

**RENAISSANCE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Draft Minutes for August 5, 2024, at 10 am.**

**Zoom**

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Members at Large</b>	<b>Present</b>
President, Deborah Seiler	<b>x</b>	Richard Atkinson	<b>x</b>
Vice President, Deanna Hanson	<b>x</b>	Carol Barake	<b>x</b>
Secretary, Susan Brackenhoff	<b>x</b>	Darryl Freeman	<b>x</b>
Controller, Dave Ferguson	<b>x</b>	Janet Heath	<b>x</b>
Past President, Ken Cross	<b>x</b>	Jackie Lamb	<b>x</b>
		Vacant	

<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Present</b>
C&M Richard Atkinson	<b>x</b>	Program Darryl Freeman	<b>x</b>
Fin/Ad Dave Ferguson	<b>x</b>	Resource Dev. Mike Pidd	<b>x</b>
Forum Michele Finerty	<b>x</b>	Scholarship Laurye Brownfield	<b>x</b>
Forum Co-Chair Janet Heath	<b>x</b>	Tech Co-Chair Sarah Ryan-Roberts	<b>x</b>
LRP Ken Cross	<b>x</b>	Tech Co-chair Tom Nelson	<b>x</b>
MDCE Deanna Hanson	<b>x</b>	Volunteer Services Carol Barake	<b>x</b>
Nominating Susan Brackenhoff	<b>x</b>		

<b>Liaisons/Guests</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Present</b>
Website Jennifer Kerr	<b>x</b>	Weekly Update Hollis Kulwin	<b>x</b>
Weekly Update/Constant Contact Loretta Burdeaux		Sac State Liaison, College of SSIS /Dean Dianne Hyson	<b>x</b>
Recorder Jim Hodges		Office Manager Amber Korb	<b>x</b>
Assistant Controller Anne Putt	<b>x</b>	Board Liaison: Diana Gin	

Margo Fowkes, Retreat Facilitator	X		
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1. **Call to Order** - President Deborah Seiler called the zoom meeting to order at 10:00 am. for the first official Renaissance Society Board meeting of the 2024-2025 year.
2. **Approval of June minutes:** The edited minutes of the June 3 Board meeting were approved. Rick made the motion, seconded by Carol, and motion passed. There were no Board minutes for July since the July 8 gathering was an informal one. Deborah led an informational Board Orientation in lieu of a monthly meeting.
3. **President's Welcome:** This is the first day the full catalog is available for viewing. RS has 911 members as of today. Deborah received an invitation to the Black Honors College event and breakfast. Darryl is the liaison between Sac State and the security company for the event.
4. **Reports:**
  - a. Secretary: Susan Brackenhoff announced the passing of Garey Young in February. He had served as RS President from 2009-2011. Ken added that Garey was an active gerontology mentor for many years and enjoyed Mike Agron's music classes.
  - b. Controller: Dave Ferguson closed the books after UEI completed posting everything. After all the entries, the books basically broke even. Approximately \$77,000 has been received for membership dues.
  - c. Office Manager: Amber Korb has been preparing for Orientation and Open House by updating the powerpoint and table assignments. A walk through in the Sac State ballroom will be held today at 2:00 pm. The catalog is open as of today's meeting.
  - d. Sac State Liaison: Dean Dianne Hyson said the relationship between RS and the Sac State President Wood has been well established this year and he values us as a valuable part of the university community. The new Black Honors College has been invigorating to the campus. Student enrollment numbers are good. There are changes with many long-standing people leaving campus creating multiple interim positions. There are five openings on her staff alone. She congratulated Deborah on her Public Radio interview about RS. Gerontology will only have one online class this fall which will reduce the number of mentors

needed. Janet shared some information about the pay differential between gerontologists and nurses/etc. that may negatively affect interest in gerontology. Dean Hyson expressed her appreciation for our involvement and support of the ASI Food Pantry.

