

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>  
**Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room**  
**Draft Minutes for December 13, 2017**

**Attending:** William Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Carol Livingstone, Penny Nigh, Robert Rich, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, Helen Satterthwaite, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel

**I. Call to Order:** Winkel called the meeting to order at about 1:36 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes for November 8, 2017:** A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed.

**III. Review of meeting schedule:** Winkel reviewed the schedule appearing in the Agenda noting that a date has been set for the Annual Meeting: April 22. Hunt indicated that planning is underway for the Retirement Planning Conference in the spring. Accordingly, the schedule is:

- A. Executive Committee Meetings for Spring, 2018: February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 22, 2018
- C. Retirement Planning Conference: TBD
- D. 2018 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 3-5, 2018 (Penn State)
- E. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 2-4, 2019 (UIUC)

**IV. President's Report:** Winkel reported that the Pension Working Group had met for the first time on November 15 to prepare for a meeting with Avijit Ghosh, UI Interim CFO. Adams and Winkel did meet with Ghosh in early December. Winkel discussed the questions and preliminary comments that arose from that meeting as outlined in his report. Regarding the hybrid plan, there were concerns about the changes that would occur in the funding of health care and of the Universities as well as the effect on employees enrolled in the hybrid plan. The Working Group will meet to help define the role of SUAA at the Chapter and State level in this situation and to develop a strategy for the next steps.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Webbink presented the Treasurer's report for activity in November, 2017 and for the year to date through that month. There was an increase of \$2,000 in the checking account for the month due principally to the refund from the UI for the CCFD insert in the fall Annuitant. For the year, the account is up over \$6300. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and approved.

*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. Decision on January Executive Committee meeting on January 10, 2018.** Winkel announced that there would not be a regularly scheduled Executive Committee in January.

**B. Report on Status of Chapter Web Site.** Livingstone led a discussion of the actions being taken with regard to the web site. She and Winkel will implement the changes being proposed.

**C. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting.** As noted earlier, the meeting will take place on April 22, 2018. It will be in the Alma Mater Room at the I Hotel. The speaker will be Wendy Rogers, the Kahn Professor of Applied Health Sciences and Director of the Human Factors and Aging Laboratory. The possibility of also having a panel discussion will also be considered.

## VII. Reporting Items

**A. Membership:** Nigh reported that our membership fell from 1907 to 1887 individuals as a result of the loss of 27 members, five due to deaths, and the gain of seven members. She was requested to circulate the list of lapsed members so that Executive Committee members could contact those whom they knew. We will also consider resuming the mailing of a letter to lapsed members asking them to return. Williamson discussed some possible actions that could be taken to attract new members.

**B. Legislative Committee:** Schoell described the spring legislative calendar as part of a discussion of what could occur in that session.

**C. Communications Committee/Newsletter:** Cler has established the deadlines for the spring annuitant. The Call for Articles will be February 15 and the copy should be to her by February 25.

[NOTE: The entire schedule is an appendix to this report.]

**D. Benefits Committee:** Beasall reported on the problems that have arisen with attempts to inform participants about health plans. Williamson reported briefly on the December meeting of the Senate's Faculty/Staff Benefits Committee particularly regarding the discussion of the recent reimbursements for employee overdue health insurance claims.

**VIII. New Business.** There was a discussion of what actions might need to be taken given there is no regularly scheduled meeting in January. One important action will be the selection by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee of a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates for the Executive Committee positions being vacated in 2018. There will be no continuing members since all four whose terms end in 2018 are completing second terms. Once the slate is approved by the Executive Committee, it is published in the Spring Annuitant. A motion was made that the Executive Committee approves a priori the composition of the nominating committee chosen by the President. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at about 2:47 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.

Prepared by H. F. Williamson, Secretary

## APPENDIX:

### SP2018 SUAA-UIUC Newsletter Production Deadlines

ITEM	DEADLINE
Call for Articles	15-Feb
Copy to Pam (edits, final for production)	25-Feb
To UpClose for Production	10-Mar
Newsletter to Mailing Center	24-Mar
Newsletter to Post Office	31-Mar
Members to Receive Newsletter (15 days prior to meeting)	7-Apr

**NOTE: Spring meeting date - April 22**