

July 16, 2026, Humboldt-ERFSA Executive Meeting Notes

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

Program Chair (Susan)

Recommended speakers for Fall 2026

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NTJIADmB3kuhyEVZNt26EoBqmUru6egxmrpbwLmnj4/edit?tab=t.0>

Sept 10, 2026: **Ryan Aylward:** NOAA Warning Coordination Meteorologist

“El Niño—Just Hot Water.” Discussion about El Niño—what it is and isn't—and how El Niño and the Southern Oscillation impact our local weather and

climate. <https://www.climate.us/>, <https://www.weather.gov/education/>

Introduction by Jeffry Borgeld

Oct 8, 2026: **Cutchá Risling Baldy:** Prof. Native American Studies, 2026 Outstanding Professor Award Recipient.

“Indigenous Cooking.” An examination of the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute.

Introduction by Kumi Watanabe-Schock.

Nov 12, 2026: **Dr. Justus Ortega,** PhD. (Interim Dean of the College of Professional Studies), Dr. Sarah Landis, PT, MS, DPT (Director of the Health and Medical Science Degree Program and Biomechanics Lab Mgr.)

“Physical Balance and Fall Risk.” The Cal Poly Humboldt Fall Risk Program is a collaborative community initiative that partners with local healthcare providers, senior centers, community organizations, and wellness programs to promote healthy aging and reduce fall risk among older adults. This presentation will highlight the impact of these partnerships, showcase ongoing research findings, and demonstrate how community engagement, experiential learning, and applied research come together to improve the lives of older adults while preparing for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Introduction by Lou Ann Wieand

Dec 10, 2026: **Christine Noel:** Education Curator, Sequoia Park Zoo.

“Stories of Survival at the Sequoia Park Zoo.”

Sequoia Park Zoo provides a home to many non-releasable rehabilitated animals, including black bear, eagle and owls. Stories of zoo team survival and descriptions of the specialized care, husbandry and welfare practices that go into caring for these animals will be discussed.

Introduction by Susan Dobie

President Report (Marshelle)

Upcoming meetings/ES Flyer

- July 20th VP Steve Karp
- Aug 11th President Carvajal

- Aug 1st Emeritus Status Flyer to be emailed to ERFSA listserv

June 22, 2026: ERFSA Website—meeting with Angie:

Website Updates

Home Bucket

- Updated intro text
- Added button link to Executive Committee Members
- Updated CSU-ERFSA statement (moved into separate color section)
- Added links to Past Luncheon Presentations (after current semester's info)

Executive Committee Bucket

- Added June 18, 2026, Meeting Notes
- Removed "Past Luncheon Presentations" from expandable header (this info lives on the Home page now, and if anyone bookmarked that page, it would redirect appropriately)
- Updated ES Letter template letter to eliminate CSU and keep joining Humboldt-ERFSA to avoid confusion between the 2 separate organizations.

Emeritus Status Bucket

- Update text for top paragraph
- Add 'Join ERFSA' button
- Update text for tenured faculty
- Updated ES Letter template letter to eliminate CSU and keep joining Humboldt-ERFSA to avoid confusion between the 2 separate organizations.

Grant Program Bucket

- Added donation information (We may be able to add a separate “bucket” in the future, but it is unclear at the moment if that is allowed, given that the donation information leads to an off-campus entity.)

Continuing Discussion-- Grant Program

- March? This past AY-ES Nominees on the University Senate Consent Calendar for approval on *March 3rd* Need to coordinate with the University calendar
- Review the flyer, letters, etc. for 2026—who?

Continuing Discussion--Fundraiser 26-27 AY:

Begin the fundraiser mid-August

Wait for the responses before our next action June 30th Initial draft fundraiser letter—see attached

ES IDs—Kumi

Timothy W. Miller, Library Faculty Co-chair (Access Services), Digital Media & Learning Librarian: question about Faculty and Staff IDs.

Cal Poly Humboldt Emeritus Status ID

There are two ways to get your Cal Poly Humboldt Faculty Emeritus Status ID.

1. At the library's front desk ask for an emeritus faculty ID. The staff looks up your emeritus status & then they will print you an ID. The library hours vary.
2. Online--the instructions link is: <https://library.humboldt.edu/services/ID/index.html>

*To be added to the ERFSA website: **Cal Poly Humboldt Emeritus Status ID** once Timothy W. Miller, Library Faculty notifies ERFSA the ID has changed as stated below.

In accordance with Section 540 of CPH's Faculty Handbook, faculty and staff emeriti may place the Latin designation *emeritus* or *emerita* following the title of their highest academic or administrative position on official correspondence. Because *emeritus* is an adjective rather than a noun, the grammatically correct usage is "Staff Emeritus" **or** "Faculty Emeritus," rather than "Emeritus Staff" or "Emeritus Faculty" for the Emeritus Status ID.

