

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey- Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for May 8, 2013

Attending: Mary Beastall, Gerald Brighton, Tom Conry, Gary Engelgau, Barb Hartman, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Mark Netter, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson Guest: Bob Rich

I. President's Report

- A. Call to Order by President Tom Conry at 1:34PM
- B. Approval of the minutes for April 10, 2013 as augmented
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year:
 - (1) Meetings of Executive Committee: June 12
 - (2) SUAA annual Meeting, June 18, 19
 - (3) Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting, Univ. of Michigan, August 9-11, 2013
- D. President's Report:
 - Formation of the nominating committee for President, Vice President, and Secretary; Rugg (Chair), Hartman, and Beastall
 - Need attendee(s) for the Big Ten Retirees Conference in August
 - Paul Dollins has been appointed to the SUAA state-wide nominating committee

II. Treasurer's Report: Gerald Brighton

- Receipts for the February reporting period were \$1,834; disbursements \$941
- Fund balances on April 30 were \$89,197 (\$38,361 CDs + \$50,836 checking)
- Treasurer's report for April 2013 was accepted

III. Action Items

None

IV. Reporting Items

- A. Membership (Barb Hartman)
 - At the end of April membership was 2037, unchanged from March. Eleven members added, 11 lost
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell
 - Two pension-related bills are getting major attention: SB1/HA1 supported by Madigan and SB2404 supported by Cullerton. SB2404 includes options that allow retirees to retain some form of COLA adjustment and still have access to state health insurance. The IGPA plan is still in play, though no proposed legislation has adopted its comprehensive six-part approach. There are indications some local legislators would support 2404 if brought to a vote.
 - Health insurance options and costs remain in significant disarray. The SURS open enrollment period ends May 31, but the impacts, costs, and options for retirees are wholly unclear. The mandated "state managed plan" mentioned in the

CMS 8-page mailer for Medicare-primary retirees has no specifics at this time. How that might coordinate (or not) with present insurance carriers is unknown. Additionally, the CMS RFP for insurance providers for next year will be issued in the next month or so . We are still led to believe retirees will begin paying the 1%/2% or 2%/4% premiums for state health insurance on July 1, 2013. Sadly, SURS cannot provide answers or guidance to annuitants until many aspects of state-offered health insurance are clarified.

- C. Communications Committee: Englegau, Loeb, Rockwood.
 - Chapter website had 1589 hits in April, vs 1051 a year ago; continues to see high activity.
 - The fall newsletter mailing deadline is 10/4/13. **Articles must be in Engelgau's hands by 9/1/13**

- D. Spring Meeting: Waaler & Rugg
 - I-Hotel location
 - 10/20/13 target date, with 10/13/13 as the backup date
 - Health insurance options and issues is a likely topic, and of great interest to the majority of members - possibly a panel discussion of some sort

- E. Newsletter: Loeb, Englegau
 - See item C above

- F. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Williamson
 - Comments or suggestions for improvement of next year's CMS open enrollment brochure should be sent to Mary Beastall. One suggestion mentioned: listing the dates, times, and locations for health fairs around the state
 - Williamson distributed an attendee evaluation summary for the recent Survivor's Benefit workshop

V. New Business

none

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM, a modern record. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.