSUS Endowment Committee meeting which was the first time RS has been invited.
- Considering virtual scholarship presentation ceremony. Want to make it special for the award recipients.

5.6 Program Working Group/Seminar Committee

- Analyzing lessons learned from the Spring 2021 Catalog.
- Working on timeline for Fall 2021 Catalog. Possible theme – Patterns in Nature.
- Three members are working on Committee Protocols.
- Good turnout for weekly Community of Practice meetings.

5.7 Technology Working Group Committee

- Program Zoom links sent at time of registration worked well this semester.
- Board members and others issued CSUS email accounts need to log in and set them up.
- Plans for training on MS 365 Teams are ongoing.

5.8 Finance & Administration Committee – see 3.2 above

5.9 Gerontology – nothing new since last meeting

5.10 Membership, Diversity, and Community Engagement Committee

- 1,792 members in 12 states and throughout California.
- Reminder message will be sent to members who did not renew.

5.11 Announcements, Board Direction and Next Steps – Ken will convene a workgroup to explore a hybrid on-campus and virtual model for RS programming.

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 3:40 pm.

9.0 NEXT BOARD MEETING – March 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shari Lowen (for Bob Benedetti, Secretary)

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