

Annual Membership Meeting and Reception
Sacramento Room, Red Lion Hotel, Redding

CUAA held its Annual Membership Meeting and Reception on February 5, 2020. Douglas Padley acted as secretary and noted the meeting. Over 60 Alumni, Faculty, and Friends attended the Meeting. Refreshments were provided by CUAA. Brian Barton, Chairman of the Board of Directors kicked off the Meeting at about 5:15. He started the Meeting by discussing CUAA's mission and history. After describing the actions of the Board in 2019, Brian laid out the objectives for 2020. Brian singled out the work by Board member Will Goldenberg. Will worked with the IRS and the Franchise Tax Board to reinstate our non-profit status and Will brought us into the digital age. We now have a Facebook page, a web site, and email.

Brian introduced Dr. Barbara Clucas who talked about the Wildlife Department at HSU and student enrollment. Dr Clucas went on to talk about undergraduate and graduate research projects. HSU once again won the Quiz Bowl at the Redding meeting but will be unable to compete in the National Meeting because Kentucky is a no travel state for California. Letters have been written to TWS to notify them of this situation. Dr. Clucas finished with a description of some projects CUAA may be able to help with in the near term.

Following the Wildlife Department Report we heard from the membership Committee. Doug Padley briefly described the process of identifying and tracking down contact information on over 3100 Alumni listed in the CUAA files. He also mentioned the need to identify Alumni who graduated between 2012 and 2019. To date CUAA has attempted to contact over 1500 Alumni and as of the end of January we have 43 paid members. The biggest news is that memberships can be purchased online at www.CUAAhumboldt.org , and we now have three membership levels including a life membership.

Brian Barton continued the meeting on a personal note talking about Stan "Doc" Harris who recently passed away. Many in the room were too young to have worked with Doc, but his influence impacted all that have passed through the department in the last 60 years. Brian asked for a show of hands to identify the most appropriate way to memorialize Doc's contributions. The overwhelming majority supported an internship focused on wetlands or waterfowl. Scott Frazer also shared stories about Doc with the students and alumni that did not know him.

Brian continued the discussion by talking about the special relationship the alumni have to each other and to the Department. Describing the relationship as a family and how family members help each other out. Alumni help each other out through mentoring, notifying others about jobs, or giving other alumni a place to stay when passing through an area.

Brian introduced Terra Fuller and allowed her to discuss her need to step down from the board. She spoke of her duties and how much it meant to her to be part of CUAA for so many years, in various capacities. Brian then discussed the need for a new board member, and his wish that they be representative of the more diverse Department and University. He asked for volunteers and two recent alumni came forward. A vote was taken and both were approved. We're happy to welcome Kristen Burgess as our new Board member, effective immediately, and Megan McCormick as our Board member in waiting. Megan will attend board meetings now and join us officially at the end of 2020 when Brian Barton times out. Both will provide biographies for the website soon.

Scott Frazer was introduced as the Fundraising Committee chair and was called up to initially discuss fundraising plans and issues. Scott also asked for assistance with the fundraising effort. With 5 to 10

individuals volunteering no more than 5 hours a piece, Scott believes he can meet the objectives of the Board and Alumni. Scott finished up by mentioning a CUAA reunion will be held at HSU in early fall.

At the end of the meeting donations were collected to offset the cost of beverages, and members were given the opportunity to purchase memberships at the meeting or online.

Respectively submitted by Brian Barton, CUAA Board Chair