Isabella Sophia Scaglione, SLO Business Student ERFSA research project—**Jeff**

5/15/26/ & 6/29/26 Changed? Marshelle sent email to HAF to change the name of the account to

Name	HSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association
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New Association name: Cal Poly Humboldt-Emeritus, Retired Faculty and Staff Association

June 30, 2026: HAF&WRCF Update Statement for Cal Poly Humboldt-ERFSA—see attached statement

June 29, 2026: Alana Chin, 2026 Grant Recipient Revised Project

The ERFSA funds awarded to Alana Chin will be used to send her graduate student Grayson Prater to the Canopy Research Week presented by Tree Climbing Planet. On returning to CPH, Grayson will spend several days walking Alana through the training. Then both will lead a workshop for other lab members. Alana will be able to climb by October at the latest, and will work with Grayson to develop a training course for the Chin Lab.

Membership (Jeff)

- **\$4,310** is the total revenue collected during fiscal year 2025-26 AY
- **Plan for 2026-27 AY**

Treasurer (Lou Ann/Jeff)

Lou Ann and Jeff will arrange an appointment with Nate for further clarification of the TV012 Account.

Information to be posted on the Humboldt-ERFSA Website under Financial Reports
<https://www.humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty/executive-committee/financial-reports>

Cal Poly State University ERFSA Humboldt Financial Services Account: TV012 Account
\$xxx balance for the fiscal year as of 7/1/26

Baywood Golf and Country Club Expenses for 7 Luncheon Meetings

- Room rental: \$1,750
- Lunches: \$259.89
- **\$2009.89** (7 Luncheons)

Emeritus Status Reception

- ERFSA Charcuterie/Cookies: $\$43.24 + \$617.40 = \$660.64$
- Foundation: \$1,024.00

- Total: \$1,684.24

Planning for 2026-2027 AY

- \$4,310 total revenue collected during fiscal year 25-26
- \$2,670.53 total expenses during fiscal year 25-26AY (\$2009.89/7 luncheons] and \$660.64 ES Reception
- **Xx TV012 Account July 1, 2026**

Humboldt Area Foundation Endowment Account: HAFWRCF Account

- 2026 \$65,806.10 (May 1, 2026)—**will update with the June 1, 2026, data for the fiscal year**
- 2026 \$870 contributions (no formal fundraiser)
- 2026 Small Grants: \$8,423

Communications Chair (Kumi)

- **Small Grant Recipients New Promotional Videos:** Roberto Mónico (2025) & Kaitlin Reed (2020) Kumi will line up more recipients for promotional videos
- **Emeritus ID cards:** Tim Miller, co-Chair of Library Access Services & Digital Media Librarian will work with ITS to change the titles I.D.s from "Emeritus Faculty & Emeritus Staff" to "Faculty Emeritus & Staff Emeritus". Conversation about how this change may affect the ERFSA website.
- **OLLI Promotion of ERFSA program** --Mairead Sardina, Interim OLLI Program Coordinator will continue to promote Speaker Series in weekly e-newsletter.

Next Meeting: Aug 13, 2026

HAF& WRCF Updated Statement for Cal Poly Humboldt-ERFSA

https://haf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1470

Replace with this one

Since 1984, the Humboldt-Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (ERFSA) has invested in the future of Cal Poly Humboldt through the ERFSA Small Grant Program. Your generosity helps junior faculty and staff transform promising ideas into meaningful accomplishments that enrich our university and create new opportunities for students.

Even a modest grant can have a lasting impact. These awards launch research and creative projects, inspire innovative teaching, support professional growth, and enhance student learning. Often, a small investment provides the encouragement and resources needed to turn a great idea into meaningful results.

Funded entirely by the generosity of ERFSA members and friends, the Small Grant Program has awarded more than 300 grants, fostering innovation and excellence across the Cal Poly Humboldt community.

Your gift is an investment in the people who will shape Cal Poly Humboldt's future. Together, we can empower the next generation of faculty and staff while creating lasting benefits for our students and our university.



from left: James Woodhead, Gabi Kirk, Regina Jorgenson, Alana Chin, Justin Carlson, Leila Azimian, Jasper Leavitt, and Ricky Robles (photo: Kumi Watanabe-Schock, CPH)

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Current one:

Humboldt State University retired faculty members established this fund more than 20 years ago to assist young faculty in their professional development. It has provided awards to more than 70 junior faculty to further their research and creative accomplishments and to enhance their teaching effectiveness. Recent recipients have used their awards to help involve current students

in their work on projects, many related to the local area, such as forest regeneration, the North American river otter, Native American architecture, field research in Tibet, Devonian floras, children's theater, and printmaking. The Association gratefully accepts donations to the fund. Pictured: Katherine Corbett, founding member of ERFA, presenting 2011 research grant award to Dr. Robert Cliver. Photo credit: Ellen Land-Weber, Emeritus Professor. (2011)