

Report from Webmaster
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It has been a pleasure serving as your Webmaster. I am indebted to Marjorie Caserio who set up our original website. With her illness and death, the website would have been left entirely unattended except for the heroic efforts of Louise Taylor and Bob Daly.

When I became webmaster, I worked from Marjorie's original template and edited the website in a number of ways. First off, the web address has changed to www.cucea.org. We were originally hosted by UCSD, but we found it easier to modify the site away from the university servers and IT environment. If you have not already done so, please update our web address on your own websites.

While I retained the original site architecture, I pruned dead links or redundant ones and reorganized link locations. I also updated the memorials section. There were numerous lacunae concerning campus reports and awards and I appreciate all your efforts to bring us up to date. Please let me know if you have additional information from your campuses that should be reflected in the site. Similarly, if you find errors in the site, let me know.

Probably the wisest decision I made was to hire Jenny Jaramillo as a web designer. If you find the website visually appealing, it is entirely due to Jenny's efforts.

We update the site frequently and highlight the campus reports and awards. This is a slightly tedious mechanical cut and paste. We can make our site more accurate and up to date, when we are able to link to a comparably organized page on each campus website. As it is, some campuses send us a word file or pdf, which we then need to translate for posting. On the other hand, some campuses already have a subpage on awards, for instance, which we import automatically whenever it is updated by the campus. See for instance the UC Davis page on awards: emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu/awards-and-recognition/distinguished-emeritusa-award. It would make our job easier if other campuses followed such practices.

Our website also functions as an online archive for past activities. In the future we will be examining if these archival reports should be reorganized and whether our hard copy archives, currently at UCLA special collections, should be included on the site.

I am delighted to be succeeded as Webmaster by my old friend Jim Chalfant from Davis.

– Joel E. Dimsdale, M.D.