**HUMBOLDT-ERFSA Executive Committee Meeting Notes, January 20, 2024**

**In attendance:** Marshelle Thobaben, Jeffery Borgeld, James Floss, Susan Dobie, Lou Ann Wieand

**Program Chair**: Susan Dobie reported on the Spring Program Presenters:

* **February 15**: Aldaron Laird, *Local Sea Level Rise* introduced by Lou Ann Wieand, ERFSA Treasurer
* **March 14**: Tiana Williams-Claussen, Yurok tribal member and graduate student of Environmental Sciences: *Recent Release of California Condors on The North Coast* introduced by James Floss, ERFSA Communications Chair
* **April 11**: Alison O'Dowd, Ph.D.: *Klamath Renewal Project* introduced by Jeffery Borgeld, ERFSA Membership Chair
* **May 9**: Mark A. Johnson, Chief of Staff of the President's Office at Cal Poly Humboldt, will discuss his new duties; introduced by Susan Dobie, ERFSA Program Chair

James advocated for recording our presentations and provided a tripod with an iPhone clip-on for the recordings. The presentations will be archived on both our website and our Google Drive. Susan agreed to record our first presentation on February 15. We will need the permission of both the presenters, and then the attendees for the question-and-answer session.

There was a discussion that future presentations should include more arts-centered and grant recipients’ presenters for 2024-2024. James suggested that the Arcata Playhouse has been incredibly productive for several years; possible presenters could be David Ferney or Jackie Dardeneau.

**Membership Chair:** Jeff reported there are 46 current members. He will be sending the 14 members who paid only 1 semester a reminder to pay their spring semester dues.

Jeff will follow up with the "catalog" staff and find out how they plan to incorporate the newly approved Emeritus Status recipients.

A request was made to research into an automatic renewal of membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lou Ann Wieand is the ERFSA Treasurer effective today. She reviewed historical documents with our previous treasurer, Ken Fulgham

Marshelle provided her with a list of the contacts for both accounts: Humboldt Area Foundation and Cal Poly Humboldt.

Lou Ann and Marshelle will have an in-person meeting with the HAF regarding the grant program. Lou Ann will be contacting the Cal Poly Humboldt fiscal staff to determine the recommended process, so vendors are paid in a timely manner.

**Communications Chair:** James opened a discussion about contacting presenters to create fuller press releases that include photographs which he will be doing. He will resend the spring schedule of presenters to the Times-Standard and his monthly press releases to the regular media outlets.

**New Discussion Items**

**Emeritus Status:** Applications are due February 2, 2024.

Marshelle submitted 3 nominations on behalf of ERFSA.

The university senate will award emeritus status to worthy nominees after they go through the senate approved review process.

**Small Grant Program:** Change of date for theSmall Grant proposals: they will be due on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Marshelle will set up an Exc. Com. Zoom call for Thursday, April 4, 1pm, to select the grant recipients.

The total amount available for the grants is yet to be determined.

Marshelle will draft the changes to the Grant flyer and Grant Recipients letter to reflect the changes in date and their checks being mailed from HAF and post the documents on Google Docs for the Exc. Com to review.

**Septentrio Winery Emeritus Status and Membership Social**:

Marshelle will contact VP Frank Whitlach to ask if the Humboldt Foundation will co-sponsor the social.

A possible date for the social is March 28th, Thurs, 4:30-7pm, if the winery is available.

**Fundraiser**: Exe. Com. is still seeking an interested ERFSA member as the Fundraiser Chair.

There may be a fundraiser this summer with ASC Andrea Bright’s assistance.

Fundraising templates are available under Exc. Com. on the ERFA website.

**Website:** Andrea Bright, ASC, continually updates the ERFSA website and transfers the website documents to a secure Google site. She sets up regularly scheduled meetings with Marshelle and Exc. Com. as needed.

**Exc. Com. meetings** will be immediately following the luncheon presentations for Feb, March & April. For May a date needs to be selected.

**Currently Known Exe Com Vacations/out of area**

Lou Ann periodically in the Bay Area

James Feb 1-10; 15-18

Jeff March 19-25

Marshelle April 12-May 14

--Submitted by James Floss, Communications Chair, Saturday, January 20, 2024