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## SJSU ERFA Annual Business Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2018

San Jose State University, Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association

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**SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association  
Annual Business Meeting, May 11, 2018  
Spring Luncheon at the Villages Clubhouse**

**Minutes**

**Welcome and Introductions**

President Ji-Mei Chang welcomed everyone to the Villages. She introduced 2017-2018 members of the ERFA Board and thanked members of the Activities Committee, Program Committee and Faculty Awards committee for their contributions.

**Presentations of Projects for the ERFA Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award**

Jo Bell Whitlatch, member of the awards committee, introduced Alan Soldofsky, Professor, English and Comparative Literature and Ningkun Wang, Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Chemical Biology. They briefly described their plans for using the ERFA award funds in the context of their projects. Alan Soldofsky is compiling an anthology of poems, accompanied by a website with videos and interviews, by poets born outside the US or who are children or grandchildren of immigrant families. Ningkun Wang is conducting research leading to a greater understanding of neurodegenerative diseases and aging. Jo Bell summarized the project of the third awardee, Ruma Chopra, Professor, History, was unable to attend. Ruma Chopra will be conducting research in the British Archives to complete work on her book: Another Tale of Two Cities: Diasporic Claims on the Post-Slavery Caribbean.

President Ji-Mei Chang introduced Amy Strage, AVP for Faculty Development and her staff at the Center for Faculty Development (CFD) Gina Marin and Devin Wong. She thanked them for organizing faculty applications, so the ERFA Faculty Award committee can review the proposals effectively. The CFD's support includes sending out review results to applicants. Without their support and expertise, ERFA Award program would not be able to function efficiently.

Ji-Mei Chang noted that due to members' support and generous donations, ERFA is now able to fund three recipients in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. She asked members to continue the fundraising effort to support this meaningful and essential research and creative activity program. Through Faculty Awards, members of SJSU ERFA are further connected to colleagues on campus.

**Business Meeting**

President Ji-Mei Chang called the business meeting to order.

Nancie Fimbel presented the ERFA Board recommended nominations for 2018-19 offices:

Vice-President/President Elect – Chris Jochim  
Treasurer (2-year position) – Abdel El-Shaieb  
Member-at-Large (2-year position) – Carmen Sigler  
Academic Senate Representative – Peter Buzanski

No additional nominations came from the floor. Peter Buzanski/ Dolores Escobar moved/seconded to close nominations. The slate of nominations was approved as presented.

President Ji-Mei Chang encouraged members to consider joining CSU ERFA, if they are not already members. Increasing our membership is important because CSU ERFA's dues support advocacy efforts regarding retirees and health benefits. Abdel El-Shaieb, Treasurer can provide details on dues and answer other questions.

On behalf of the Executive Board, Past President Nancie Fimbel thanked Ji-Mei Chang for her excellent leadership.

### **Spring Luncheon Program**

The SJSU Choraliers, directed by Dr. Jeffrey Benson, entertained the audience through a masterful performance of a wide range of songs. President Ji-Mei Chang presented Director Benson with the SJSU ERFA organizational donation and donations from individual members to support Choraliers Program.

*Minutes submitted by Jo Bell Whitlatch  
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