

**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room**  
**Draft Minutes for June 13, 2018**  
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Attending: William Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Jennifer Creasey, Tanya Gallagher, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Wynne Sandy Korr, Katherine Kral, Penny Nigh, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, Deb Stone, Susan Trippiedi, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel,

**I. Call to Order:** Winkel called the meeting to order at about 1:33 p.m. and asked those attending to introduce themselves.

**II. Approval of minutes for May 9, 2018:** A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**III. Review of Meeting Schedule.** Winkel reviewed the schedule and noted that the date of the fall membership meeting will be added next. It is most likely to be either October 21 or October 28. Trippiedi will check with the iHotel on room availability with October 28 preferred.

A. SUAA Annual State Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018 - Friday, June 22, 2018

B. 2018 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 3-5, 2018 (Penn State)

C. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall, 2018: August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

E. Retirement Planning Conference: September 29, 2018

F. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 2-4, 2019 (UIUC)

**IV. President's Report:** Winkel provided an extensive written report concerning a number of topics.

**A. Committee Assignments.** The following Committee assignments were proposed and approved.

1. **Benefits:** Beastall, Stone, Williamson

2. **Communications:** Cler, Livingstone

3. **Legislative:** Adams, Creasey, Gallagher, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell, Winkel

4. **Membership:** Hartman, Nigh, Williamson

5. **Program:** Holden, Trippiedi

6. **Pension Working Group:** Adams, Rich, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel

7. **Big 10 Retirees Conference:** Kral, Rugg

**B. Ad Hoc Pension Working Group.** Winkel cited the report he made in the spring *Annuitant*. The group will continue studying proposed legislation related to pensions and benefits. They hope to coordinate with the University of Illinois and with SUAA for developing strategies for addressing relevant legislative issues. They will coordinate with UI leaders including Robert Easter, Barbara Wilson and Avijit Ghosh. In relation to this, Creasey reviewed the procedures followed by the University regarding liaison with the legislature.

**C. Interaction with State Leadership.** Winkel completed his report by discussing his interaction with SUAA President Larry Alferink concerning various issues including the comments on HB 4371, the pension bonding bill. A motion was made to support the positions that Winkel had described in his message in the *Annuitant* and his President's report at this meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

**V. Treasurer's Report.** Williamson presented Webbink's report for activity in May 2018 and the year to date. For the month, there was an increase of \$1560 in the checking account. The only disbursement was for the

monthly Executive Committee meeting. A 12-month CDs had matured and was rolled over. 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 send to Ron Webbink's office address: (Dept. of Astronomy), 1002 W Green, M/C 221, Urbana, IL 61801-3074.]*

## **VI. Action/Discussion Items**

**A. Report from Nominating Committee for 2018-2019 Officers.** Williamson reported that the nominees were: President: Richard Winkel; Vice President: William Adams; and Secretary: Penny Nigh. No additional nominees were made for any of the positions. The motion to elect the three candidates passed unanimously.

**B. Selection of Directors for SUAA Annual Meeting in Springfield.** Winkel had already certified three individuals who were planning to attend: Hartman, Winkel, and Williamson. Beastall indicated she also planned to attend at least for one day.

**C. Planning on UIUC Activities at 2018 Big 10 Retirees Conference at Penn State.** Hartman, Holden, and Williamson will be representing our Chapter. They have received the registration material but not the questionnaire that the organizers have indicated attendees will be asked to complete.

**D. Planning for 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference at UIUC.** Williamson agreed to contact the organizers at Penn State to arrange for information about our 2019 meeting to appear in this year's program.

## **VII. Reporting Items**

**A. Membership:** Nigh reported that our membership fell from 1863 to 1857 during May as we again added six members and dropped 12.

**B. Legislative Committee.** There was not much to add to the information covered in the President's report. Winkel noted that he and Adams will be meeting with Avijit Ghosh and Barbara Wilson.

**C. Newsletter.** Cler is working on the production schedule given it is likely that the fall Membership Meeting is on one of the last two Sundays in October. A likely first deadline for the articles will be late August or early September.

**D. Report on Status of Chapter Web Site:** Livingstone reported briefly on the site and reminded everyone to continue providing suggestions. She also reminded everyone to about the Facebook page.

**E. Benefits Committee:** Beastall and Stone led a discussion of the amendments to the Pension Code included in the 2019 budget implementation law. These included voluntary buyouts for vested inactive members and for Tier 1 members willing to AAI reduced to 1.5 percent annually. Most critically, the significant impact on the campuses of another change was also noted: the employer will be required to cover the pension costs of any salary increase exceeding three percent rather than the current six percent.

**F. Program.** Holden discussed briefly the process for deciding who might be the speaker for the fall Membership Meeting.

**VIII. New Business.** Williamson circulated new material for the 2018 version of the Orientation Packet. He also noted this would be the final "official" meeting of four members of the Executive Committee elected in 2015 who had been Chapter President (Hartman, Williamson); Treasurer (Webbink); and Newsletter Editor (Cler).

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at about 2:48 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.