

Feb. 12, 2026 Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Present: Jeffry Borgeld, Membership Chair; Susan Dobie, Program Chair, Lou Ann Wieand, Treasurer & Kumi Watanabe-Schock, Communications Chair

Absent: Marshelle Thobaben, President & Cal Poly Humboldt University Senate Representative

President Report (Marshelle in writing)

- VP Foundation Search update
- Emeritus Status for Tenured Faculty, Lecturers, Staff and Administrators. Developed a timeline for the Vetting Process sent it to Provost Young and Senate Chair Harmon.
- University Senate Meeting Feb. 2nd
- Junior Faculty and Staff grants – Applications are due by Thursday March 26, 2026, at 3 p.m. PST. Date for Exc Com review—**Thurs: April 2nd Zoom meeting.** Kumi will send the applications after the deadline and Jeff will notify the applications if they are awarded a grant. Lou Ann will notify HAF.
- Emeritus Status and Grant recipients' reception at the Septentrio Winery on Wed., **April 22nd, 4:30-7ish.** VP Karp *not* attending; Angie will pay for the drinks on behalf of the "Foundation" Administrators invited. Kumi will take photos to use with future press release.
- Celebration of 1984 -2026 Humboldt-ERFSA 42 years?

Program Chair (Susan)

- It was wonderful to have President Carvajal kick off our Spring Luncheon Speaker Series. There were about 45 guests in attendance.
- Catalina and Oscar's talks were very engaging.

Spring Program

March 12, 2026 –Jeff to coordinate

Kyle Weis: Acting Captain of the research vessel, R/V North Wind, Woodley Island Marina
A visit from 12:00 to 1:00pm at CalPoly Humboldt's new research vessel, R/V North Wind, meeting at Dock A at the Woodley Island Marina in Eureka. We will remain at the dock, and Kyle Weis will be available to answer questions during your informal tour. There are many opportunities for lunch in Eureka, including the on-site Café Marina. Dock A is located at the south end of the marina.
Introduction by Jeffry Borgeld

April 9, 2026

Brandon L. Browne: Professor, Department of Geology,

Project: Probing the subvolcanic magma plumbing systems of continental and oceanic basaltic volcanoes, examples from Medicine Lake volcano and the Axial Seamount.

Results of new geological research on the magma systems that underly two very different basaltic volcanoes located in the Pacific Northwest, including Medicine Lake Volcano in the California Cascades and the Axial Seamount submarine volcano on the Juan de Fuca Ridge. New evidence from geochemical and geophysical observations is advancing our ability to monitor and forecast volcanic eruptions, driving volcanologists to reimagine classical models of subvolcanic magma systems from simple, long-lived, and melt-dominated systems to complex, ephemeral, and crystal-rich systems.

Introduction by Kumi Watanabe-Schock

May 14, 2026

Jose Marin Jarrin: Fisheries Biology (2020 Grant Recipient)

Project: Using genetic barcoding and otolith analysis to train a diverse workforce in Fisheries Ecology. Genetic barcoding and otolith analysis allow ecologists to identify fisheries species, and estimate fish growth and survival rates. In our lab, we have been training students and local partners to use these techniques basic parameters for fisheries management and stewardship to study octopus in the Galapagos Islands, and smelt and surfperch in Northern California. Our work will allow students and local partners to use the techniques critical to small-scale fisheries in small underserved communities.

Introduction by Lou Ann Wieand

Membership Chair (Jeff)

- Number of ERFSA members: 58
- We've agreed not to do the press release/calendar section entries for R/V Northwind Tour due to insurance issues and such.

Treasurer Lou Ann

- The Cal Poly Humboldt ERFSA Account TV012-HSU_ERFA_Fund: \$8797.18
HAF & WRCF Account: \$ (forgot to inquire!)
- Baywood updates: Bills still not paid for Sept (\$274), Oct (\$296), and Nov (\$295) Dec (?) as of Feb. 3. Total is \$1159.33 Lou Ann will inquire Nate Roy to see if this has been paid yet.

Communications Chair (Kumi)

- Tabling for ERFSA at Authors Celebration @ the Library on 2/13 (F) @ 3pm.
- ERFSA Small Grant Promotional Videos: Spring '26 - Morgan Barker ('23 recipient) & Rouhollah Aghasaleh ('22 recipient), Summer '26 - Roberto Monico ('25 recipient) & Kaitlin Reed ('20 recipient)

Next Meeting March 12th at Café Marina and Woodley's Bar, Eureka