

March 12, 2026, Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Meeting

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

President Report (Marshelle)

- VP Foundation Search update
- 9 retirees approved for Emeritus Status on March 3, 2026. Announcement was sent to Listserv, which included notice of Celebration at Septentrio Winery on March 22nd. Notified Angie to add the ES awardees to the Erfsa webpage. Reviewed process with E.S Team.
- Interesting questions re ES: retirees thought they were awarded ES, what's the policy, if a retiree had ES for Quisay-legal reasons.
- **Those awarded Emeritus Status:**
 - Cheryl A Conner, Library Instruction & Information Support Specialist
 - Romi Hitchcock-Tinseth, Faculty in the Department of Communication, Assistant Director of Admissions
 - Tera L. Mar, Information Technology Consultant
 - John (Jack) Murphy, Lecturer in Environmental Science and Management Department
 - María Corral Rocha, Lecturer, Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies, CRGS, and Sociology
 - Jay Schock, Financial Aid Counselor and NCAA Coordinator
 - Mary Jo Sweeters, Administrative Support Coordinator School of Engineering
 - Glenn Tinseth, Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
 - Mark S. Wilson Professor, Biology Department
- Attended the University Senate Meeting Feb. & March 2nd on Zoom
- Kumi--received one Junior Faculty and Staff grants applications as of 3.9.26 – 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 to everyone and Jeff will notify the applications if they are awarded a grant. Lou Ann will notify HAF.
- Reconfirmed with Tynel⁷ Emeritus Status and Grant recipients' reception at the Septentrio Winery on Wed., **April 22nd, 4:30-7ish.** Kumi will take photos of grant recipients to use with future press releases.
- Celebration of 1984 -2026 Humboldt-ERFSA 42 years?

Program Chair (Susan)

Debriefing: 55 people attended, and possibly 60+ Excellent tour of the North Wind with very enthusiastic participants. For 26-27 Speaker Series, consider similar events? (i.e. Hiking with Rees Hughes or other tours?)

Spring Program

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: 62

Treasurer Lou Ann

The Cal Poly Humboldt ERFSA Account TV012-HSU_ERFA_Fund: \$8797.18

HAF & WRCF Account: \$69,013

Baywood update: Bills still not paid for Sept (\$274), Oct (\$296), Nov (\$295), Dec (?), and Jan (?) as of Feb. 3. Total is \$1,402 Lou Ann will inquire Nate again.

Communications Chair (Kumi)

Did not send press releases & UNotices had gone out through the regular channels including the Northcoast Press releases & UNotices will go out through the regular channels including the Northcoast Journal Calendar section for Spring Speaker Series—members only for the ship tour.

Submitted University Notices re. ERFSA Small Grant (for 3/13 listings)

ERFSA Small Grant recipient videos: Morgan Barker has been added. 2 more will be added this summer (Kaitlin Reed and Roberto Monico).

Continue providing information to retiring and retired CPH staff re. ERFSA, membership, and Emeritus application.

Kumi tabled for ERFSA at Authors Celebration @ the Library on 2/13 (F) @ 3pm

Next Meetings: Small Grant meeting 2-4pm, April 2 (Zoom) & regular meeting 1-3pm on April 9, 2026