

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for October 14, 2015

Attending: Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, 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 Barbara Hartman at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for September 9, 2015 was moved, seconded (Rich, Schoell) and passed.

III. Review of schedule of meetings:

- A. Exec Committee Meetings for 2015: Nov. 11, Dec. 9.
- B. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 18, I-Hotel.
- C. Employee Expo, October 20, Illini Union
- C. Fall Directors Meeting: November 13, ISU.

IV. President's Report

Hartman reported that she is in the process of bringing the chapter website up to date. For that purpose, she still needed dates, locations, and program information for chapter meetings from the Spring of 2013 through Spring of 2015, which Waaler will provide. An updated Benefits Committee report is on its way as well. She also started the process of appointing Directors who could attend the November 13 meeting at ISU. Waaler, Williamson, Rich, and Hartman indicated their availability, but the Woods Bowman Memorial in Chicago that day creates a conflict for a number of EC members.

V. Treasurer's Report Treasurer Webbink pointed out that expenditures exceeded income the past month, but noted that print costs for the Annuitant were largely responsible and that some of these will be reimbursed. He proposed a one-year renewal of a CD to mature in two weeks, given the instability of the state's finances, and the proposal received consensus support. Terry Ruprecht reported his receipt of the seemingly annual IRS complaint that we had not filed a tax return, although we do not need to do that because of the State organization's tax exempt status which extends to chapters. Linda Brookhart believed that she had convinced the IRS of this last year. Barbara Hartman will handle this problem. Acceptance of the report was moved and seconded (Rich, Waaler), 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. Revised Newsletter Deadlines: Pam Cler raised the issue of chapter meeting dates, noting that if we could settle these earlier, we would be able to settle the timeline for the newsletter earlier as well. In discussion, Terry Ruprecht noted that in the fall we need to schedule around home football games, and in the spring, around the Marathon and Eberfest. Steve Rugg added that another constraint was the effort to give potential speakers some choice in dates. The consensus after discussion was that we probably do not have the latitude to decide on dates earlier than we generally do, though we can try to make this decision as promptly as it is feasible to do so.

- B. Staffing for Employee Expo: Arrangements were completed for staffing and for handouts (Annuitants, Pensions at a Glance, SUAA brochure, membership forms). Athalia Hunt reported that up to 900 people were expected.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: In September, chapter membership decreased from 2066 to 2056, with no new members, 6 no-pays, 4 deaths.
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Schoell reported that there was nothing to report in the way of legislative action. Rich added that some action on pensions can be expected this spring, but there's no activity currently.
- C. Communications Committee: nothing to report.
- D. Fall Meeting Planning: The agenda for the meeting was finalized, along with a sign-up sheet for attendees to express interest in committee or other involvement. This will be introduced in the business meeting section of the meeting. Waaler reported that the room holds 125. She will arrange for a computer and tech support for Bryan Lewis's powerpoint presentation. Details of handouts, room arrangements, name tags, and staffing of the welcome table were finalized.
- E. Fall Newsletter: Discussed earlier.
- F. Benefits Committee: Mary Beastall reported that TRAIL staff have set up meetings to inform Medicare recipients of this year's offerings. She pointed out that there are several organizations in town that help people find healthcare, and that we should provide them with information about the State's retiree plans. Bill Williamson reported on the recent Faculty Benefits and SURSMAC Committee meetings. SURS has now designated an officer, Andrew Mathews, responsible to work with the committee. Williamson has been elected Vice Chair of SURSMAC.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Athalia Hunt reported that the date of the Academic Service Luncheon has not yet been set but that she will inform us when it has been.
- B. Williamson reported that the SUAA Foundation is preparing to offer emergency help for chapter members with financial emergencies. They are in the process of working out the tax implications.

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.