



THE UCB RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION
July 5, 2020 Update

Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 crisis has put all of our plans for 2020 on hold. We had anticipated establishing the University of Colorado Boulder Retired Faculty Association (UCBRFA) subsequent to Chancellor DiStefano's agreement to support and fund this initiative. The objectives were to provide a broad program of activities that would encourage retirees to remain connected to the Boulder campus, and to use their expertise and experience to assist the campus in achieving its educational and scholarly missions. Clearly, the current situation has delayed progress in meeting these objectives.

We are pleased to report that Michele Moses, the Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor, Faculty Affairs has agreed to represent the interests of the UCBRFA at the campus administrative level. As well, David R. Kassoy represents the retired faculty on the Boulder Faculty Assembly (BFA) Executive Committee and Jerry Peterson is our representative on the larger BFA. VP Moses' assistant, Ka Yong Wolff, has created a website for the UCBRFA: <https://www.colorado.edu/retiredfaculty/> that contains important information and useful links including the proposal to establish the UCBRFA. Ultimately, it will contain our events calendar, a summary of relevant information (replacing the hardcopy CURFA newsletter) and a membership list (replacing the hardcopy membership CURFA booklet). It is anticipated that future bylaws, to be approved by the membership, will be available on the website. For the time-being, the management of the UCBRFA is being handled by original officers of CURFA, its executive committee and bylaws. Elections for a new slate of officers is anticipated in the period of Spring 2021 along with updated bylaws specific to the new retired faculty organization. Meanwhile our advice is to avoid visiting the campus until we are officially notified that it is safe to do so. Those with specific campus facilities needs should contact the [Research and Innovation Office](#).

During the current crisis, we are attempting to support retired faculty by facilitating remote IT support (help desk) for electronic devices. We plan to organize fall and spring programming that will feature seminars in the areas of space science, economics, politics and health along with music performances. In addition, we will provide opportunities for interactions with Chancellor DiStefano and VP Moses.

We welcome your expressions of interest in the UCBRFA and suggestions for what might be helpful to faculty retirees, especially in these challenging times.

Best wishes for a healthy summer,

David Kassoy and Alan Greenberg
UCBRFA Executive Committee Members