

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for April 12, 2017

Attending: Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Jane Loeb, Robert Rich, Agnes San Miguel, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Sue Trippiedi, H. F. Williamson, Richard Winkel

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

II. Approval of minutes for March 8, 2017. Approval was moved and seconded (Rich, Trippiedi) and passed.

III. Review of Schedule of Meetings

- A. Executive Committee: The next meetings are on May 10, June 14, August 9, September 13, October 11.
- B. The Retirement Planning Conference will be at the I-Hotel on Saturday, April 29. Vendor Fair 8-1, Conference 9-12.
- C. The Spring Chapter Meeting will be at the I-Hotel starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday April 30.
- D. SUAA Annual Meeting, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, June 20 & 21.
- E. Big 10 Retirees Association Conference at Purdue, August 25-27.

IV. President's Report. President Hartman noted that we are entitled to six directors at the Spring Annual Meeting of SUAA, and she reviewed which members of the executive committee planned to attend the meeting and could serve in that capacity.

V. Treasurer's Report: In Ron Webbink's absence, Sue Trippiedi presented the report of activity from January 1 through March 31, 2017. She noted that as of March 18, chapter dues had not been received from the state office, which is quite behind. She also reported that Treasurer Webbink plans to reinvest in a 1% CD upon maturation of a current one. Acceptance of the report was moved, seconded (Rich, Holden), and passed.

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. **Spring Meeting Finalizing:** Arrangements were discussed to assure that everything, e.g., copies of the agenda, would be taken care of. Hartman reported that Linda Brookhart had agreed to send a reminder of the meeting by email to all chapter members for whom email addresses are known.
- B. **Staffing Vendor Fair.** Hartman asked for volunteers to staff the SUAA table at the Retirement Conference, but received only one.
- C. **Nominating Committee for 2017-18 Officers:** Rich and Williamson both indicated they were willing to serve on the committee.
- D. **2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference:** Hartman reported that she had learned Kathy Kral had understood that Steve Rugg would serve as co-chair of the planning group. All agreed that this would be excellent. Holden will contact him. Kral cannot go to the Purdue meeting; Hartman will do this, perhaps Rugg if he is willing to co-chair, and Williamson indicated he would go if needed.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership. In Nigh's absence, Hartman reported that membership was down to 1966 at the end of February, having started the month at 1975. She reported 6 new members and 15 losses, of whom 10 had died.

B. Legislative Committee. Rich reported that once again not much was new, with no budget in sight and the same stalemate as before. Winkel agreed that while agreement on a budget was conceivable, it was unlikely. Schoell reported that several higher education institutions are in major financial trouble, quite seriously damaged by the long period without a state budget. He added that the proposed "compact" had not been well received, and reminded the group that we need to make contact with the UI's legislative people to remind them of SUAA's role.

C. Communications. Cler reported she had requested and received authorization to use the UI's logo and also the sesquicentennial logo if we wish to do so. She also noted she had offered OLLI space in the newsletter to offer information about their programs. Williamson reported he had checked the SUAA UI website and compiled a list of changes and updates that are needed.

D. Benefits. Mary Beastall noted that retirees who are not eligible for the state's Medicare Advantage program need to pick a plan.

E. Chapter Meeting: The meeting will be held in the Alma Mater room. (Other discussion occurred earlier.)

F. State SUAA news: In Conry's absence, there was no report.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.