Collaboration with Emeriti. Efforts in this area focused mainly on retaining our campus parking privileges, which were established by the Chancellor in 1976. Representatives from the Retirees Association and the Senate’s Committee on Emeriti Relations met with the Chancellor in June and felt that while the Chancellor is supportive of Retirees and Emeriti, forces outside of his control are changing and challenging the University’s past policies. The parking permits have continued to be a benefit of retirement for this year.

Service to the Campus. Similar to what UCSC's Emeriti Association and other campuses have done, the Association has begun tracking members who volunteer for the University. At least nineteen percent of our membership is currently providing service to the University.

Book/Scholarship Fund. While our scholarship fund will continue to support returning veterans, it will no longer be supported by book sales at our events. This proved to be too cumbersome and did not generate enough income to make the effort worthwhile. The board will look for other ways to fund this program. Members will continue to volunteer for state election day service and contribute their earnings to the Scholarship Fund. Fund raising is expected to yield six scholarships of $500 this year. This activity keeps us connected to Financial Aid, Student Affairs, and Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students.

Association Archives. In addition to our newsletters, past treasurer's and board meeting minutes reports are now being archived in Special Collections on campus.

Connecting with University Relations. The Association continues to partner with the University Relations staff to promote retiree participation in major events such as the annual Founders Day Dinner and annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner. Recently, our president and immediate past president assisted UR staff identify and locate retired staff from the earliest years of the campus' establishment.

Board Leadership. The board had a special meeting this spring to discuss barriers to leadership commitment and to assess whether current programs and activities were beyond our capabilities. A much revitalized board came out of that meeting with all board members agreeing to accept responsibility for at least one aspect of the board’s work, thus lessening the responsibilities of the President and Vice-President. Some accepted more assignments. We also agreed to split the role of President for the coming year.

Electronic Communication. As a result of our April meeting on board member responsibility, we now have a person in charge of Electronic Communication and have greatly increased the number of messages and the amount of information available to Association members.

Campus Presence. In our continued effort to establish ourselves on campus, we connected with another unit at our October meeting—the Director of Planned Giving. In addition, as part of our board reorganization, we appointed specific liaisons to the Benefits and Health Facilitator's
offices and the Staff Advisory Board.

**Engaging New Retirees.** As part of our discussions about leadership, the board decided to poll the membership about their interests and to focus attention on membership development, engaging new retirees, and encouraging participation in both the organization and on the board. These efforts have been successful. We have two new board members, and several Association members who have stepped forward to lead special activities/interest groups within the Association.

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