

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee, February 14, 2018
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Draft Minutes for February 14, 2018

Attending: William Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Athalia Hunt, Robert Rich, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, Helen Satterthwaite, Susan Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel

I. Call to Order: Winkel called the meeting to order at about 1:33 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for December 13, 2017: Winkel noted that there should be an addition to item VIII, New Business in which the selection of a nominating committee. He moved that the following be added: "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.

III. Review of meeting schedule: Winkel reviewed the schedule appearing in the Agenda.

- A. Executive Committee Meetings for Spring, 2018: March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 22, 2018
- C. SUAA Annual State Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018 - Friday, June 22, 2018
- D. 2018 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 3-5, 2018 (Penn State)
- E. Retirement Planning Conference: September 28, 2018
- F. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 2-4, 2019 (UIUC)

IV. President's Report: Winkel presented a three-page Status Report from the Ad Hoc Pension Working Group. It covered two topics: (1) The new Tier III Hybrid Plan as it now exists in statute and (2) the proposed pension bond sale introduced in HB 4371. Regarding the former, the objectives of the Working Group will be to continue tracking new or pending legislation related to the Plan; work with the key parties to improve the Plan; and develop recommended positions for the Executive Committee on the legislation. Regarding the bond sale, the working group notes who supports the idea (the State SUAA office in particular) and who opposes it and why. The preliminary comments are that (1) the proposed legislation is unlikely to pass; (2) the Group will continue study the bill and recommend a position for our Executive Committee to take; but (3) we take no position at this time.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink presented the Treasurer's report for activity in December, 2017 and for the entire year of in 2017 and a second report for activity in January, 2018. For the month, there was an increase of \$2,179 in the checking account since there were almost no disbursements. For the year, there was an increase of \$8,524 in the checking account. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and approved. Webbink reported that the state reimbursement rate for automobile travel had increased from \$0.535 to \$0.545.

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. Selection of Candidates for the Executive Committee. Winkel reported on the slate of candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for the four open positions on the Executive Committee. The candidates (and the individuals proposing them) are: Jennifer Creasey (Rick Winkel); Tanya Gallagher (Kathleen Holden); Wynn Korr (Bob Rich) and Deb Stone (Barbara Hartman). A motion to approve the slate was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. The next step will be to get their biographies so that their names can appear in the Newsletter (Bylaws Article V, Section 1)..

B. Selection to Fill Vacancy on Executive Committee. Winkel reported that the candidate proposed to fill the vacancy left by a resignation (and the individual proposing him) is Steve Rugg (Bill Williamson) following the procedures in the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2. A motion to approve the selection was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

C. Report on Spring Annuitant. Cler noted that the tomorrow was the “formal” date to call for articles. So far everything was going well.

D. Planning for 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference at UIUC. There was a brief discussion of the actions that will be taken to prepare for our role as future hosts when attending the 2018 Big Retirees Conference at Penn State.

E. Request for Sponsorship of Retirement Planning Conference. Hunt noted the new date for the Retirement Planning Conference which will be next fall, a change from the past when it was held in the spring. She explained that this would draw a larger attendance particularly since there are so many conflicts on weekends in the spring. She also reviewed our past role as a sponsor, our position on the program, and our booth. A motion to provide again a \$1200 sponsorship of the Conference was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership: Williamson reported that our membership fell from 1877 to 1857 as we added two members and dropped 22 as a result of 10 deaths and 12 lapsed annual members.

B. Report on Status of Chapter Web Site. Livingstone provided a written report indicating that the transition from our previous webmaster was relatively seamless and that a number of major updates had been made. She stressed the importance of the members of the Executive Committee sending her material to be published. One major task left is the revision of the procedure for new members to join using the web page. She also noted that the website comes with the ability to create dummy email addresses that officers can use for SUAA contacts without giving out their personal email addresses. An informal motion to thank Livingstone for her excellent work passed unanimously by an enthusiastic voice vote. Webbink asked about the “formal” status of the previous webmaster.

C. Status of the Facebooks Page. Livingstone concluded her report by noting the Facebook page has been very quiet. She asks others to post information of interest.

D. Benefits Committee. There was a brief discussion from the Committee members including a reference to the report on the most recent Senate Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits Committee.

VIII. New Business. Williamson discussed briefly the needs for a review of the Chapter’s Bylaws to address some potential problems in the existing version.

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

Prepared by H. F. Williamson, Secretary