

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
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Minutes for *March 14, 2012*; Clark-Lindsey Meeting Room

Attending: Mary Beastall, Gerald Brighton, Tom Conry, Paul Dollins, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Ginny Waaler, Bill Williamson

I. Call to Order and President's Report

- A. Meeting was called to order by President Conry at 1:34PM.
- B. Minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2012 were approved; Exec Committee members were asked to review after the meeting and to email comments to Rugg. (Special thanks to Rugg for taking February minutes in Ruprecht's absence.)
- C. Schedule of meetings was reviewed:
 - Meetings of the Exec Committee: April 11, May 9, June 13
 - UIUC Retirement Planning Conference (name to be changed; see below), Sunday, April 1, 2012
 - Spring general meeting SUAA-UIUC Chapter, Sunday, April 22, 2012 at Hawthorne Suites.
 - Big Ten Retirees' Meeting: Ohio State Univ, August 3-5, 2012
- D. President's Report: A Meet & Greet for State Representative Chapin Rose was held at Jupiter's-at-the-Crossing on Sunday, March 11. Turnout was good; event was a success.

II. Treasurer's Report (Brighton):

- Receipts for February were \$710; disbursements were \$21.
- Fund balances on February 29 were \$88,784 (\$47,001 CDs + \$41,783 checking)
- Report was accepted.

III. Action Items

A. Plans for spring General Membership Meeting, Sunday, April 22, 2012

Meeting will be at Hawthorne Suites. We should probably have someone at the I-Hotel redirecting attendees who incorrectly assume that is the location.

We need desk staff at the meeting to handle sign-in, nametags, and to obtain email addresses from attendees.

Coffee and cookies will be offered as in the past.

Rugg and Chancellor Wise's staff will confer regarding the nature of the Chancellor's comments. Around 100 copies of the IGPA document *Fiscal Sustainability and Retirement Security: A Reform Proposal for the Illinois State Universities Retirement System* will be made available at the meeting. Bio's for Exec Committee nominees must be available at the meeting. Membership forms will also be made available.

B. Benefits Committee – Planning issues for the UIUC Retirement Education Conference, April 1, 2012

Williamson circulated a handout identifying five planning areas that need Exec Committee decisions.

Registration begins at 12:30PM; vendor booths/tables will be available until 5:00PM. The name was changed at some point to the *UIUC Retirement Planning Conference*, which some exec Committee members thought implied a financial planning focus. After it was suggested the name more closely reflect the nature and intent of the Conference, the name *SUAA: Fighting to Protect Your Benefits* was suggested and generally agreed upon. [no motion], since SUAA membership stimulation is the basis for our hosting the event.

Copies of *The Annuitant* will be in the handout packet; which includes the three membership applications [1) current employees, cash payment; 2) retirees, cash or monthly payment; and 3) current employees, payroll deduction]

Linda Brookhart will be asked to make some comments. Conry will be the host speaker.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for Exec Committee volunteers to work the event in two-hour shifts; 1:00 to 3:00, and 3:00 to 5:00.

C. IGPA Report

A motion was made to endorse the IGPA report to the state SUAA as follows:

“The Executive Committee of the SUAA -UIUC Chapter endorses the content and principles of the IGPA report, *Fiscal Sustainability and Retirement Security: A Reform Proposal for the Illinois State Universities Retirement System*, and encourages the state SUAA organization to also endorse and work actively for support across higher education in Illinois.” The motion was seconded and passed.

IV. Reporting Items

- A. **Membership (Palumbo):** A net decrease of 5 in membership was reported for February; from 2084 to 2079. Reminder letters were sent to 34 non-renewers.

- B. **Legislative Committee/Political Action (Rugg, Schoell):**
 - There was general discussion of the Meet & Greet hosted by our chapter for Chapin Rose on March 11. It was viewed as a successful event with good turnout.
 - The upcoming primary election on 3/20/12 will be watched with interest.
 - Some action must be taken by the legislature on the two biggest financial issues before the state, pensions and Medicaid, though it may not happen until the fall after the election.
 - It is likely some action will be taken by the legislature on state employee health care prior to July 1.

- C. **Communications Committee (Engelgau):**
No report
- D. **Newsletter (Loeb)**
No report
- E. **Benefits Committee (Beastall):**

No report

F. **Nominating Committee [Dollins(chair), Beastall, Rugg]**

While it is best to have bios for all nominees in the newsletter, that will be difficult due to the publishing timeline. Nominee bios can be made available on the website, though that will likely miss ~50% of our members.

V. New Business

-none

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.