

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

Minutes for October 3, 2012; Clark-Lindsey Board Room

Attending: Mary Beastall, Gerald Brighton, Paul Dollins, Gary Engelgau, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Terry Ruprecht, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

- A. Meeting was called to order by VP Palumbo at 1:35PM (Conry was cavorting in the UK.)
- B. Minutes for September 12, 2012 were accepted.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year:
 - (1) Meetings of Executive Committee: November 14, December 12; January 9, 2013
 - (2) SUAA State Directors Meeting in Bloomington, IL, **October 10, 2012**;
 - (3) SUAA-UIUC Fall Meeting, **October 21, 2012**
 - (4) Survivors' Assistance Workshop; **November 8, 2012**
 - (5) Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting, Univ. of Michigan, **August 9-11, 2013**
- D. President's Report— none

II. Treasurer's Report: Brighton

- Receipts for the most recent reporting period were \$1,913; disbursements were \$4,653, including the \$4000 donated to the CA49 campaign
- Fund balances on September 30 were \$86,723 (\$47,089 CDs + \$39,634 checking)
- Report acceptance was moved, seconded, and passed.

III. Action Items

- A. Planning for the State Directors' Meeting on October 10
Attending will be Conry, Rugg, Williamson, Dollins, Loeb, and hopefully Todd and Satterthwaite. Expenses for five attendees will be paid directly to ISU Chapter by Brighton; two attendees will be reimbursed for their previously-paid registrations.
- B. CA49 Ballot Initiative: Next steps for the Chapter
There was general agreement that an ad in the News-Gazette would reach the maximum number of people in the C-U area. Wording of the annuitant article about CA49 will be updated/cleaned up. Member notification about John Kindt's presentation at the Fall meeting will be emailed. A handout on CA 49 will be available at the Fall meeting. The state SUAA office expects to see around \$90,000 available for the CA49 campaign.
- C. Discussion of SUAA dues increase proposal.

There is general support for a dues increase, though the parliamentary/correct procedure for achieving it is unclear. Many believe the state office needs – or will need – the revenue, given the likely action in Springfield over the next several months.

IV. Reporting Items

A. Membership: Palumbo

No updated gain/attrition information due to the early date of the October meeting. Palumbo has a draft letter to send to new UIUC retirees.

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

- The biggest issue before state retirees is CA49
- Health insurance changes by the state have been postponed to the May-June 2013 timeframe. There is still no cost chart from CMS regarding new premiums. Increased premiums will almost certainly NOT be retroactive.
- Pension reform will likely happen in January, after the election.

C. CA49 Matters: Dollins et al.

See item IV-B

D. Communications Committee: Englegau, Loeb

- The All-Employee Expo saw 580 attendees total and was worth our participation. Our booth saw good traffic, with dozens of employees picking up information and forms. Volunteers at the booth included Englegau, Loeb, Palumbo, Ruprecht, Schoell, and Williamson.
- We have a good supply of handouts, including CA49 info, SUAA brochures, Pensions-at-a-Glance, stationery, and envelopes.
- In the future, all SUAA documents should have a publication date. Presently we cannot dependably determine the vintage of handouts and brochures.
- The updated Chapter website looks great and continues to see increased traffic

E. Fall Meeting: Waaler, Rugg—October 21 at the I-Hotel in Ballrooms 1-4

- Bob Rich will be the speaker, pension/benefit reform and related issues will be the topic, cookies and coffee will be served.
- Comments are expected from John Kindt on CA49.
- Englegau will have up-to-date handouts available, including CA49.
- Ruprecht to take notes on the speakers' comments for the next newsletter.

F. Newsletter: Englegau—the fall newsletter was in the mail per our desired timeline; arrived approx.. 15 days before the Fall meeting

G. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Williamson-

- Survivors' Assistance Workshop upcoming 11/8/12

- Foundation may support a \$500 matching fund for retirees in financial duress

V. New Business

none

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be November 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.