

UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Minutes for August 8, 2018
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Attending: William Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Tanya Gallagher, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Penny Nigh, Bob Rich, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, Susan Trippiedi, Rob Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel

I. Call to Order: Winkel called the meeting to order at about 1:35 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for June 13, 2018: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich, seconded by Adams, and passed unanimously.

III. Review of Meeting Schedule. Winkel reviewed the schedule and noted that the date of the fall membership meeting is confirmed on October 28.

- A. Executive Committee Meetings for fall, 2018: September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.
- B. Retirement Planning Conference: September 29, 2018
- C. 2018 All Employee Expo (Illini Union Rooms A, B, C): October 18, 2018
- D. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 28 (confirmed)
- E. Fall State Directors Meeting: October 30, 2018
- F. 2019 Annual Meeting: June 27-28, 2019
- G. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 2-4, 2019 (UIUC)

IV. President's Report: Winkel provided an overview of his talking points with the University of Illinois and with SUAA.

- A. Winkel met with SUAA leadership on August 7, 2018, as approved by the committee on June 13, 2018, regarding the May 16, 2018 letter from Larry Alferink.
- B. Winkel met with UI leadership, Barb Wilson and Avijit Ghosh on July 13, 2018.
- C. He felt that the university didn't have any sense of urgency and that SUAA has a reactive approach. His recommendations are that the pension working group should continue its work and proactively develop strategies (subject to approval of Executive Committee) to address actual or anticipated legislative issues that relate to or concern our members' pensions or benefits with the preferred objective of coordinating our chapter's advocacy activities with the UI and SUAA. A motion to favor this approach was made by Williamson, seconded by Holden, and passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report. Webbink presented the Treasurer's for activity in June/July 2018. For the month of June, there was a decrease of \$369 and for July, there was an increase of \$620 in the checking account. The only disbursements were for meetings. Webbink requested an additional signature as back-up on CD's to replace Hartman. Winkel will appoint and confirm with Webbink. A motion to accept the report was made by Williamson, seconded by Bob Rich, and approved unanimously.

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. State Director's Meeting – August 7, 2018:** Discussion of bond bill and reengaging Dr. Fang. There were questions about an audit.

B. Report from 2018 Big 10 Retirees Conference August 2-4, 2018 at Penn State: Williamson provided the agenda from the conference. Asked how to work with UI to get more retirees involved. The attendees reported that the theme for the 2019 Conference on our campus will regard using technologies to support successful aging.

C. Review of 2018-2019 Leadership Roster: Winkel confirmed committee assignments

D. Planning for Staffing the Retirement Planning Conference, September 29, 2019: Winkel is creating a presentation to let people know what SUAA does and assist with increasing membership. SUAA will have a table, that will need staffed, and play a significant role in the program. We should include what SUAA has done previously. It was suggested to include SUAA brochures/ membership application in the folders that UI creates.

E. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting: October 28 is the confirmed date. Holden will draft a program for the event. Winkel will moderate and the panelists will be: Rich, Schoell, Rugg, and Adams. The panel will provide a Q&A session with the questions developed in advance and published in the newsletter. Winkel will send them to Holden prior to the event.

F. Planning for Fall Annuitant: Deadline for inclusion in the Fall Annuitant is September 1, 2018. Cler will send a reminder email out to the Executive Board. This issue will include the CCFD insert and will be sent to all retirees, with SURS approval since it will go to their blind mailing list.

G. Planning for 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference at UIUC: The subcommittee for this conference has an upcoming meeting August 10, 2018 at Rugg's house.

H. 2018 All Employee Expo (Illini Union Rooms A, B, C): October 18, 2018: Williamson reminded Executive Board that we are looking for volunteers to staff the SUAA table at the upcoming Employee Expo.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership: Nigh reported that our membership fell from 1844 to 1837 during July as we again added six members and dropped 13. It was suggested to craft a realistic message to convey to potential members without causing panic to provide a reason to be concerned and to join. We should provide flyers at the Employee Expo on October 18, 2018.

B. Legislative Committee. There was not much to add to the information covered in the President's report, except that this committee would like to meet with local representatives, candidates and incumbents but need to confirm the package to present first.

C. Newsletter. Cler is working on the Fall Annuitant. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2018. Cler announced that she will be stepping down from this committee after this newsletter but has enjoyed it. Winkel noted that he appreciated her hard work and the quality of work she provided over the years. He also asked to send replacement suggestions to him.

D. Report on Status of Chapter Web Site: It was suggested that the legislative committee work with the planning groups and create a handout. Each committee should review their section of the website and suggest updates. Make clear that SUAA is not SURS!

E. Benefits Committee: Beastall discussed the accelerated pension benefits package and suggested inviting someone from SURS to discuss this further. How can we help get this information out? Winkel will check with Larry Curtis. He may also consider having him or someone else from SURS appear at the Fall Meeting.

VIII. New Business. None

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting. The meeting adjourned at about 3:00 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Holden, seconded by Adams, and passed unanimously. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.