**July 9, 2025** **Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Committee Meeting Notes**

**Present:** Marshelle Thobaben, President & Cal Poly Humboldt University Senate Representative; Jeffry Borgeld, Membership Chair; Susan Dobie, Program Chair and Kumi Watanabe-Schock, Communications Chair

**Absent:** Lou Ann Wieand, Treasurer

**President Report (Marshelle)**

Baywood/fall schedule - Josh Martinez July 3, 2025 meeting: Room Fee increased from $150-$250.

Finances

HAF/WRCF $60,777.85 (7/7/25)

May 01-May 31, 2025, Management Fees to HAF/WRCF $84.95/ YTD $921.66

Grants: $5,217.00

TV012 5,220.74 May Baywood’s May expenses have *not* been submitted.

\*Dental insurance email 7/5/25 to Kim White to substantiate Jonathan's 7/3/25 email re no progress getting Dental insurance

Requested a meeting with Steve Karp and Angie Petroske--on vacation

Steve Karp has been appointed Cal Poly Humboldt's Acting Vice President for University Advancement replacing Mark Johnson June 18, 2025

Notice re Emeritus Status application deadline to be emailed to the ERFSA listserv and OAA in Aug.

Nicki Viso, Title IX Investigator informed us that ERFSA being included in her Clery report.

Draft Statement Regarding Establishing a Pool of Potential Guest Speakers

*During all Executive Committee meetings, members may propose names of potential guest speakers. Preliminary outreach may be conducted to assess their interest in participating in a future event. Following the Exc. Com.’s formal recommendations for the academic year or specific semester, the Program Chair will initiate follow-up communication with the identified individuals.*

Virtual Parking Permits: Emeritus permits will stay the same: a paper permit that will need to be obtained at the Parking Kiosk with a valid Emeritus ID. Parking information is available on the Humboldt-ERFSA website [**https://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty**](https://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty)

**Program Chair Report (Susan)**

2025 Fall Speaker Schedule has been finalized. People providing introductions will send a reminder and information about lunch. Kumi will check with Vicki & Amy regarding their furniture needs for their presentation in December.

***September 11, 2025***

***Justin Luong, Assistant Professor, Forestry, Fire and Rangeland Management***

*“The effect of local solar microgrids on rangeland vegetation and soils”*

*Solar microgrids may be an important production method to help meet growing clean energy demands but could impact rangeland ecosystems. We evaluated how solar microgrid developments affected the in situ plant communities and soil properties of three soil microgrids on coastal prairies in Humboldt county. Initial findings suggest that solar microgrids affected plant communities but did not strongly affect soil biogeochemistry.* [*https://justinluong.com/menu/currentresearch.html*](https://justinluong.com/menu/currentresearch.html)

***Introduction by Jeffry Borgeld***

***October 9, 2025***

***Sylvia E Pavan, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences***

*”An exploratory expedition to Rio Abiseo National Park: revealing a mysterious new species of mammal and garnering genomic resources from a World Heritage Site”*

*I am broadly interested in biodiversity, and I work with fieldwork exploration and collections-based research to discover and describe species, and to understand small mammals diversity and evolution. I am going to share with you some of the results from an exploratory expedition to Rio Abiseo National Park in Peru. I am investigating the unknown diversity on this World Heritage Site, revealing high endemicity and several new species of small mammals. Publication:* [*The one describing the new species of marsupial*](https://bioone.org/journals/american-museum-novitates/volume-2025/issue-4037/4037.1/A-New-Species-of-Marmosa-Mammalia--Didelphimorphia--Didelphidae/10.1206/4037.1.full)*, and please* [*follow this link*](https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/article309373110.html) *for an outreach publication framing a new marsupial species, described as a result of the project (published last month!).*

***Introduction by Susan Dobie***

***November 13, 2025***

*(sequential speakers)*

*12:00 - 12:30* ***Amy K. Conley, Lecturer, Education***

*“Building community and identity through local language practiceBuilding community and identity through local language practice”*

*We aimed to increase a sense of belonging at school, attendance, and connectedness to tribes for indigenous 8th graders by having tribal elders teach greetings and names for local fauna for three local indigenous languages and Spanish. We were successful in our efforts as well as increasing the number of indigenous and non-indigenous students planning to take an additional language as high school freshmen.* [*https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gBEdnWcZKZIKbOrqkdseH-jP-Mxi4Bdb\_4pdVA150SE/edit?usp=sharing*](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gBEdnWcZKZIKbOrqkdseH-jP-Mxi4Bdb_4pdVA150SE/edit?usp=sharing)

*12:30 - 1:00* ***Morgan Barker, Sustainability Librarian, University Library***

*”Sustainable Librarianship - Sustainable Library Certification at Cal Poly Humboldt”*

*This Certification is helping to define a new and intentional dimension of librarianship. Over the past two years, all Library faculty and staff have been on a collaborative journey toward earning Sustainability Library Certification. Through this collective effort, we have demonstrated just how deeply library work is woven into the fabric of academics and curriculum, research, and community engagement.*

[*https://libguides.humboldt.edu/sustainability/sustainable\_library\_certification*](https://libguides.humboldt.edu/sustainability/sustainable_library_certification)

***Introductions by LouAnn Wieand***

***December 11, 2025***

***Amy Uyeki & Vicki Ozaki***

*“Under One Umbrella: Building and Empowering the Community of Humboldt’s Asian' & Pacific Islanders”*

*Since its inception in 2021, Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity (HAPI) have worked to empower the Asian American/PI community and amplify diverse voices and perspectives for a more engaged and inclusive future. Team HAPI members Amy Uyeki and Vicki Ozaki will provide an overview of HAPI with current and past projects. One focus will be the Eureka Chinatown Project (ECP) which is reclaiming the dark history of the Eureka Chinatown expulsion and its relevance in our lives today. Plans for the Eureka Chinatown monument will be shared as well as envisioning future projects for both ECP and HAPI.*

[*https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zu8sNjDtuQsVJk0rdxHeq6ApHcYLb27E/view?usp=drivesdk*](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zu8sNjDtuQsVJk0rdxHeq6ApHcYLb27E/view?usp=drivesdk)

***Introduction by Kumi Watanabe-Schock***

Other Speakers previously mentioned:

Marshelle:

**Kate Lancaster**, Professor Emerita, returned as Lecturer, School of Business, Accounting & Sustainability (707) 826-5136 kathryn.lancaster@humboldt.edu

Jeffry:

**Brandon Browne**, Geology Dept chair about a possible presentation about impending eruptions. He is potentially willing next spring - on sabbatical this fall.

**Membership Chair** **Report(Jeff)**

ERFSA dues are now $35/semester or $70/year. Although some have paid their AY 25-26 dues already, Jeff recommends August payments and he will send out the membership information in August.

**Communications Chair Report (Kumi)**

Kumi will get in touch with Sarah Lasley and Michel Sargent, CTL re. 2 minute promotional video when Sarah returns to town in early August. Kumi will share the finalized 2025 Fall Speaker Series schedule with Julie Stewart, Interim OLLI Program Coordinator, our new contact person for OLLI. Julie would also like to meet with Marshelle and Kumi. Kumi will set up a meeting in July or August.

**Date of Next Meeting: 2-4pm, Thursday, August 7, 2025**

**Respectfully submitted:** Kumi Watanabe-Schock, Emerita Public Programming & Library Media Coordinator, Communications Chair