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P. S.: The Pace Setters Newsletter

Dedicated to the Welfare of Cal Poly Pomona Retired Faculty and Staff



Greetings From The President

Just a short note from the Prez:

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We had a very good turnout for the Fall meeting and saw a lot of people who had not been with us for a while.

Hope you will all return again for the Spring meeting at The Ranch. Our vice president, Len Myers, has a great program planned for us.

Until then, I hope you had a very happy, healthy holiday season. I, for one, gave thanks for the great supportive board members and for Sara Boretz and her staff who always make our meetings run smoothly.

Sara Weber



Sara Weber, Pace Setters President

Pace Setters Business

REMINDER--The next **PS** meeting will be at the Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch on April 30th, approximately noon. *Keep your eye out for the announcement in your mail.*

REMINDER OF DUES—IF you have not paid your annual dues of \$10, please pay once per year, either in the fall or spring with your luncheon reservation or, if unable to attend, send to Sara Boretz, preferably with a note that can be put in this newsletter to let everyone know how you're doing.

Pace Setters Meetings--Minutes

PACE SETTERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2002
KELLOGG HOUSE

Present: Sara Weber, President; Len Myers, Vice President; Barbara Baker, Secretary; Warren Essells, Treasurer; Gene Houser, Past President; Irene Lovewell, Past President; Sue Cardona, Membership; Warren Weber, Director; Sara Boretz, Campus Liaison.
Excused: Frank Tennant

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Sara Weber called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed those members present. The members introduced themselves and briefly described what they had done over the summer.

MINUTES: It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the Spring Luncheon Meeting on May 1, 2002.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Warren Essells reported that the ending balance in the Foundation account as of August 31, 2002, was \$5,015.74. The ending balance in the Credit Union account as of June 30, 2002, was \$642.99, for a total balance in both accounts of \$5,658.73.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT: Sara Weber reported that Ron Eaves has been appointed to the grand jury in Bakersfield and has resigned as Vice President. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept Ron Eaves' resignation. Len Myers was asked to replace Ron as Vice President, and Warren Weber was asked to replace Len as a Board Member. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve Len Myers as Vice President and Warren Weber as Board Member.

Ron Simons is working on the program for the Fall Meeting at Kellogg West on October 23. Derek Hayamizu, a CalPERS investment representative, will be the speaker. Len Myers will coordinate this meeting as one of his duties as Vice President, and may call on board members to assist him as needed.

Sara Boretz reported that the new Rain Bird Rain Forest will have its grand opening on October 1. Sara Boretz suggested arranging a tour of this building for the April 2003 meeting. The members agreed with this proposal, and Len asked Sara to work on the arrangements for the tour.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Sara received a call in the summer from Harold Schleifer, Dean of the Library, who asked if the **Pace Setters** wished to become part of the Association of Retirement Organizations of Higher Education (AROE). This organization previously held informal meetings, but the meetings will now become formal. Board members were asked to consider whether it would be good for **Pace Setters** to join this group and become part of its network. Sara Boretz can provide the web site information. This matter may come up at a future meeting.

ERFA REPORT: Gene Houser reported that ERFA will meet in Los Angeles in October or November, so he had no update at this time. The main concerns to be discussed are health issues. Sara Weber reported that Wilma Krebs (ERFA) from Cal State Sacramento is willing to speak at one of the **Pace Setters** meetings about health issues. It was agreed that she should be invited to speak at a future meeting or asked to present a workshop on the same day as a scheduled meeting.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Sue Cardona reported that she has forwarded to Sara Weber the names of all faculty retirees. She is still having problems getting information from Human Resources about staff retirees. She is scheduled to meet with the new Director of Human Resources about this matter. There are 25-30 faculty retirees, and about 10 staff retirees.

REPORT OF EDITOR: Warren Weber reported that the newsletter is in color on the web. Black and white copies are mailed out because color copies are very expensive.

FURTHER BUSINESS: Irene Lovewell corrected her phone number that's printed in the newsletter. Ron Simons will see that **Pace Setters** has a link on the Cal Poly Pomona web site. Sara Boretz will follow up to see that this process is done.

Frank Tennant will have hip replacement surgery on September 11.