**5. Decisions and Discussion:**

- a. Board Retreat Rick/Deanna - Rick announced the Board Retreat will be Friday, August 9 in the Summit Room in the Union at 8:00 am.. The goal is to formulate concrete workable ideas for next year. We need to increase membership. Facilitator Margo Fowkes said that the intent of the retreat is to make RS a forward-looking organization.
- b. Orientation and Open House - The planning has paid off and details are in good shape. The walk through is at 2:00 pm today. White boards/tag boards will be behind every table.
- c. SMUD partnership - Frank no report
- d. Mike Pidd said there has not been a university update on donations for six months. He needs the information about the major donors to plan for the major donor reception. November is being considered for the major donor reception date. The Thanksgiving and end-of-year solicitation letters are being prepared. Mike is working on a special arts fund.
- e. Summer Program recap- What a success! Deborah was congratulated for the excellent programming and her hard work on the summer program. Deanna called it a true cultural experience. The Japanese program had an amazing attendance. Deborah is planning a celebratory party for those who helped. Attendance numbers and costs were recorded and will be tracked. Rick suggested a formal committee be formed to arrange for the 2025 Summer Program.
- f. Updated Committee Descriptions - Several committee chairs have submitted their descriptions—but not all. Deborah repeated her request to please submit them soon.
- g. Library Program - Even though we have not heard formally, it appears the MOU has been signed by the Library. Deanna reported that “Bruce from Orangevale Library” told her the agreement was in place. Diana Gin will be the RS coordinator. There are twenty-five presenters signed up to speak at the libraries.
- h. Music Circus tickets - Music Circus gifted us with 75 tickets to *42<sup>nd</sup> Street* which were sent to new members. Another 75 tickets for *Jersey Boys* were available to committee

members and volunteers. Since only 25 were spoken for, Deborah made the other 50 tickets available to members.

## **6. Written Committee Reports**

As submitted

Statements of no report: Long Range Planning, Nominating, Communication and Marketing

## **7. Verbal Reports by Committee Chairs**

- a. Volunteer Services - Carol confirmed the big changes in the Gerontology Department. Jenny Stevenson will be teaching the only class section this fall. Donna Jensen will be working on a statewide initiative on gerontology studies. Only 45 mentors will be needed this semester. On July 3, 60 members participated in the Physical Therapy Dept. event. The ASI Food Pantry has some changes ahead. Deborah asked Carol to write an article for the Weekly Update about these changes. They need our support primarily through donations. Some of the physical work is too strenuous for our members.
- b. Communications and Marketing - Rick said the committee is running smoothly. He needs a marketing volunteer. Hollis's new volunteer will assist with the Weekly Update.
- c. Finance and Administration – Dave and Anne - Dave has started looking at the office lease. Our current lease expires in June 2025. A move might be needed.
- d. Forum – Michele The Fall Forums have been scheduled and are listed in the catalog. The only speaker opening is for the first speaker. Laurye offered her help in talking with the B Street manager.
- e. Membership, Diversity, Community Engagement – The name of this committee might be shortened to Membership Committee with a possible tagline about diversity and engaging community. The name can be confusing when shortened to MDCE. Deborah wants to make sure the name change is understood that we are not dropping diversity. Deanna thanked Mike for assisting with the Fair Oaks tabling event. Sarah and Sandy (from the office) came to help as well. Rancho Cordova is having a

Grandparents Day on September 8. Volunteers are needed to work the event. Deanna, Allan and Maryellen are making plans for a New Member Event in October. Amber has created a three-page brochure to use at tabling events.

- f. Program – Darryl has scheduled 135 classes for the fall. Fifty percent are one-time presentations. The program leaders' survey showed a desire for more best practices information. The spring program applications are open from August 23 to Nov. 1.
- g. Resource Development – Mike referred to his monthly written report. Items in the report included the major donor recognition event, nomination for ThanksGIVING letter writer, special programs designation and a 50\50 raffle.
- h. Scholarship – Laurye Nothing on Scholarship. The B Street Theater might be interested in letting our members know when they have discounted tickets. This could lead to an increased relationship with B Street. Deborah asked if they might be interested in addressing the Forum on September 6th. Laurye will reach out to them.
- i. Technology – Sarah/Tom Passwords have been reset for program leaders and forum speakers. They have scheduled the following training dates:

Consider Being a Tech Host -Wed. July 31, 10:00 am

Understanding Zoom Settings - Wed. July 31, 1:00

New Leader Tech Training - Wed. Aug 7, 1:00

Tech Update - Wed. Aug 14, 10:00

Technology Training for Teaching On Campus -Fri. Aug 23, 9:00am

## **8. Working Groups**

Center for Small Business –Amber has nothing to report. The students are working on a draft.

Retreat Working Group – Rick - Twenty members are signed up for the retreat.

## **9. New or Urgent Business**

The Ohana Walk will be in September. This has been an enjoyable event for those who attended. Deborah will share further information.

**10. Key Dates**

- a. Aug. 2 AAG posted
- b. Aug. 5 Catalog posted
- c. Aug. 8 Black Honors College
- d. Aug. 9 Retreat
- e. Aug. 16 Orientation and Open House

- 11. Adjourn** Deanna made the motion, seconded by Mike to adjourn. This passed by acclamation.

**Next Meeting: September 9, 2024 Dunbarton Cabana Clubhouse 10:00 am.**

Submitted by Susan Brackenhoff, Secretary