

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for October 12, 2016

Attending: Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Susan Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson

I. Call to Order: Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for September 14, 2016. Approval of the minutes was moved and seconded (Terry Ruprecht, Sue Trippiedi), and passed.

III. Review of Schedule of Meetings

- A. Executive Committee: The meetings for the year will be November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14.
- B. Employee Expo: October 18 at the Illini Union.
- C. First Meeting to Plan 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: November 14, at Human Resources.
- D. Fall State Directors Meeting: November 21.

IV. President's Report: President Hartman reviewed the upcoming meetings. She also indicated that both she and Terry Ruprecht will be gone in January. In addition, Terri Palumbo is retiring at the end of November and moving to Missouri. Thus, she will be resigning from the Executive Committee (EC) and we will need to fill her position. In the discussion that followed it was agreed that it would be preferable to replace her with another current member of the UIUC workforce.

V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Webbink presented the report on activity for September, 2016 and the year to date. He pointed out that there was a good deal of activity last month. Disbursements included payment for the printing of the fall newsletter, and purchase of a \$25,000 CD at .77%. Reimbursement for the costs of the insert to the newsletter was received from the University. A motion accepting the report was made and seconded (Ruprecht, Trippiedi), and passed unanimously.

NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please have it sent to Ron Webbink at his office address: (Dept. of Astronomy), 1002 W Green, M/C 221, Urbana, IL 61801-3074.

VI. Action/Discussion Items

- A. **Updating Web Site (<http://www.suaa-ui.org>):** Ruprecht indicated he will contact Alex Engelgau about needed updates to the website. Loeb indicated she would send Engelgau EC minutes for posting.
- B. **Fall Chapter Meeting:** The meeting was lightly attended (39 people). John Kindt discussed the proposed constitutional amendment to prevent expenditure of transportation funds for any other purpose. Linda Brookhart discussed the current state of pension and related proposals. Mary Beastall reported on benefits.
- C. **UIUC Staff Expo:** Hartman asked for and received additional volunteers to work during the event and noted that Linda Brookhart brought us a number of informational items to be distributed at the event.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership. Terry Ruprecht reported a net decline of 5 members, from 1992 to 1987, during September. Changes included 4 new or rejoined members and 9 dropped memberships, of which 6 were due to death. Possibilities for building membership of current employees were discussed. In the discussion, Mary Beastall asked whether the proposed swap of future salary increases for maintenance of the COLA would bar salary increase connected with promotion. Schoell will follow up and report back on this question.

B. Legislative Committee. Discussion focused on the proposed constitutional amendment on use of the transportation taxes.

C. Communications. All present congratulated Pam Cler on the excellent fall newsletter. She noted that she may be able to cut back on publication number depending on the outcome of ongoing discussions of placing them and other SUAA information around town and campus as a membership-building effort. Pam Cler also requested short term licenses, during newsletter production times, for Adobe Pro, to cost about \$50 a year. It allows manipulation of pdf files and would ease the job. Provision of this tool was moved and seconded (Williamson, Ruprecht) and passed.

D. Benefits: Hartman thanked Williamson for the report on the Senate Faculty Benefits Committee Meeting and Beastall for her presentation on benefits at the fall chapter meeting. There was discussion about the new portal through which all changes in Trail information and desired coverage must now be submitted (SURS no longer will accept these). It was noted that the state has begun to pay some dental bills.

E. Fall Chapter Meeting. Discussed earlier.

VIII. New Business

A. Upcoming State SUAA meeting and related matters: Barbara Hartman noted that Tom Conry is now statewide Vice President. Attendance at the upcoming state meeting was discussed.

B. SURS financial report: Terry Ruprecht noted that this report is not due until December 15.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.