The next general meeting will be the Fall Luncheon Meeting on October 23 at Kellogg West. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CAL POLY POMONA PACE SETTERS General (Luncheon) Meeting Minutes October 23, 2002

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by President Sara Weber.

Ron Eaves had to resign as vice president because he was elected to the Bakersfield grand jury. Len Myers was appointed vice president to replace Ron. The other board members were introduced: Barbara Baker, secretary; Warren Essells, treasurer; Frank Tennant, board member (Frank is recuperating from hip replacement surgery); Sue Cardona, membership chair; Warren Weber, newsletter; Joe Stodder, ERFA representative; Gene Houser, past president; Irene Lovewell, Past President.

Directors of Development from different colleges and areas of the University were introduced: Bob Stein, College of Agriculture; Richard Pumerantz, College of Science; Cheryl Meaux, Bruce Emerton, and Danette Cook-Adamson from the Library.

News of the University: Aida Morad, from Public Affairs, presented this topic. President Bob Suzuki will retire after serving 12 years as president. In March 2003 the CSU Board of Trustees wants to name a replacement who will not start until after Dr. Suzuki has left. Groundbreaking will take place in May 2003 near the gymnasium for the new residential suites. The grand opening for the Center for Training Technology and Incubation was held in September.



Aida Morad, Public Affairs

The Biotechnology Building opened this month at the College of Science. The building is open to the public as well as to Cal Poly students. A donor wall for donors who gave at least \$250,000 to Cal Poly Pomona is being built on the second floor of the CLA building and is expected to be done by Thanksgiving. A new Japanese garden will be built near the Rose Garden.

The new chief of police, Capt. Randall Kwan, started in October. The new Dean of the College of Science, Dr. Donald Straney, started in August. The Founders' Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2003. Stephanie Edwards will emcee this event, which will feature Paul Anka. Alumni Affairs will have a new web site this fall. Proposition 47 is an important statewide bond measure on the November 5 ballot. If passed, \$13.5 billion in bonds will be provided for K-12 and universities. Cal Poly Pomona's portion will be determined at a future date.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 1 Spring Meeting were approved as submitted.



Past Presidents Irene Lovewell and Gene Houser

Treasurer's Report: The ending balance in the Foundation account as of August 31, 2002, was \$5,015.74, and the ending balance in the Credit Union account was \$642.99, for a total balance of \$5,658.73.

Membership Report: Sue Cardona reported that 23 faculty and approximately nine staff retired this year. She introduced Diana Bartholomew as a new staff member of **Pace Setters**.

Report of Editor: Warren Weber asked for news and picture contributions for the newsletter. Members may submit their contributions via the internet by going to the Cal Poly Pomona web site and accessing the **Pace Setters** web site.

<http://www.csupomona.edu/~pacesetters>

ERFA Report: Joe Stodder reported that the CSU ERFA meeting will be held Saturday, October 26, so his report of this meeting will be included in the next newsletter (see below). Joe and Gene Houser were to attend the meeting.

Program Speaker: Len Myers introduced Derek Hayamizu, CALPERS investment representative. Derek explained the portfolios in four investment areas (global equity; global fixed; alternative investments; and real estate), discussed new investment initiatives (risk management; active emerging markets equity; and corporate governance funds), and answered questions from the group.



Derek Hayamizu, CALPERS. Luncheon Speaker

Further Business: Sara Weber reported that Dr. Ed Harwood, one of the founders of **Pace Setters** 21 years ago, passed away on October 22. Warren Weber has an address for anyone wishing to contact Ed's family, and will include this information in the newsletter.

Jack Fulbeck asked that mail, e-mail, and telephone information about items to be submitted to the newsletter be available. Warren Weber reported that members may send their information directly to his e-mail or to Sara Boretz. Warren will include in the newsletter changes in e-mail and mail addresses received. Sara Boretz will include this information at the bottom of each meeting agenda.

Next spring's general meeting will be held on April 30, 2003 at The Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch.

Sara Weber held a silent auction for some "treasures" she brought in from having recently sold her home of 37

years. She auctioned off souvenirs from past events in Cal Poly Pomona history and general history, and donated photographs of past University-related activities to Warren Weber for the newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Submitted by Barbara Baker, Secretary.

