

UCI Emeriti Association Annual Meeting June 10,2009

Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 PM was hosted by Barbara Hamkalo.

Kenneth Mease, Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, spoke from 1 to 2 PM on "The Free Wheelchair Mission: Engineering at UCI". He began by describing design activities in the School of Engineering, and noted the Center for Engineering Science in Design established by former Dean Alexopoulos has had 150 students involved in 26 projects. He then pointed out that the majority of world designers focus their efforts on products and services for the richest 10 percent of the population but that the Free Wheelchair Mission was found in 2001 as a nonprofit, international organization, and has provided 400,000 wheelchairs free to individuals in 72 countries. The organization was the brainchild of Don Schoendorfer, PhD at MIT, who has received the Congressional Metal of Honor for this project. Wheelchairs are produced at a cost of approximately \$50 for both manufacturing and shipping. They are manufactured in China, but assembled here, and distributed free to deserving individuals in ceremonies around the world. The UCI project began when Chancellor Michael Drake spoke with Schoendorfer and then with Engineering Dean Alexopoulos who recruited Professor Michael McCarthy for the project who obtained financial support from Henri Samueli and teaching support from Ken Mease, John Garner, and Gin Song Suh. They have worked with approximately a dozen students and have redesigned the wheelchair to provide adjustable width, foot rests and brakes, substantially stronger material and stability, all at a cost similar to the original Schoendorfer plastic lawn chair wheelchair. The next project, beginning this summer, will be to focus on design of the wheelchair seat. For additional information visit www.freewheelchairmission.org.

President Barbara Hamkalo conducted the Annual Meeting of the Emeriti Association from 2 to 3 PM. Present were Paul Arthur, Greg and Elizabeth Benford, Dan Blake, Gail de Mallac, Ken Dumars, Julian and Marilyn Feldman, Robert Folkenflik, Judy Horn, Ron Jevning, Stuart Krassner, Pamela Lawrence, Duncan Luce, Daniel and Sally Menzel, Ron and Irene Miller, Hal and Cathy Moore, Laura Mosqueda, Lyman Porter, and Ted Quilligan. Hamkalo thanked Julian Feldman, Editor of our Newsletter. She commented on a presentation by Jonathan Alexander, Campus Writing Coordinator and Professor of English who would like emeriti to participate as tutors for undergraduate and graduate students in disciplines specific writing. She hopes UCI may be asked to participate in Mellon fellowships for emeriti working in the humanities or the humanistic social sciences.

Recipients of the 2009 UCIEA Emeriti Mentoring Awards were:

Laura Mosqueda, M.D. Director of Geriatric Medicine who "has been a tireless role model to students, residents, and fellows as well as to colleagues". She is a passionate educator and generous mentor:

Robert Folkenflik., PhD, Professor Emeritus of English who "has made an indelible impression on many careers of both colleagues and graduate students". He has also taught younger faculty "how to be a mentor". He mentioned to us that the social myth that professors are lazy is belied by the activity of UCI faculty and emeriti.

Harold Moore is the 2009 recipient of the UCIEA Outstanding Emeritus award. He was a founding member of the UCI faculty, former chair of Chemistry and Dean of Physical Sciences and has "distinguished himself in service to UCI". In addition, he is in the UCI Wind Ensemble and has been the Emily A. Dickson Emeritus Professor in the UCI Department of Music.

Minutes of the annual meeting of June 2, 2008 were approved pending any corrections to be sent to our Secretary, Dick Frank, who was unable to attend. Jeri Frederick presented the Treasurer's report (including a balance of \$6000) as our Treasurer, Stuart Krassner, had to leave the meeting early.

There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate recommended by the Nominating committee was approved by acclamation: President Barbara Hamkalo, President-elect Ted Quilligan, Secretary Dick Frank, and Treasurer Stuart Krassner for 2009-2010.

Present Hamkalo noted that proposed amendments to the Bylaws are on the UCIEA website but were not sent as planned to the membership 2 weeks prior to today's meeting as required for amendments to be approved at the meeting. Furthermore, only 10 members were present by the time the Bylaws were discussed, and Julian Feldman noted the absence of a quorum precluded voting on the recommended amendments today in any event. Nevertheless, the amendments which were briefly reviewed by Ken Dumars (with thanks to Judy Horn for her work in obtaining bylaws of other institutions for comparison and in drafting proposed changes to our Bylaws) are to be considered at a future meeting of the Association or by mail or e-mail ballot. Miller proposed new wording for the section of the Bylaws on amendments and Ted Quilligan recommended that we vote both on the proposed amendments that are currently on the website and also on the following proposal: **PROPOSED NEW WORDING:**

Article XIV -- Amendments

Section 1: Proposed amendments to these bylaws may be presented to the members either by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a petition presented to an officer of the UCIEA for presentation to the members, such petition to be signed by no fewer than five members.

Section 2: Ideally proposed amendments should be discussed and voted upon at the annual or a special-called meeting, but when this is not feasible or when proposed amendments are minor, they may be sent to the members for a vote by mail or e-mail or both.

Section 3: Copies of proposed amendments shall be sent to each member by mail or e-mail not less than 2 weeks before the next scheduled annual or special-called meeting or before a mail or e-mail vote regarding the proposed change or changes.

Section 4: A proposed amendment shall be adopted if it receives a vote of 60 percent of the members present at the annual or special-called meeting of the Association provided that at least 20 members are in attendance or if it receives a vote of 60 percent of those voting by mail or e-mail provided a minimum of 20 ballots are cast.

Minutes drafted by Ronald B. Miller, M.D. in the absence of Dick Frank, 6-10-09