

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for October 8, 2014

Attending: Pam Cler, Tom Conry, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Mark Netter, Terri Palumbo, Bob Rich, Terry Ruprecht, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

- A. Call to Order was issued by President Terry Ruprecht at 1:31 p.m.
- B. Approval of minutes for September 10, 2014 was moved and seconded (Rich, Rugg) then passed.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year:

- (1) Exec Committee Meetings 2014-15: Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10, January 14.
- (2) Big Ten Retiree's Association meeting: August 8-10, U of Minn.: Tom Conry reported that all campuses except Rutgers were present. Conversations about best practices made clear that UIUC is an outlier in having little social aspect. In addition, some campuses, e.g., Purdue, are very well connected with their campus administrations. Several campuses keep careful track of contributions from retirees, unlike UIUC. He also noted that email, or lack thereof, is a problem at all campuses.
- (3) Fall General Chapter Meeting: Sunday, October 19, 2014 at the I Hotel.
- (4) UI Employee Expo: October 21, 2014, Illini Union Rooms A,B,C.
- (5) State Directors' meeting: October 29, 2014. No agenda is available yet.
- (6) Retirement Planning Conference—Feb. 21, 2015, I Hotel.

D. President Ruprecht reported that former long-time treasurer Gerald Brighton had been very happy to receive a lifetime chapter membership, which will be handled by reimbursing his prepaid membership cost annually. The EC signed a certificate of appreciation for him as well.

II. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Webbink noted that a cashed CD that had been earning .1% now shows in the cash balance. Acceptance of the report was moved and seconded (Rich, Schoell), and the report was accepted.

NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please have it sent to Ron Webbink's on-campus address (103 Astronomy, 1002 W. Green, MC221, Urbana, IL. 61801), so that the bill can be paid promptly. E-mail: rwebbink@illinois.edu.

III. Action Items

- A. Newsletter: Even though there were a number of small logistic problems, e.g., failure of SURS mailing labels to arrive at the Mailing Center, the newsletter arrived in people's mailboxes on time for the fall meeting.
- B. Fall Meeting: Final logistics were determined, and it was noted that the meeting would be taped. The printed program was reviewed and finalized. The agenda for the business meeting was discussed, including reporting on the need for contributions to the legal fund, description of the major role SUAA has played in favorable outcomes to date, and the needs to sustain these efforts. A handout to be produced by Terry Ruprecht will contain points from page 7 of the recent Annuitant.
- C. Employee Expo: Final deployment of volunteers to cover the SUAA table were discussed, along with logistics required to get handouts to the meeting (Schoell covering).

- D. Update on Legal Fund and SUAA Action: Tom Conry and Steve Rugg reported that there was no new information on either fund.

IV. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Terri Palumbo reported that end of August membership was up from 2020 to 2061, reversing the seeming slide in membership.
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rick Schoell reported that the IGPA pension proposal has been updated and will be circulated to legislators and the governor's office. He will be meeting with our local legislators soon after the election, including Naomi Jakobsson's successor. Tom Conry reported that SUAA action is neutral on the 103rd district race.
- C. Communications Committee: Nothing to report.
- D. Fall Meeting: Covered in earlier discussion.
- E. Fall Newsletter: Covered in earlier discussion.
- F. Benefits Committee: Bill Williamson noted that some chapter members are confused about the recent TRAIL mailings, and that this may need to be touched upon at the chapter meeting.

V. New Business

- A. Terry Ruprecht asked the group to think about activities other Big 10 retiree associations undertake, e.g., Purdue and Ohio State created Facebook groups (people with interest in the Civil war, knitting, whatever). Here that sort of thing is handled by OLLIE. Should we undertake this mission, the cost would be a web master keeping track of the operation. Discussion then focused on ways to create links with OLLIE, including website links. After discussion, it was concluded we should pursue links with OLLIE and that Terry Ruprecht would contact its director.

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.