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Dear Colleagues,

In the space of a single year, our world seems to have turned upside down. I am happy to say however, that the Officers of CUCEA are engaged with the business of our organization. That includes maintaining good communication with UCOP and ensuring that they work with us to provide good service to our members and all UC retirees. Our closest ties of course, are with CUCRA, our sister organization. Many CUCEA members are members of both organizations. The leadership of both groups is committed to a thriving, vibrant retiree community, as visualized by John Vohs in "The Virtual Eleventh Campus", which comprises a unique group of people united by a common culture of continuing contributions to California's public university system. Fiscal retirement doesn't mean physical or intellectual retirement for Virtual Eleventh campus members and other retirees and emeriti.

Some pieces of new business will be addressed in our fall virtual CUCEA and CUCEA/CUCRA meetings during which UC Santa Cruz is our host and will facilitate Zoom. We will introduce new leadership, our Chair-elect, Jo Anne Boorkman, our Secretary Phyllis Mirsky, and our new chair of the Emeriti Activities survey, Jessica Utts. We are continuing to search for an archivist/historian. Suggestions are welcome. We will review our budget and discuss any special reporting requirements related to the (hopefully annual) gift we receive from the Academic Council. We will hear from Jo Ann Boorkman and Todd Wipke who are members of the Survivor Working Group. Todd and his colleagues have developed a system for tracking survivor benefits during the aftermath of loss. UCOP is organizing preliminary meetings to review the system and we hope that this will materialize in the near future. Through our monthly meetings with Ellen Lorenz and her UCOP colleagues we have been able to identify incidents of concern regarding service to retirees.

Hopefully, we will have more to report on this at our meetings when we will hear from the leadership of RASC and provide input into their operation. Health care should be a significant part of our agenda, particularly in view of the budgetary problems the University is facing. This should include an update on the Health Benefits Advisory Committee and the UC Medicare Choice. It is already looking like a full agenda; however, if you have a particular topic of interest, please let me know.

Finally we need to discuss whether our meetings in future will be virtual, hybrid or whatever our members like best. One idea that I discussed with Caroline was having one 'in person' and one Zoom only during the year.

Sincerely,

Harry