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Retiree Association
(PARRA)

News

Spring 2020

PARRA President's Message

I'm writing to provide an update on several items of interest.

First, it is hard to imagine now that in early March, when we canceled the planned March 26 luncheon, we thought we might be able to reschedule it for sometime later in this spring. That was before the Shelter-in-Place orders in the SF Bay Area and then the entire state. Of course, it is now clear that it will be many months before we can consider having an in-person meeting and luncheon. It seems likely that the next luncheon won't be held until sometime in 2021.

Election of Executive Committee Members

One item that was scheduled for a vote at the Spring meeting/luncheon was confirmation of the election of Executive Committee members whose terms are set to expire on June 30, 2020. Consistent with our Bylaws, a nominations committee, appointed in the January Executive Committee meeting, made its recommendations to the full PARRA Executive Committee during its March 16 teleconference meeting. Three members' terms were set to expire: Mary MacDonald's, Erica Niefeld's, and mine. The nominations committee recommended that these three members be reappointed for new (3-year) terms, effective July 1, 2020. The Executive Committee voted to accept the nominations. Normally these elections would be confirmed during the spring luncheon. With there being no spring luncheon this year, the Executive Committee voted in March to

suspend the portion of the Bylaws regarding the terms of members, so that the three of us can continue on the Executive Committee until there is a luncheon meeting at which these elections can be confirmed.

Retiree Health Plans

I also want to share with you what I have learned about current and future retiree health plans and premiums. At a virtual meeting of the University's retiree associations earlier this month, I learned about retiree health plan enrollment changes that occurred during the last open enrollment. This information is included in a powerpoint presented by Susan Pon-Gee, Director of Health and Welfare Benefits. Included is information about utilization of the new Medicare Advantage plan — the UC Medicare Choice plan — provided by United Health Care. Rather than summarize the information, I'm including a link to the entire presentation on the Council of [UC Retiree Associations \(CUCRA\) web site](#). I also have learned that there are no plans to change insurance plans available to retirees for 2021. However, premiums are not yet known.

John Meyer, former Administrative Vice Chancellor at UC Davis, who is chair of the Health Benefits Advisory Committee (HBAC), also addressed the participants of the association meeting. The HBAC is looking at both current employee and retiree health plans, with one focus on how to assure their continuity, meaning how they are funded on an ongoing basis. John indicated that the group is also looking at how rates are allocated across plans. Currently there are some variations — essentially subsidies — across plans, as I understand it. Another issue is how the University's Medical Centers are represented. The report of the HBAC was originally planned for this summer, but it is now likely to be produced instead in the fall, or perhaps even early winter. We will make sure PARRA members have access to the report when it is publicly available.

I'll end here with best wishes to stay safe and healthy.

— [Jim Dolgonas](#)

PARRA Financial Report

1/1/19-12/31/19

BANK BALANCE 1/1/19 \$5,257.36

DEPOSITS

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|---|------------|
| Fall Donations - Check | \$1,415.00 |
| Spring Donations/ Luncheon - Check | \$1,960.80 |
| Spring Donations/Luncheon - TicketSpice | \$335.00 |
| Fall Donations/Luncheon - TicketSpice | \$525.28 |

NET INCOME \$4,236.08

EXPENDITURES

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| 2019 CUCRA Dues | \$137.00 |
| Spring 2019 Luncheon | \$2,849.56 |
| IRS Fee Pymt (one-time) | \$600.00 |
| CUCRA/CUCEA Mtgs | \$859.12 |
| Fall 2019 Luncheon | .00 |
| Fall 2019 UCparra.org email | \$36.00 |
| Postage | \$33.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSE \$4,514.68

ENDING BALANCE as of 12/31/19 \$4,978.76

submitted by Bill Newton, Treasurer

Dues are Due

Spring is the time when PARRA traditionally requests voluntary annual dues of \$10 from our members. For those of you who have already given, thank you. Your contributions support e-mail communications and PARRA participation on the Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA).

Contributions may be made online below or by a check made out to "PARRA" and mailed to our treasurer:

PARRA c/o Bill Newton
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Berkeley, CA 94703

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UC Budget and Retirement Payments

A number of you are probably wondering if the dire California budget situation, due to COVID-19, will affect our UCRP retirement benefits. The answer is *no*, and this was actually referred to in the University's recent [New Dimensions](#) newsletter, where it says the the University has a legal obligation to provide funding for UCRP. So, for current retirees, our retirement incomes will continue unaffected by the State and University's budget circumstances.

— Jim Dolgonas

PARRA Executive Committee - **Officers:** Jim Dolgonas, President; Bill Newton, Vice President & Treasurer; Erica Nietfeld, Secretary. **At-large members:** Judy Craig, Carla Ferri-Blackmon, Linda Glasscock, Mary E. MacDonald, Cheryl Marshall, Connie Miller, Debora Obley, Myron Okada, Randolph R. Scott, Susan von Seeburg, Connie Williams.

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