

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

Minutes for November 14, 2012; Clark-Lindsey Board Room

Attending: Mary Beastall, Gerald Brighton, Paul Dollins, Gary Engelgau, Barb Hartman, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Heidi Rockwood, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

- A. Meeting was called to order by VP Palumbo at 1:30PM
- B. Minutes for October 3, 2012 were accepted as submitted.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year:
 - (1) Meetings of Executive Committee: December 12; January 9, 2013
 - (2) UIUC-ISU Meeting , 1:00PM in Leroy, November 29, 2012
 - (3) Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting, Univ. of Michigan, **August 9-11, 2013**
- D. President's Report— none; Conry in Chicago for a professional meeting

II. Treasurer's Report: Brighton

- Receipts for the most recent reporting period were \$2; disbursements were \$1,020
- 5yr CD earnings of \$3,440 were realized in October
- Fund balances on October 31 were \$89,145 (\$50,529 CDs + \$38,616 checking)
- Report acceptance was moved, seconded, and passed.

III. Action Items

- A. CA49 Ballot Initiative; Next steps for the Chapter
See report in IV-C
- B. Discussion of issues surrounding UIUC/ISU Meeting, Nov.29, 2012
Chapter leaders to discuss possible budget concerns at the state level, strategic planning, membership stimulation, etc.
- C. Discussion of implementation of SUAA dues increase; e.g. are the Chapter dues the same at UIC and UIUC? - no discussion pending additional info from Conry.
- D. Visits with legislators prior to the Veto Session?
See report in IV-B
- E. Discussion of recruiting new members to the Exec Committee
 - Nominating committee needs to be named before the Dec meeting to avoid risk of delays in the spring newsletter.
 - Discuss further at Dec meeting
- F. Should there be an SUAA rep on the UIUC Charitable Fund Drive committee?
Consensus is yes Netter, Ruprecht, and Williamson will meet with UIUC CFD people
- G. Membership has draft letter to new/recent retirees
 - distributed for review
 - action tabled pending approval of draft by Conry

IV. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Palumbo
End of October membership was 2049, with 3 additional pending.

- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell
- Defeat of CA49 was a major victory by SUAA and other employee/retiree organizations
 - Will the legislature return to some form of SB512 , which died because of the proposed cost shift to school districts?
 - There is still no cost chart from CMS regarding new health insurance premiums.
 - Pension reform will almost assuredly happen in January in lame duck session
 - Discussions will be scheduled with legislators Barickman, Frerichs, Hayes, Jacobsen, Righter, Rose before the January 2013 lame duck session
- C. CA49 Matters: Dollins et al.
- Broad Exec Committee discussion took place
 - 4.1 million voted on CA49 in the November 6 election; ~2.3 million voted yes, ~1.8 million voted no. ~200,000 additional yes votes would have passed it.
- D. Communications Committee: Englegau, Loeb
- Extra copies of the most recent Annuitant are available.
 - The Chapter website continues to see increased traffic: 1145 hits last month vs 755 one year ago.
- E. Spring General Meeting: Waaler, Rugg
- A few speaker ideas were voiced: A panel of legislators, UIUC Trustee McMillan, or Janice Bonneville to discuss top five issues facing CMS ...
 - Target date(s) for the spring meeting need to be set at the December Exec Committee meeting.
- F. Newsletter: Englegau
- each newsletter is a 9 week process. Backing up from the likely spring meeting time frame, nominations for officers will be needed by the Feb Exec Committee meeting
- G. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Williamson- (1) Survivor's Benefit Workshop went well; Williamson provided a handout showing the participant evaluations, which were decidedly positive. (2) Inside Illinois mailing list is now OK.

V. New Business

none

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be December 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.