

RFSA Full Board Meeting
February 17, 2026
Approved on 6/23/2025

Attendees:

Martha Hilley, Bob Lawrence, Mary Knight, Holly Thompson (TEAMS), Tany Norwood, John De La Garza, Robin Jarman, Carol Barrett, Kathy and Richard Armenta, Lael Hasty (TEAMS), Donna Bellinghausen (TEAMS), Mary Kay Hemenway, Madeline Sutherland-Meier (TEAMS), Hillary Hart, Sharon Justice, Miles Abernathy, Phil Kelton, Gayle Hight

The meeting was called to order by Martha Hilley at 10:00.



Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

- Fall Luncheon – 10/15/2025 – unanimously approved and placed on website (Holly)
- September 16 Full Board Meeting – unanimously approved and placed on website (Holly)

BUDGET and Treasurer’s Report (Mary)

For the calendar year through December:
Revenue (\$5,064 total)

- Total Dues and Donations: \$4,464
- Sponsorship revenue: \$600
- Additional reimbursement expected from President’s Office for two luncheons (approx. \$16,000), currently delayed due to IDT process.

Expenses (\$9,010.75 total)

- McKetta Awards: \$500
- Fall luncheon: \$8,096.80
- Musicians: \$300
- Operating costs: \$113.95
- UT Outpost (budget-approved): \$2,500 in process

Net Income

- Current net income sits at –\$3,946.75, primarily due to pending reimbursements.

Account Balances

- Operating account: \$16,734.51
- Scholarship fund: \$22,008.04
- Total funds: \$39,538.51

Additional Notes

- A check for travel income was sent to the wrong address; delivered in person on January 7.
- Another \$3,200 check is expected for 2025.

See full Treasurer’s report on page 2.

2025-2026 Financials through December 31, 2025

RFSA OPERATING ACCOUNT (GL 12639)	2025-26 APPROVED BUDGET	YTD Actual 9/1/2025 to 12/31/2025
Revenue		
Dues	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 4,464.00
Donations- McKetta Charitable Fdn	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsorships (FastPark, Capital City Village, St. Davids, Weed-Corley Fish, Westminster, Martinez and Guilloteau Realtors)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 600.00
University Reimbursement - Luncheons	\$ 17,000.00	
Pay it Forward Reimb - Kevin Tuerff - CBR Invoice	\$ -	
Travel Income	\$ 4,500.00	
Total Revenue	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 5,064.00
Expense		
McKetta Awards	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Scholarship donations in Honor or in Memory	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal-Scholarships	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Past President Luncheon	\$ -	\$ -
Fall Luncheon	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,096.80
Holiday Party and Musicians	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 300.00
RFSA Board Meeting Set-up	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Luncheon	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -
Subtotal-Board Meetings, Luncheons & Holiday Party	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 8,396.80
Operating Costs (Postage, mileage, Office supplies, and Printing)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 113.95
Parking Validations	\$ -	\$ -
Annual Membership IT Additions (RFSA Legacy Memb+AutoRenew 1 Year)	\$ -	\$ -
End of Office Gift for President	\$ -	\$ -
Sub-total-Operating Costs (mileage, office supplies, postage)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 113.95
RFSA Fall and Summer Newsletter	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
"Texas Connect" Ad	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -
Sub-total-Magazine, Ad and Directory	\$ 7,850.00	\$ -
AROHE Membership Payment	\$ -	\$ -
Donation - UT Outpost	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Sub-total-Membership, Donations, Reserves	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 35,850.00	\$ 9,010.75
Net Income	\$ 2,150.00	\$ (3,946.75)

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Operating Account (GL 12639)

Ending 8/31/25 Balance	\$ 20,681.26
2025-26 Revenue	\$ 5,064.00
2025-26 Expense	\$ (9,010.75)
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2025	\$ 16,734.51

RFSA Match for Scholarship Donations (GL 12631)

Ending 8/31/25 Balance	\$ 22,804.00
Transfers In (Scholarship Donations)	\$ -
Paid to UT for Scholarship Match	\$ -
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2025	\$ 22,804.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 39,538.51

Interest Groups and Committees:

Magazine (Donna):

- Feedback on appearance – font increased in response to member requests.
- Donna asked for feedback on appearance, layout, and readability. Positive input received.
- May 15 deadline for next edition (for input)
- Publication deadline end of June, early July

Membership: (Membership chair not in attendance, report given by Carol Barrett)

- We just added about 150 new retirees to our membership. Total of 580.
- Two new Legacy members: John Daly, joined in January. Linda Yoder joined in February.

