

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey Board Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for February 13, 2013

Attending: Mary Beastall, Gerald Brighton, Tom Conry, Gary Engelgau, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

- A. Call to Order by President Tom Conry
- B. Approval of the minutes for January 9, 2013.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year: (1) Meetings of Executive Committee: March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12; (2) Spring Meeting, April 7, 2013, (3) Meeting of SUAA State Directors, June 18, 19; (4) Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting, Univ. of Michigan, August 9-11, 2013
- D. President's Report: President Conry and others in the Chapter may write an op-ed article regarding the pension situation.

II. Treasurer's Report: Gerald Brighton

January Reporting period, receipts: \$1,420.00; disbursements: \$729.00
Fund balances on Jan 1, 2013: checking account: \$42,047.00 , CD account: \$50,549 for a total of \$92,596.00.
The treasurer's report for January 2013 was accepted.

III. Action Items

- A. Chapter sponsorship of Campus Retirement Planning Seminar
Athalia Hunt is serving as the UI coordinator of this seminar. It will be on Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. at the Ihotel. Various vendors or information centers will be located in the room across from the seminar room. SUAA will have a table with volunteers from our SUAA chapter. Tom will send an email to Executive Committee members to indicate the times they are available to serve in our vendors' booth. The board approved the motion to donate \$1,200.00 as a sponsor for this seminar. Linda Brookhart , Executive Director of SUAA, will also attend the seminar. More information will be available on the SUAA website.
- B. Role of retirees & SUAA in the Campus Day of Service (Williamson, Ruprecht, Netter).
A motion passed to support the retirees participating in this event. They will be notified by email and the spring newsletter. Terry will construct the email.
- C. Terry also reported (by letter) that the Campus Community Fund Drive has mounted an effort to solicit retirees to participate in this campaign.

IV. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Terri Palumbo reported as of January the membership is 2036.
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell
Rick and Steve and a committee are working with Bob Rich about emerging issues and high level negotiations. Steve reported that the University of Illinois will not initiate pension reform or support SUAA initiative to separate SURS from other pension groups. It is difficult to reach a consensus because of the many differences among the members.
- C. Communications Committee: Englegau, Loeb, Rockwood. Gary reported 898 visits to the website in January and 1156 visits to the website in February .
- D. Spring Meeting: Waaler & Rugg; Steve reported that Naomi Jakobson and Mike Frerichs are confirmed as speakers. He will contact Chapin Rose. The event will open at 1:00 with refreshments. The formal meeting will begin at 1:30, the legislative panel at 2:00 and the general meeting will begin at 3:00. Bill Williamson agreed to contact Inside Illinois.
- E. Newsletter: Loeb, Englegau
Jane urged members to submit any last minute information today as the spring newsletter is ready for publication.
- F. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Williamson—Bill W. reported on Survivors' Assistance Workshop; SURS staff will present the workshop on Friday, April 12. Mary Beastall has met with UIUC Academic Human Resources employees where "A Guide to Benefits and Services for Retirees" is under revision. In addition, there is a similar booklet in Staff Human Resources that is given to retiring Civil Service employees, this booklet being regularly updated. In addition, the UIC campus has one booklet for all UIC retirees. Academic HR will be making a spread sheet of items covered in the booklets for comparison purposes. It may be useful to consider one booklet for all UIUC retirees. Mary will be sending a revised SUAA entry to Academic HR since that entry is outdated.

V. New Business

- A. Terri Palumbo informed Tom Conry that he has the opportunity to be interviewed by Inside Illinois in March.
- B. Rick suggested Amy Eichhorst, Director, might be willing to come to one of our executive committee meetings to provide information about *Illinois Connection*.

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.