

Greetings Fellow Retirees,

The litigants in the lawsuit against the University of California are our stand-ins, our representatives if you will. They do not have the financial resources that are available to the University of California to pay the lawyers' fees and costs out of their own pockets. You, the LLNL retirees, are the source of funding that enable these litigants to represent us.

When Joe Requa had to step down as President of UCLRG we had to scramble find a replacement officer. This sudden need to replace an officer showed us how unprepared we were to deal with a sudden loss of one of our board members. The UCLRG is the focal point for the legal action against UC; it is the group of volunteers that co-ordinate asking you for money, interface with the attorneys, pay the bills, and keep you informed. Failure of the UCLRG for lack of officers would seriously affect the support side of the lawsuit.

It is not clear whether or not the UC is filing paper work to stretch out litigation trying to get plaintiffs (us) to give up. On the other hand, if the UC believes UCLRG would prevail, they could settle rather than continue litigation. It is obvious that the UC was trying very hard to end the suit at the earliest stage and much effort and time was spent by the UC trying to achieve this goal. The situation has improved considerable for UCLRG after the appeal allowing the suit to go forward. However we have no idea how long UC will be able to stretch this lawsuit out so we need to ensure the continuity of the UCLRG and the support it provides to the litigants.

UCLRG has four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We need all four of these positions to remain legally viable as an organization; it is what allows us to collect and disburse money for the legal action against UC. It requires at least three officers be present (a quorum) to carry out any vote including payment of financial obligations (pay the attorneys for example.)

We are asking for volunteers to be backup for our officers should life deliver us an unwelcome surprise (as it often does.) Particularly acute are the positions of Secretary and Treasurer as these positions are filled by a husband and wife, and should anything happen to either of them we would be short two officers instead of one. We would like to have at least two people (preferably as many as six) who would be willing to step into one of the positions if needed. One of these folks should be willing to take the position of president and hopefully one will volunteer to take over the current position of Secretary or Treasurer. We would ask that you attend the occasional meeting to become familiar with the officers and to be aware of the current tasks.

We meet very seldom, only to carry out tasks that require a vote. Here are the duties in general:

President - This position carries the heaviest responsibilities.
Carries out all the communications with the lawyers and nearly anyone else that wants to officially talk to UCLRG.
Keeps track of our legal requirements.
Approves monetary expenditures and co-signs checks for disbursements.

Vice President

Fills in for the President when he is not available.
Manages a couple of small tasks that include arranging for tax filing (we don't pay taxes but we do have to file.)
Minor tasks as they are needed.

Secretary

Keeps the minutes of the meetings.
Manages the Website and emailing of notices and updates.

Minor tasks as they are needed.

Treasurer

Does the bookkeeping for money received/disbursed in a simple Excel file system.
Co-signs checks for disbursements.

Webmaster

This is not an official position, but it would be nice to have a backup for keeping the website running. This does not require any technical ability other than using a PC to run website software (provided by UCLRG). It's pretty easy.

Thanks for considering helping out. Please contact Walt Sokoloski
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