Arts & Culture (Madeline Sutherland-Meier, Co-Chair)

- Hillary (Co-Chair) wrote the magazine article reporting on our fall tour of “Spirit and Splendor” at the Blanton (tour led by Laraine Lasdon).
- Laraine will be taking us through the HRC Live from New York exhibit (this week) – 2:00 Friday, Ransom Center. A number of people have signed up for this.
- There will also be a link to an article in Variety about a new documentary on Lorne Michaels (sent by Miles Abernathy).
- Activity suggestions from members – good new addition to email blast (compliment from Madeline).

Bridge (Mary Kay Hemenway):

- The bridge group meets monthly at the Alumni Center to play “party” bridge (not duplicate). We meet on the first Monday of each month from 1-4 PM unless that Monday is a holiday (in which case we meet on an alternative date). We are space-limited to four tables of four players per table.
- Carol Barrett kindly sets up the room and provides coffee, water, and soft drinks.
- Past meetings since the last report: October (12 attendees), November (11 attendees), December (7 attendees), January (16 attendees), and February (15 attendees).

Exercise:

- Without a chair for this group, and with only a few people attending the exercise class, we may not need to continue having an exercise committee. Silver Sneakers and online exercise classes are available and are easier to attend.

Special Projects:

- John, Martha, and Mary are meeting with Dr. Doyle of Student Affairs to discuss the possibility of volunteering with First Generation Students.
- Do we remove this board title (which was created for Peggy Mueller, who resigned) and just keep the volunteer opportunities in mind for a future interest group or committee?

Foodies (Robert Lawrence):

- Foodies is doing well and had 42 people at the January lunch (Grove Wine Bar and Kitchen). We had 7 attend the Chinese New Year lunch in February.
- Our first dinner will be Friday 2/20 at It's Italian.

Scholarship (Lael Hasty):

- \$2,525 in donations has been received since our October 15, 2025, lunch meeting. These donations are from 10 people of which seven donors are our Board members.
- 25 scholarships in amount of \$3,000 each have been awarded to students for the 2025-2026 school year. Total amount given is \$75,000.
- We are nearly ready to transfer \$5,000 into the endowment, and I will let Carol and Mary Knight know

when the transfer needs to be made.

- Mykal Montgomery, one of our scholarship recipients, made brief remarks at the Fall luncheon about how much the scholarship meant to her. Seven students were in attendance which is the most students we have had attend in years.
- We received names and contact information from the Office of Student Financial Aid for 16 of the 25 recipients. Out of those 11 students provided information and their head shots. We listed 5 students in name only when they did not respond with their information. All available scholarship recipients information was provided to Donna Bellinghausen and Sharon Justice for the RFSA magazine.
- Students will not attend our Spring luncheon Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Their finals are April 30-May 4 and Commencement is May 9, 2026.

Speaker Series (Phil Kelton):

- Attendance at meetings has been excellent!
- Recent RFSA Speaker Series meetings:
 - September: Dr. J. Craig Wheeler on his book "The Path to Singularity" about coping with the rapid changes brought on by modern technology.
 - October: "Senior Living Communities: Why? Where? When?", a panel discussion with residents from Westminster, The Village at the Triangle, and Longhorn Village
 - November: Ms. Liz Nielsen of Nielsen Law on the basics of estate planning
 - January: real estate presentation by Nancy Guilloteau, PhD, from the McGuire Team and Bramlett Partners; topic was "Rightsizing your Life", with Nancy and her panelists; Nancy is an RFSA sponsor.
- Upcoming meetings on our schedule:
 - February 25: Dr. Harriett Chaney on fall prevention, at Gillum Library because Howson is closed that week.
 - March 25: Carl Stuart on the current financial markets, at Howson Library

Sponsorship (Gayle Hight):

- Sponsorships appear in 2 magazine issues per year: \$1000 full page ad, \$600 half-page ad.
- Stan's is BACK. Logo and links have been put back onto the website and email blast.
- Gayle complimented the RFSA magazine (makes her proud).

