

CUCRA Information Officer's Report

April 27, 2023 CUCRA Meeting

Association Reports:

A hearty thanks to all association Presidents and CUCRA Representatives for submitting their association reports for the Spring 2023 meeting.

CUCRA Distribution Lists:

Please remember to submit changes in the officers of your association. I keep email distribution lists for association presidents, CUCRA Reps and Alternate CUCRA Reps, association Treasurers, Center Directors, and a few others who fit neatly into the listed categories. Keeping each list up to date ensures that all the correct people receive official CUCRA email. If you are not sure, you can send me an email to bobdaly@ucr.edu to verify your officers.

Information Officer Duties:

A new Information Officer will be elected at the October 2023 meeting. I have served my two terms and I am not eligible for re-election. (See Article IV, paragraph C.)

Some of you may be interested in being elected to serve as the CUCRA Information Officer, so I thought I might provide some background about the responsibilities of the CUCRA Information Officer. The official job description is in the CUCRA Bylaws <<http://cucra.ucsd.edu/about/2020-10bylaws.html>> starting on page 7. To help you understand the responsibilities listed in the Bylaws, below I provide some comments involved with each listed responsibility:

1. Maintaining a current roster of each member association's President/Chair and voting and alternate representatives, including postal and email addresses and telephone numbers.

In today's world, the roster is now email distribution lists. Other information listed above can be obtained if needed. The email lists can be transferred to a new Information Officer.

2. Assuring, in consultation with the Chair, the maintenance of the Council's website.

The CUCRA web master programs and updates the website—it is not a responsibility of the Information Officer. The Information Officer works with the web master to ensure the website is enhanced, updated, and maintained and all needed reports and documents are published on the website. The Information Officer also consults with the CUCRA Executive Committee about changes and updates to the website.

3. Disseminating pertinent information to each member association's representatives.

This is done via email. I use a Gmail account to distribute official CUCRA email. The login credentials can be transferred to a new information Officer.

4. Furnishing data concerning retirees to the University of California administration, State Legislature, or media when requested by the Council or its Chair.

The chair usually has the lead here, but I have helped when needed.

5. Sending out notifications to Council members when materials and documents are available or require action.

Mostly happens two times per year for each CUCRA meeting. Occasionally other information is distributed via the official CUCRA email. A couple of years ago, I started producing the "CUCRA Retirees Report" as a way to send announcements and notifications to CUCRA members. It is not a requirement of the Information Officer but one that the new Information Officer may want to continue producing.

6. Performing other duties as requested by the Chair or the Council.

The current chair is a task master. 😊 One extra duty has been serving on the UCOP-CUCRA-CUCEA Publications Committee. The committee advises and recommends changes to UCOP staff about New Dimensions and health care publications. It meets occasionally.

Serving as CUCRA's Information Officer has been a wonderful experience. It is great way to stay in contact with my UC colleagues and meeting many other UC retirees. I've learned a lot about health care issues including those I didn't even knew existed. Being an Executive Committee member is also a great opportunity to stay at the forefront of issues facing all UC retiree associations.

So, dust off your CV and consider being CUCRA's Information Officer. If you do get elected, we will be working together as I will still be the CUCRA web master (unless someone else wants that job).

Best wishes,

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