ERFA—**Joe Stodder** attended the ERFA meeting and submitted this report:

CSU-ERFA REPORT

The fall 2002 meeting of the CSU-ERFA (Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association) State Council was held on October 26 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near LAX. The all-day meeting covered an agenda of 23 items ranging from membership and procedural concerns to health and legislative issues. This report will describe some of the main subjects that may be of particular interest to **Pace Setters**.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Maurer (Chico). He announced that the CSU-ERFA Charitable Foundation was now in effect. One of its functions will be to provide a \$50 benefit (contributed by CSU-ERFA to the Foundation) to the family of each deceased member. Treasurer Dominic Perello noted that net income had declined with a decrease in membership from a high of 2800 to a September 30 total of 2770. Membership Chairman Ronald Kroman pointed out that although we have made some gains in new members, we have lost 119 (most of them deceased) this year, and we need to develop more aggressive recruiting of new members.

Executive Director Robert Kully announced that he was in good physical condition, and he thanked everyone for the support he received during recuperation from his heart attack and from the frightening collapse that he experienced during the spring meeting.

Kully reported that the Chancellor had cancelled the “golden handshake” for this year because this retirement inducement was coming into conflict with efforts to promote quality faculty recruitment.

Kully then introduced the subject of selection of a retired faculty member for the CSU Academic Senate. A lively discussion followed, debating whether the candidate should be “selected” by CSU-ERFA or “elected” in a general election. CSU-ERFA makes the argument that its members are more informed and better known—that a general election would require many voters to vote for candidates about whom they may know nothing —“like voting for judges.” The main argument may be that a

general election would simply be too expensive. The State Council consensus seemed to favor ERFA selection. The Council approved June Pollack and Kurt Bohnsack as nominees for the Academic Senate position.

Wilma Krebs gave her usual knowledgeably detailed health benefits report. She announced that CareMark is the new pharmacy benefit manager, replacing Merck-Medco. The new formulary is now available on internet at www.caremark.com. (CareMark will also take phone calls). A main problem is that 20% of PERS members incur 80% of the cost (chronic disease management), and serious consciousness-raising efforts are continuing to persuade members to engage more responsibly in their own health care (better life styles, etc.).

Krebs reported that costs in both short-term and long-term care were expected to rise 10% to 12% per year for the rest of the decade, doubling every 5 to 6 years. She outlined proposals that have been made to deal with the cost increases, such as adding incentives to vendor contracts, tightening public agency exit and entrance to 3-5 year (instead of current one-year) contracts, etc. A detailed presentation of these proposals may be obtained by contacting Wilma Krebs at wilkrebs@csusac.edu. Krebs concluded her report by announcing that PERS Long-Term Care was proposing increases in premiums in order to cope with a current deficit of \$215 million.

Finally, a reminder for those interested: this year’s deadline for CSU-ERFA Grants Awards proposals is January 31, 2003. Winners will be notified on March 1, and the awards will be announced on April 19.

Joe Stodder

Tidbits and Travel

The **Cal Poly Library** recognized **Pace Setters** in its Library Lines Newsletter for Fall 2002. Our gift of \$1,000 was our contribution during the year for library archives.

Harry A. Anthony, professor emeritus of urban planning and past-chairman of both architecture and urban planning at Cal Poly in the 1970s, as well as former professor and chairman of urban planning at Columbia University in the 1950s and 1960s, celebrated his 80th birthday on July 28, 2002 with a reception and dinner with 80 guests at the University of California San Diego Faculty Club in La Jolla. He is still pleasantly active with volunteer work and consulting on architecture and urban design. He received the American Institute of Architects and American Planning Association Community Design Awareness Orchid Award in San Diego for his recently consecrated Greek Orthodox

Church and Village for the Elderly in Cardiff-by-the-Sea. In recent years, Harry has been a member of the Institute for Research on Aging and currently serves as a Chancellor's Associate at UCSD. He and his wife, Anne, live in La Jolla where they own a house overlooking the Pacific Ocean. In June they attended a family reunion in Washington, DC. Their daughter, Dr. Kathryn Anthony, formerly on the architecture faculty at Cal Poly, and since 1984 a professor of architecture at the University of Illinois, lives in Urbana, Illinois. Their older daughter, Mary Anne, and her husband John L. Smith, both professors of mathematics, and their three children live in Irvine and visit them often. Harry sends warm regards to all Cal Poly colleagues who still remember him!

