

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for September 9, 2015

Attending: Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Bob Rich, Terry Ruprecht, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

A. Call to Order was issued by President Barb Hartman at 1:33 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for August 12, 2015 was moved, seconded (Rich, Palumbo) and passed.

III. Review of schedule of meetings:

A. Exec Committee Meetings for 2015: Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9.

B. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 18, I-Hotel.

C. Fall Directors Meeting: October 27, expected to be in Bloomington.

IV. President's Report

Hartman reported on the Big 10 Retirees' meeting at MSU, which she attended. She noted that other chapters seemed to focus largely on social events, and not on political issues. Next year's meeting will be held at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

V. Treasurer's Report Treasurer Webbink noted that there had been very little activity since the previous month's report. Acceptance of the report was moved and seconded (Williamson, Schoell), and passed.

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 the bill can be paid promptly. E-mail: rwebbink@illinois.edu.

VI. Action Item

A. Barbara Hartman reported that she had attended a SUAA Action workshop in Bloomington-Normal at which the organizers expressed the desire that individual chapters would engage in active fund-raising. A report of chapter membership donations to this fund over the past year indicated that 22% of UIUC's chapter members had contributed. Discussion of how chapters might work to increase donations is expected to occur at a later meeting.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership: Palumbo reported that the previous (July) membership was 2077. As of the end of August, the membership is 2066, indicating a net loss of 11 members. Seventeen members dropped, 11 due to death.

B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Schoell reported that Wisconsin higher Ed is also in great difficulty. Illinois and Wisconsin are the two states in which higher education is under the greatest budgetary stress. As to a state budget resolution, he reported that no apparent progress has been made. Bob Rich commented that if this impasse continues through September it will be the longest ever in the state. Efforts to resolve issues appear to be at a standstill.

- C. Communications Committee: Cler reported that the newsletter is under review by SURS. She reported that she got prices for a different color paper for the insert, but the price was prohibitive.
- D. Fall Meeting Planning: Waaler and Rugg reported that both the I-Hotel and the speaker (Bryan Lewis, SURS' Executive Director) have been booked. Rugg and Hartman will meet with Bryan Lewis prior to the meeting. Bob Rich suggested we provide a forecast of what we might expect from Springfield, and he and Steve Rugg will work on this. Linda Brookhart, who will speak, may cover some of this. Rich also intends to make the point that more contributions are needed for the legal fund. Williamson and Waaler will put information about the meeting into Inside Illinois and eWeek.
- E. Fall Newsletter: Discussed earlier.
- F. Benefits Committee: Bill Williamson indicated there was nothing new to report. He noted that he serves as SUAA's ex officio representative to the Faculty Benefits Committee, and he also is the representative of SURSMAC. Thus, if some other member of the chapter would like to join this committee as our ex officio representative, both he and the other person could serve.**46**

VIII. New Business:

- A. Rupprecht noted that Jamell has left the state SUAA office, and that this will leave a void.
- B. Williamson noted that four committee members will leave the group at the end of their second terms and that we need to identify appropriate replacements.
- C. Hunt indicated that the Retirement Conference will be held in February, and she plans to place our presentation between HR and Benefits rather than at the end, in the hopes of boosting attendance during it. She hopes for our continued support of the event.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.