

EX-Ls Policy on Announcing Deaths
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Preamble

In a retirees association like EX-Ls it is inevitable that there will be deaths of members, as well as of others who played a major role in the Laboratory that affected EX-Ls members. What is appropriate in any particular death announcement is a matter of judgment. The following are guidelines for three cases. A distinction is made between the quarterly Newsletter, and more timely email notifications.

There are three different cases:

1. A general notification of a death to the membership. This will be via a listing of recent deaths in the Newsletter, as we have done in the past. [The UC Berkeley Retirement Center provides this information to the EX-Ls Newsletter editor.]
2. The second case is a timely announcement of a death in order to provide details about a memorial service. This will be an email limited in length (<200 words). It is expected that the webmaster or a designate will send this out on relatively short notice, after approval by the President or First Vice President.
3. The third case is the death of someone well known to the members and where a member feels compelled to write an extended tribute. This will be published in the Newsletter with the approval of the President or the First Vice President, after being reviewed by a committee of at least two Board members for literary quality and appropriateness.