

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room**  
**<http://www.suaa-ui.org>**  
**Minutes for September 14, 2016**

**Attending:** Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Bob Rich, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Susan Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson, Richard Winkel

**I. Call to Order:** Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes** for August 10, 2016 was moved, seconded (Rich, Webbink) and passed with editorial change to point VIII.

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

- A. Executive Committee Meetings for 2016-17: October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14.
- B. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 9 at the I Hotel.
- C. Employee Expo, Illini Union, October 18.
- D. Fall State Directors Meeting, November 21.

**IV. President's Report:** President Hartman reviewed the upcoming meetings.

**V. Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Webbink reported that he intends to place the chapter reserve in 6 month CDs rather than using shorter intervals, since interest is quite low and not worthwhile to monitor more frequently. He noted a significant shift in dues receipts between June and July and promised to find out the cause and report back on it later.

*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](mailto:rwebbink@illinois.edu).*

**VI. Action Items**

A. President Hartman noted that Alex Engelgau has been very prompt in updating the chapter's website. There were no suggestions from the group for changes to the site.

B. Hartman reported that we have reserved the I Hotel for the Big 10 meeting to be held here in 2019. Williamson noted that this is well in advance of the meeting and complimented those responsible.

C. Discussion of the upcoming Fall chapter meeting focused on finalizing arrangements, e.g., with catering and with Linda Brookhart, state Executive Director of SUAA, who will be the speaker.

**VII. Reporting Items**

- A. Membership: Terri Palumbo reported that current membership stands at 1992, down from 1996. These figures subsume 4 new or rejoining members and 8 lapsed memberships that include 4 deaths.
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Bob Rich noted that the budget would probably not get settled until after the November elections, and also warned that the Governor has pointed to pension "reform" as the one spot for possible movement in the budget and that the COLA

is also on the table. Given the Supreme Court action, a change in the COLA for new employees seems more likely than one for current employees.

- C. Communications committee: Pam Cler reported that SURS was extremely quick in reviewing and approving the Fall Newsletter.
- D. Benefits: Mary Beastall reported that according to the CMS website, the most recent payment of Quality Care claims took place in February of 2015. She also noted that there is not yet any information available about next year's TRAIL program. Bill Williamson mentioned that the Senate Faculty Benefits Committee meets soon, and reminded the group that the chapter could have another representative if anyone is interested in doing this.

#### **VII. New Business:**

- A. Membership: The possibilities for distribution of materials about SUAA, including places such as Milo's, and for contacts with individuals in our former units were discussed.
- B. SURS end-of-year financial report: Terry Ruprecht will try to obtain this, and mentioned that the setting of the effective interest rate is a concern.
- C. Report on effects of income tax on retiree SURS income: In response to a question from Helen Satterthwaite, Bob Rich reported that Linda Brookhart wants to discuss this at the Fall Directors' meeting.
- D. Ron Webbink asked for an additional signature for bank accounts to ease payment of bills.
- E. Proposed SUAA Bylaws revisions: Mary Beastall indicated that these come to her and that she will send them out to members of the EC.

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.