Travel (Kathy Armenta):

- In November, our long-time Committee Member and frequent RFSA traveler, Billie Pierce, passed away after a short battle with cancer. A Celebration of Life event with her family and friends is scheduled for March 7th. For information, contact the Armentas.
- In October, the Armentas decided to extend their two-year Chair commitment another year, concluding in March 2027. Lori Threatt has also agreed to continue her Travel Advisor role as well. In an effort to further develop the Committee and grow future leadership, two new members have joined our group: Mary Mulvaney and Stacey Amorous. Two additional folks will be added this spring. Eleven Committee members are: Lori Threatt, Robin Jarmon, Robin Fradenburgh, Karen Harrison, Sybil & Keith Momii, Federico Subervi, Stacey Amorous, Mary Mulvaney, and Kathy & Richard Armenta.
- The Travel Committee has begun work to plan 2027 travel opportunities. Eleven members met on January 7, 2026, for a two-hour planning session, updating travel criteria, discussing current reservation #'s for 2026 trips, and beginning to explore destinations and tour options.
- We have had a good response with reservations for all three 2026 trips (Danube Cruise, Alaska Cruise and Land Tour, and Fall Colors in Adirondacks) and the good news is that there's still available spots on each of those tours.
- We currently have 26 folks registered for the Danube, 11 for Alaska and 13 for the Adirondacks.
- \$3200 was returned to RFSA for the 2025 trips to Peru, Colorado, and Tuscany. Three trip articles and photos were prepared by Committee members for the Summer and Winter RFSA magazine issues.

- Meanwhile, the Travel Committee will be excited to announce plans for 2027 trips in the next couple of months, as we finalize those new travel offerings. The Committee is using feedback from last year's Travel Survey, and we plan to do the survey again next Fall. If you have a travel idea to share, please contact us asap!!

Nomination Committee (Robert Lawrence):

- Member at large (Robin Jarman has agreed to stay for another year).
- Treasurer (Mary's "presidential term" replacement has been named) – Elvia Rosales (Elvia worked with Mary in the Budget Office).
- President-Elect: Lael Hasty (continuing as scholarship chair, may need assistance)

RFSA Job Descriptions and Constitution (Tany):

- "Calendar year" for Terms of Office (section 3) is incorrect, due to the dates of our spring luncheons – typically April to April.
- Tany noticed that the Dues section did not include the new Legacy membership.
- Changes to the constitution as well as to the board position descriptions are due to Tany by the end of February. Tany will revise and submit it for approval.

Article 5, Section 3. Terms of Office:

The terms of the President, President-Elect and Immediate Past-President shall normally be one year. The terms of the Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Members-at-Large shall be three years, with Members-at-Large serving three-year staggered terms. "Year" is defined as the period between the annual spring business meetings.

- Approved and seconded, approved by all.

Article II: Dues:

Dues are listed on the membership application form and the RFSA website. Dues are waived for individuals in their first year of membership, but continuing member's dues are \$25 for a single annual membership or \$35 for a joint annual membership. A three-year membership is offered for a discounted price of \$70 for a single and \$86 for a joint membership. A Legacy (lifetime) membership is \$400 for a single membership and \$550 for joint membership.

Spring Luncheon – date change: May 12

- Speaker will be Tony Hunt, Associate Vice President of Human Resources
- Tables from HR to include:
 - HR Service Center
 - Benefits and Leave Management
 - Senior Benefits Specialist
 - Work Life Balance and Wellness
 - Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
 - Eldercare Support

Martha expressed the desire to keep our luncheons in April (rather than moving to May) in the future, to ensure that students will be able to attend.

Meeting was adjourned early.