

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room**  
**<http://www.suaa-ui.org>**  
**Minutes for January 13, 2016**

**Attending:** Pam Cler, Tom Conry, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Sue Trippiedi, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

**I. President's Report**

A. In Barbara Hartman's absence, the Call to Order was issued by Vice President Palumbo at 1:35 p.m.

B. Ginny Waaler introduced Sue Trippiedi, who is considering joining the chapter EC.

**II. Approval of minutes** for December 9, 2015 was moved, seconded (Williamson, Rugg) and passed.

**III. Review of schedule of meetings:**

A. Executive Committee Meetings for 2016: Feb. 10, March 9, April 13.

**IV. Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Webbink reminded committee members that if they had reimbursable expenses for the state Directors' meeting, they should submit them for payment. He drew attention to the healthy balance in the checking account, and indicated that the numbers did not yet include the receipt of dues. He noted that he would issue the \$1200 contribution to the UIUC Retirement Planning Conference that day.

*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.*

**V. Action Items**

A. CCFD contributions from retirees: Bill Williamson noted that a recent campus announcement of the results of the drive had failed to mention retiree contributions. In fact, retirees constituted 9% of the donors, and accounted for 19% of the contributions. Terry Rupprecht had pointed this out to the UI staff responsible, and was promised that the final report will split out the retiree contributions, thus making note of them.

B. Progress of Nominating Committee: Waaler and Rugg reported that they and Bob Rich had made much progress toward identifying and recruiting a full slate of candidates.

C. Update on February 20 Retirement Planning Conference: Athalia Hunt reported that the conference will be in the I Hotel from 9 until 12:30, with the vendor fair continuing until about 1 pm. Barbara Hartman will speak after the break, followed by a 2 hour presentation by SURS. Discussion focused on SUAA materials to be provided in attendees' packets. In discussion it became unclear whether or not the payroll deduction option was still available for current employees. Pam Cler indicated she would follow up on this. Steve Rugg and Rich Schoell indicated they would provide a description of SUAA actions in defense of UI employees' pensions.

**VI. Reporting Items**

- A. Membership: Terri Palumbo reported that the chapter lost a net 2 members in December, with 6 new members, 5 deaths, and 3 non-payments.
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rick Schoell reported that the House cancelled sessions to the end of the month. Governor Rauner has indicated disappointment that the legislature did not provide new revenue to support the budget that was passed. He indicated support of MAP grants, but said that would require a complete budget. Higher Education is still operating without a budget. Discussion ensued about the short and longer term consequences that might arise from this situation. It was noted that most institutions seem to be remaining quiet about their problems. While most also have issued students with a line of credit to compensate for the lack of state aid, they probably will not be able to continue this much longer.
- C. Communications committee: nothing to report.
- D. Benefits: Bill Williamson reported that SURS is unwilling to allow us a table at an upcoming event for people within 2-3 years of retirement.
- E. Spring Meeting: Rugg reported that he had not yet received a definite commitment from the speaker, but expected it soon.

**VII. New Business:** None

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.