

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

**Minutes for June 13, 2012; Clark-Lindsey Board Room**

**Attending:** Mary Beastall, Gerald Brighton, Tom Conry, Paul Dollins, Gary Engelgau, Barb Hartman, Jane Loeb, Mark Netter, Terri Palumbo, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Agnes San Miguel, Rick Schoell, Bob Todd, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

**I. Call to Order and President's Report**

- A. Meeting was called to order by President Conry at 1:31PM.
- B. Minutes for the meeting of May 9, 2012 were approved.
- C. Schedule of meetings was reviewed:
  - Future meetings of the Exec Committee: August 8
  - SUAA State Directors' meeting; Springfield, June 19-20, 2012
  - Big Ten Retirees' Meeting: Ohio State Univ, August 3-5, 2012
- D. President's Report: SUAA Nominating Committee (state level) meeting did not match expectations. There were 11 applicants for 4 positions (including a then-recent resignation); little to no discussion took place regarding strengths or weaknesses of candidates. Instructions were to simply vote for four.

**II. Treasurer's Report (Brighton):**

- Receipts for May were \$786; disbursements were \$60.
- Fund balances on May 31 were \$86,509 (\$47,063 CDs + \$39,446 checking)
- Acceptance was moved, seconded, and passed.

**III. Action Items**

**A. Report of the Nominating Committee for next year's officers (Todd)**

Committee deemed it best to have incumbents continue in place for another year; Brighton, Conry and Ruprecht will serve another year; Palumbo will replace Bob Todd as Vice-President.

**B. Naming seven members to attend SUAA State meeting to vote as Directors**

Attending will be Beastall, Conry, Dollins, Loeb, Netter, Rugg, Williamson. Conry is empowered to "Directorize" any representative from the UIUC chapter. There will also be a vote on the proposed dues increase (\$30 to \$33). It is not clear if SURS will provide annuity income info to SUAA for determination of dues based on income. Our clear expectation is that any proposal voted on at the state meeting must be written *and* accompanied by a motion and clarified before any actual voting takes place. It is possible the dues increase topic could be tabled until October 12, 2012.

**IV. Reporting Items**

A. **Membership:** Palumbo reported a drop from 2086 to 2082. Six members passed away, and 22 renewal encouragement letters were sent.

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

- 1. Status of Pension Reform initiatives (incl. SB1673, SB1313, HJRCA49)
  - COLA caps and insurance limitations have support; not much else does at this point.
  - The formal positions of the employee unions and associations are not known at this point
  - The Constitutional amendment [HJRCA49?] will be on the fall ballot. The big question is, "Will it negate the non-impairment clause that covers state pensions?"  
There are two pertinent and related opinion documents on the SUAA website (one by Leo Welch).

-SB1313 hit the Governor's desk on 6/8/12; he has 60 days to sign.

## 2. Outstanding Issues

- *The status of the IGPA proposal*: unclear at this time.
  - *Position and strategies of public universities on pension funding and reform proposals*: The UofI has been prepared to pick up some additional portion of pension costs, and reluctantly supported selected legislative proposals to do so. Their position was not echoed by many other state universities, nor the school districts in the matter of teacher pension costs.
  - *Update on Health Insurance contract issues*: no up-to-date information
  - *Consideration of a special summer Edition of The Annuitant, updating membership on critical issues*:
    - perhaps a summer communique should be offered by SUAA, rather than its Chapters
- it is not clear what role SURS might have in a similar regard
- it is unlikely we can publish anything more timely than the News-Gazette or local radio/TV media
  - we *might* be able to issue a brief letter that clarifies what choices our members will be expected to make

### C. **Communications Committee** (Engelgau):

The SUAA – UIUC chapter website had an increased number of hits in May. It appears no letter (from SUAA-UIUC) has gone to the attendees of the April 1 Pre-Retirement Conference held in ARC on campus, as was understood by some to happen.

### D. **Fall Meeting** (Waler & Rugg)

No speaker has been booked; Bob Rich has been suggested. Rugg will contact Rich to determine his interest and calendar limitations.

### E. **Newsletter** (Loeb)

A handout was provided identifying newsletter sections and which Exec Committee member is expected to provide text to the newsletter editor.

### F. **Benefits Committee** (Beastall, D'Arcy):

- SURS is looking at the idea of a Survivor's Benefit Workshop in the fall.
- Reminder: The spring edition of The Annuitant goes to all SURS annuitants (not just SUAA members) and SUAA members still working. The fall edition goes only to SUAA members.

## V. **New Business**

-none

## VI. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.