

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for November 11, 2015

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

I. President's Report

A. Call to Order was issued by President Barbara Hartman at 1:35 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for October 14, 2015 was moved, seconded (Rich, Ruprecht) and passed.

III. Review of schedule of meetings:

- A. Exec Committee Meetings for 2015: Nov. 11, Dec. 9.
- B. Fall Directors Meeting: November 13, ISU.

IV. President's Report

Hartman reported that she and others had represented the chapter at the Employee Expo. She also noted that the website is now almost entirely up to date, with just a few more revisions needed.

V. Treasurer's Report Treasurer Webbink pointed out that we are still waiting for the UI to make its partial payment of the cost of printing the Annuitant. Other than that, there was no remarkable activity in the past month. Acceptance of the report was moved, seconded, 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. Debriefings: 1. Fall Meeting. There were about 55 people present, not counting members of the EC. Schoell commented that the speaker and his Powerpoint presentation were very good, and that people felt relieved to learn of the condition of SURS funds. Rugg commented that Bryan Lewis stayed after his presentation, which is unusual and appreciated. He also noted that he had asked permission to put the power point presentation on our website; in the ensuing discussion the group decided simply to put a link on our website to the presentation on the SURS website. Bill Williamson noted that quite a few SURS staff are nearing retirement age, and that SURS is looking for interns in order to help with continuity.
- 2. Schoell reported that the Expo was very useful, with afternoon attendees expressing considerable interest in SUAA, but Ruprecht reported that in the morning, interest had not been that strong.
- 3. Retirement/Years of Service Banquet: Bill Williamson reported that the set up did not allow for discussion with those present, just the handing out of brochures, of which he handed out a large number. Ruprecht commented that the attendees were more likely to be within SUAA's target audience than were the attendees at the Expo.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Terri Palumbo reported that in October, chapter membership increased from 2056 to 2076. No information about the details of losses and gains was available from the State office because they were very busy preparing for the Directors' meeting.
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Schoell reported that the legislature had actually met recently. The filing deadlines occur in December, with the primary in March, so pre-election activity will heat up. The chances for a budget compromise appear to be dim. Rugg commented that the UI reserves are considerably depleted, and that institutional reserves will go largely unreimbursed. Schoell pointed out that discussion of the 2016-17 proposed budget from the Governor will overlap with the continuing budgetary process for 2015-16. He anticipates that any funding that is provided will not be retroactive. Rich noted that the courts have required funding of some programs, but that as institutions begin to run out of operating funds, the problems will become more visible. Rugg commented that higher education institutions that rely heavily on state funds are beginning to get into real difficulty. Williamson noted the press report that Eastern Illinois University may not have a second term due to lack of state funding.
- C. Communications committee: nothing to report.
- D. Newsletter: nothing to report.
- E. Benefits: nothing to report.

VIII. New Business: the need to pass a budget at the upcoming Director's meeting was noted.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.