

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room**  
**<http://www.suaa-ui.org>**  
**Minutes for September 11, 2013**

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

**I. President's Report**

- A. Call to Order by President Terry Ruprecht at 1:35 p.m.
- B. Bill Williamson moved for approval of minutes for August 14, 2013, Mark Netter seconded; minutes approved.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year:
  - (1) Exec Committee Meetings 2013: Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11
  - (2) Regional SUAA meeting, Lakeland College, Oct 3, 2013
  - (3) Fall General Meeting, Oct 20, 2013, I-Hotel
  - (4) SUAA Fall Directors' meeting, Oct 29, 2013
  - (5) SURS Retirement workshop, Oct 30, 2013There will be no separate survivors' workshop this fall. It will be folded into this workshop.
- D. President's Report – Terry Ruprecht thanked members of the committee and chapter for many efforts on behalf of the organization, and commented on the cooperation among members that has worked well during a difficult period.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** Gerry Brighton corrected the month for which dues collection is reported in the report. Rick Schoell moved acceptance of the report, Tom Conry seconded, and the report was approved.

*NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please have it sent to Gerry Brighton's home address, so that the bill may be paid promptly.*

**III. Action Items**

- A. Fall general meeting, Oct 20, 2013, I-Hotel
  - 1. Finalize arrangements and presenters: On arrangements Ginny Waaler reported and it was agreed that cookies would not be available due to high cost. Extra chairs will be provided due to high expected turnout. On program, Steve Rugg and Tom Conry described contacts with Richard Perry, a medicare supplement broker. Discussion of the need for a group Medicare supplement policy and retirees' need to buy drug coverage (Medicare D) as well concluded with consensus to invite Rick Perry to the meeting to provide context for Janice Bonneville's presentation on health insurance for annuitants and dependents. Linda Brookhart will also attend.
  - 2. Invitations to other schools/chapters: Discussion led to decision to extend invitations to chapters at Parkland and Danville community colleges and EIU. In later discussion a representative of SURS was added to this list

**IV. Reporting Items**

- A. Membership: Barbara Hartman reported a small decrease in chapter membership to 2003, with 5 new and 21 discontinued (almost half due to death).
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rick Schoell reported that the IGPA plan continues to receive some attention and is being analyzed for budget impact. The legislature is due back Oct 22.

- C. Communications Committee: Engelgau indicated the newsletter is on schedule and should be delivered the first week in Oct. He thanked Terry Ruprecht for his review of it during production.
- D. Benefits Committee: Mary Beastall reported she is generating a list of questions concerning Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare supplements for the chapter meeting and solicited additions to it. October 15-December 7 is the Medicare signup period, and SUAA will be launching a Medicare supplement portal.

#### **V. New Business**

- A. After-action report from SUAA Annual Meeting June 18-19, 2013: Tom Conry reported on the election results and possible revisions of the constitution expected to be ready for action at the summer SUAA meeting.
- B. Reimbursement rate for auto mileage for Chapter Business: Rates have varied from a low of 20 cents/mile (state office meetings, 2013) to the IRS deductible rate for business of 56.5 cents/mile. After discussion, Engelgau proposed and Conry seconded that the UIUC chapter adopt the UIUC rate. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion of services/benefits offered by other Big Ten retiree associations: Terry Ruprecht distributed a list of items for future discussion as possible activities for the UIUC chapter.

#### **VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.