

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Web site: <http://www.suaa-ui.org>

Minutes for April 11, 2012; Clark-Lindsey Meeting Room

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

I. Call to Order and President's Report

- A. Meeting was called to order by President Conry at 1:33PM.
- B. Minutes for the meeting of March 14, 2012 were approved
- C. Schedule of meetings was reviewed:
 - Future meetings of the Exec Committee: 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.
 - Survivor's Benefit workshop; May 3, 2012
 - SUAA State Directors' meeting; Springfield, June 19-20, 2012
 - Big Ten Retirees' Meeting: Ohio State Univ, August 3-5, 2012
- D. President's Report: In a discussion with Linda Brookhart, Linda observed that the state universities appear to be on board with the IGPA proposal for Tier II.

II. Treasurer's Report (Brighton):

- Receipts for March were \$644; disbursements were \$1,221.
- Fund balances on March 31 were \$88,269 (\$47,063 CDs + \$41,206 checking)
- Approval was moved, seconded, and passed.

III. Action Items

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

Meeting will be at Hawthorne Suites; Loeb is coordinating preparations in the absence of Waaler. We will have desk staff at the meeting to handle sign-in, nametags, and to obtain email addresses from attendees.

There will be seating and capacity for 125.

Bios for Executive Committee nominees will be provided at the meeting.

Coffee and cookies will be offered as in the past.

This will be the first general meeting under the modified bylaws; no nominations from the floor will be accepted.

B. Benefits Committee – UIUC Retirement Education Conference, April 1, 2012

Thanks to Williamson for coordinating Exec Committee volunteers. Hunt expressed appreciation for SUAA's sponsorship of the event. The meeting was well-attended; 350 registered, 325 attended. The event is viewed as a success by Academic Human Resources. Since we acquired email addresses for attendees; it was recommended an e-letter be sent to attendees with a link to the Chapter website.

Williamson circulated a draft program for the upcoming Survivors' Workshop

IV. Reporting Items

- A. **Membership (Palumbo):** A Membership Committee report was circulated. A net increase of 5 in membership was reported for March; from 2079 to 2084.

B. Legislative Committee/Political Action (Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell):

- Future Meet & Greets, similar to the Chapin Rose event last month, are possible. They will be considered on an individual basis.
- University budgets for FY13 will likely be down by ~5%, making it all the more difficult to cover any new costs that might emerge from pension and benefit actions.
- It will be very tough for the smaller state institutions to handle any new costs.
- Six weeks remain in this legislative session; there is a great of activity as a consequence. It is assured that health insurance/health benefits will be “in play.”
- There is a proposal [bill?] in the legislature that retirees pick up 50% of their monthly health insurance premiums.
- COGFA had their meeting on April 10; we have no feedback as yet.
- The UofI appears to appreciate SUAA support in key issues such as the IGPA proposal.

C. Communications Committee (Engelgau):

The SUAA – UIUC chapter website had 900 hits last month, compared to 534 a year earlier.

D. Newsletter (Loeb)

Engelgau reported that a small group will convene to review possible changes in the newsletter. Also in discussion will be ways to augment the newsletter with emails. A primary question is “What is the best way for members to interact with SUAA?” Engelgau will check with Pam Butler at SURS regarding the possibility of our chapter acquiring/using SURS email lists for members and/or annuitants in our region.

E. Benefits Committee (Beastall):

There have been no recent meetings; some will be scheduled in the future.

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

We have four nominees for the Exec Committee, as distributed by Rugg. Williamson offered to prepare an orientation packet for new Exec Committee members.

V. New Business

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VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.