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Keith Weeks (came to Cal Poly in 1947) reports that he is still at Pacific Place 3500 Lake Blvd, Apt 237, Oceanside, CA 23056 (e-mail--lowellkweeks@cs.com) and celebrated his 85th birthday party last July 24th with over 60 guests from as far away as Portland in attendance. Then, a few days later, his arthritis flared up in the neck, shoulders and hands and wrists (bad for a piano player!) and his hearing has deteriorated so that he can no longer hear phone conversations. He'd love letters or e-mails, however.

Murray and Carmen Abramovitz spent three weeks visiting family in Cleveland and New York (Long Island) in June. In October they were in China for three weeks on a tour called "Farewell to the 3 Gorges."

Ina Abelar was in charge of a woman's "build" for Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity, their first, and they did 95 percent of the work. The house is at 1823 Fern St., Ontario, if you'd like to see it.

Marilyn Winterbourne is at 2224 Cedar St., Forest Grove, OR 97116. (562.425.2926) She's enjoying her grandchildren who are great students and good at sports, too. She helps their mom and dad cover all their activities. In the summer she spends her time at Hope, Idaho (208.264.0285) in her trailer.

Elizabeth Pye is working on a romantic/historical novel centered during the French Revolution in the late 1700's. Earl assumes that this will require one or more trips to France for research purposes.

Sally Willson is an Assistant Professor of Accounting at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau. Since retiring from the Accounting Department at Cal Poly, she has been Deputy Treasurer for the City/Borough of Juneau, has been Training Consultant in Kazakhstan,

and has travelled around the world. She can be reached at 907.965.6418 sally.willson@uas.alaska.edu

Dick York celebrated the birth of his 6th great grandchild, a girl, born September 21.

Jane Dale (1229 Loma Vistas St., Pomona, 92768) enjoys keeping in touch with friends even when she has to miss the meetings.

Ray and Joyce Morales were on a cruise in the fall and had to miss the meeting, but will try to make the next.

Charles and Shirley Stapleton are enjoying life in Santa Barbara and lamenting the fact that the LA Times does not cover Cal Poly Pomona. Hope he can look up the goings-on at the Cal Poly web site and the **Pace Setters** web site (see information below).

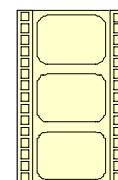
George Mellard reports that his heart isn't working as well as it could, but he and wife Betty have had some nice trips—in April, La Paz, Mexico, the Sea of Cortez, where they saw many blue whales beside their boat, followed by 200 dolphins! Then later a Hawaiian Islands cruise. Finally they spent several weeks in Balboa in the summer.

Alice and Tom King are 550 miles away in the mountains, but feel they're a little too far away to attend **Pace Setters** meetings. He hikes and she works part-time as an attorney and playing her piano.

Ted Canham has been devoting most of his time to getting in shape. Nothing really wrong, say the doctors, but getting in shape to do all the things that retirement calls for means working hard to get in great condition.

Shiori Sakamoto had a serious bout of lymphoma, but it is now in complete remission.

Warren and Doris Weber are enjoying life in the **Movie Colony** section of Palm Springs. They're next door to Cary Grant's estate and in the area where Jack Benny, Darryl F. Zanuck, Harold Lloyd, Bing Crosby, and Bob Hope (who still has a place there) and many others had homes. They're also within walking distance to the new \$90 million casino that will be completed by November 2003, but will avoid using the state pension for slot machines.



In Memorium

Magnus Syverson, 86, died Wednesday October 30, 2002, at his San Jacinto home. Born in Kelliher, Minnesota, Mr. Syverson lived in San Jacinto 21 years. He was a college professor for 29 years at Cal Poly Pomona. Mr. Syverson served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946. He was a member of the National Education Association and the Soboba Springs Country Club.

He is survived by a daughter, Robin Gebten of Washington; his companion of 22 years, Genny Pabst of San Jacinto; a brother, Ole Syverson of Mississippi; and two sisters, Marget Tabler of Washington and Caroline Leavell of Oklahoma. Graveside services were at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, CA.

Albert Aschenbrenner, a longtime Cal Poly Pomona professor and administrator known for his popularity with students, died December 16, 2002, at the age of 89 from complications due to old age.

