

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

Minutes for *December 12, 2012*; Clark-Lindsey Board Room

Attending: Mary Beastall, Tom Conry, Gary Engelgau, Barb Hartman, Athalia Hunt, Mark Netter, Terri Palumbo, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

- A. Meeting was called to order by President Conry at 1:38PM
- B. Minutes for November 14, 2012 were accepted as corrected.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for 2013:
 - (1) Meetings of Executive Committee: January 9, Feb 13, March 13: 2013
 - (2) SUAA UIUC Spring General Meeting 2013
 - (3) Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting, Univ. of Michigan, August 9-11, 2013
- D. President's Report— Report of Meeting with ISU; Indicated to SUAA State Office that Chapter will not have a dues increase and learned that UIC and UIS will not have a dues increase; Gave a personal opinion to Linda Brookhart that the SUAA member list should not be shared to a subset of the Executive Committee; Nominating Committee (Schoell, Chair; Beastall; Palumbo)

II. Treasurer's Report: Brighton

- No Treasurer's report for November, 2012

III. Action Items

- A. *Discussion of issues surrounding the UIUC/ISU meeting on November 29, 2012*
There was broad discussion of a number of challenges before SUAA, including chapter activities, pension reform, strategic planning, and budget.
- B. *Discussion of sharing the State SUAA database with a subset of State Executive Board members.* The Executive Committee unanimously supported the statement that control of the state-wide SUAA membership list should reside with the state SUAA office.
- C. *Visits to legislators prior to lame-duck session? Discussion of pension issues. Recap of visits to Sen. Frerichs and Rep. Jakobsson prior to veto session Visits with legislators prior to the Veto Session?*
See report in IV-B
- D. *Discussion of recruiting new members to the Exec Committee*
A nominating committee is in place

IV. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Palumbo

End of November membership was 2040, which includes 10 dropped memberships.
Reminder letters will go to those 10.

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

- A small group of Exec Committee members met with Senator Frerichs and Representative Jacobssen before Thanksgiving, to discuss pension reform and its likelihood in the January Lamé Duck session. The discussions were fruitful and positive. Discussions will also be scheduled with legislators Barickman, Righter, and Rose prior to the Lamé Duck session.
- It is believed pension reform discussions will not be acted upon in the Lamé Duck session, but will continue thru the spring into the next regular legislative session.
- Representative Nekritz and others have introduced a new pension bill HB5428, in an apparent attempt to find more middle ground on a number of serious pension concerns.

C. Communications Committee: Englegau, Loeb

The Chapter website has been resubscribed for another 36 months.

D. Spring General Meeting: Waaler, Rugg

- April 7 now the target date (before Ebertfest and the Marathon)
- Possible speakers include Bob Easter, Trustee Ed McMillan, or a panel of legislators (e.g. Frerichs, Jacobssen, Rose, and Hayes)

E. Newsletter: Englegau

- Feb Exec Committee meeting is the deadline for articles for the Spring Newsletter!

F. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Williamson

Survivors' Benefit Workshop planning for the spring

V. New Business

Netter, Ruprecht, and Williamson met with members of the UIUC Charitable Fund Drive Committee (CCFD), to discuss improved retiree and SUAA participation. A CCFD Retiree Subcommittee is thus being formed, to be chaired by Roger Clark. Netter, Ruprecht, and Williamson have all agreed to serve as SUAA reps on the new subcommittee.

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be January 9, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.