Dr. Aschenbrenner joined the Cal Poly English faculty in 1947 when the campus was located in San Dimas. From 1964 until his retirement in 1975, he served as dean of the Division of Arts and Sciences, later to be called the College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences. He was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, in 1913 and lived most of his younger life in Nampa, near Boise. He completed his undergraduate degree at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and later received a masters and doctorate in education from USC. During World War II in Europe, Mr. Aschenbrenner served as a captain in the U.S. Army, where he earned two Bronze Stars.

When he began at Cal Poly as an English professor in the late 1940s, the school was an all-male branch of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with only a few hundred students, said Ron Simons, Cal Poly vice president for development. Aschenbrenner during his tenure served in various administrative capacities, including registrar, admissions officer and associate dean for counseling and testing. In 1962, he was selected as the first chairman of the Kellogg Campus Faculty Senate and was later named one of two campus senators to the Statewide Academic Senate.

Dr. Aschenbrenner is survived by his second wife Lorraine, sons Michael Aschenbrenner and George Skaryak, and daughters Dorothy Nash and Joyce Skaryak.



Al Aschenbrenner

Dr. Ed Harwood, a founder and first president of **Pace Setters** and his wife Shirley had suffered broken bones in falls in October in Ventura. His injuries were severe and he passed away as a result. Shirley may be contacted at her cell phone 805.794.7553.

Anne Boyer died August 9 at Mt. San Antonio Gardens at the age of 91. She was born in Santa Rosa, CA, and had been a volunteer and traveler and worked at Cal Poly for 10 years.

Dr. Steve Whaley passed away on October 1, 2002, at San Antonio Community Hospital, in Upland. He was an English professor and a veteran of the U. S. Army's Special Services. He is survived by his two daughters, Robyn Ruth Whaley and Susan Kay Correira, a sister, and two grandchildren.

More E-Mail and Mail Address Changes

Keith Weeks—lowellkweeks@cs.com
 Ed and Peg Pierce-- Ed and Peggy have entered the high speed world of cable internet and are now at edpierce1@charter.net
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Internet Web Site and Newsletter

The **Pace Setters** world wide web site is located at <http://www.csupomona.edu/~pacesetters> So far, there has not been much feedback for us to know how the web site can be improved. Please go to the website and fill out the information questionnaire so we can know what you think, whether you'd like to see other features, or let us know about changes you'd like to see.

Also, you have the opportunity to use the web site to forward information for each upcoming newsletter. If you're not internet inclined, you may submit any updates on what you or other retired faculty and staff are doing to me. In the event you misplace the addresses, you can always send any information to **Pace Setters** at Cal Poly. Sara Boretz is our liaison and works out of Ron Simons' office. We received quite a bit of information which you included in your luncheon reservations or dues submissions. Keep those cards and letters coming!

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Gloria Matthews did an outstanding job during the past few years and deserves our heartfelt thanks.



Gloria Matthews

Let Gloria know you appreciate her good work by sending her an e-mail at MaD.GaG@verizon.net. Gloria will appreciate getting your messages very much.

President Suzuki's Resignation

From the State of the university report by President Bob H. Suzuki, concluding Remarks—

. . . . Agnes and I have decided that this coming year will be my last as president. I have informed Chancellor Reed that I will be retiring from the presidency in July, 2003, and have asked that he and the Board of Trustees begin a search for my successor. It was a difficult decision for us because so much progress is being made by the campus, and we would love to continue our involvement with the future development of this great university. But Agnes and I have decided that there is never a good time to leave the presidency of a campus as dynamic as Cal Poly Pomona. There will always be new initiatives and challenges and more to do.

ERFA

You can join the CSU-Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association, with dues based on retirement benefits, by contacting them at The Retirement Center, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8339

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University Advancement is doing all that it can to provide you with opportunities to leave a meaningful legacy for the people and causes you care for most. They have ways for you to give through (1) gift annuities, (2) wills, (3) trusts, pledges, etc. The programs can allow you to receive a guaranteed lifetime income up to 12 percent, depending on age.

Ron Simons, Associate Vice President for University Development, can be reached at 800.722.5765 or 909.869.4996. Or, e-mail him at rrsimons@csupomona.edu or write to Cal Poly.



Please send your ideas for the newsletter or web site!