

UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Minutes for September 12, 2018
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Attending: William Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Tanya Gallagher, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Wynn Korr, Katharine Kral, Carol Livingstone, Penny Nigh, Bob Rich, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, Deb Stone, Susan Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson, and Rick Winkel,

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

II. Approval of minutes for August 8, 2018: One correction was noted: take out the word “tool” in the president’s report. Motion to approve minutes with correction was made by Adams, seconded by Holden, and approved unanimously.

III. Review of Meeting Schedule. Winkel reviewed the schedule and noted to add the Council of Council (CoC) to the agenda.

- A. *Council of Council’s (CoC) Meeting, October 5, 2018. (added)*
- B. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall, 2018: October 10, November 14, and December 12.
- C. Retirement Planning Conference: September 29, 2018
- D. 2018 All Employee Expo (Illini Union Rooms A, B, C): October 18, 2018
- E. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 28, 2018
- F. Fall State Directors Meeting: October 30, 2018
- G. 2019 Annual Meeting: June 27-28, 2019
- H. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 2-4, 2019 (UIUC)

IV. President’s Report:

No formal report. Hunt discussed the CoC format and discussed suggested information that Winkel should provide in his remarks: purpose of SUAA, membership, difference between SUAA and SURS.

V. Treasurer’s Report. Webbink presented the Treasurer’s for activity in August 2018; there was a decrease of \$1,601 in the checking account. Disbursements were for Executive Committee meetings and the Big 10 Retirees Conference. A motion to accept the report was made by Trippiedi, seconded by Gallagher, and approved unanimously. Williamson noted that the bylaws state that the treasurer should be bonded and suggested that a committee might be appointed to review this issue and possibly suggest a change in the bylaws.

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. Planning for Retirement Planning Conference, September 29, 2018: Conference will be from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with a 7:30 a.m. set-up time. Winkel requested staffing for the SUAA booth. Hunt mentioned that sometimes members would sign up at the table, so we should have some materials on hand. It was suggested to reach out to the state office to get the brochures “Think You’re Too Young.” Debi Vaninger is the SUAA Communications Director; her contact information is 523-4040 or debi@suaa.org. Other materials suggested are the membership application, SUAA newsletter, a SUAA vs. SURS flyer. Hunt needs 150-175 copies by September 17, 2018. Williamson volunteered to work on getting these materials. Williamson will send a new sign-up sheet to volunteer for all or part of a shift. It was suggested to target those employees who are within five years of retirement.

Holden will get materials to Hunt. Winkel's remarks should include SUAA's participation in court cases. Hunt will provide schedule/ break times.

- B. Planning for All Employee Expo, (Illini Union Rooms A, B, C): October 18, 2018:** Winkel reminded Executive Board that we are looking for volunteers to staff the SUAA table at the upcoming Employee Expo, especially the 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. timeslot. We should request two shipments of materials from the state office to provide those at this event, as well as, the Retirement Planning Conference.
- C. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting, October 28, 2018:** The program will consist of a panel from the Chapter's Ad Hoc Committee on Pensions that will explore a set of questions posed by Rick Winkel in his role as moderator. Trippiedi will supervise the registration and preparation of programs and other handouts. Anyone that has extra materials should give them to Trippiedi.
- D. Planning for Fall Annuitant:** Cler reported that UpClose is finalizing the newsletter at this time. Then it will go to SURS to send to all their participants.
- E. Planning For Fall State Director's Meeting, October 30, 2018:** Anyone can attend this meeting; however, anyone confirmed as a director can vote and our chapter can have up to six voting members. Winkel and Williamson have confirmed they are attending; anyone else should let Winkel know if planning to attend. In the fall, the committee votes on the budget. Winkel will let the committee know if there are any other pressing issues, as well as the deadline to register. Adams, Korr and Holden are all "maybes" at this time. Winkel noted that this meeting provides an opportunity to gain insight regarding important issues involving SUAA at the state level at less "cost" than attending the annual meeting in June.
- F. Selection of new Newsletter Editor:** Winkel requested nominations and suggested, putting an ad in the newsletter and on the webpage and solicit nominations from members at the chapter meeting on October 28, 2018. Cler explained what is involved with the position of newsletter editor and indicated she is willing to train a new person. The time commitment is approximately six – eight weeks of production, twice a year. Livingstone may be interested if nobody else volunteers.
- G. Planning for 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference at UIUC, August 2-4, 2019:** The committee consists of six members including, Rugg, Chair and Kral, Vice-Chair whom have met and discussed options for planning the event with Conferences and Institutes on campus. The full committee has met and reviewed the Penn State experience, discussed the wide variety of services offered by Conferences and Institutes (each for a fee), discussed "how to get off to a good start," and who should be the target audience. The committee does not have any recommendations as of yet; however, they plan to meet and provide more information at the next meeting.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. Membership:** They August report was not ready as of September 12, 2018. Two members have renewed from the reminder letters that they received.
- B. Legislative Committee:** legislative Committee should meet to combine the ad hoc working group together with the legislative committee per Winkel's suggestion. The committee should review their statement on the website and in the newsletter and bring any updates to the Executive Board.
- C. Communications Committee/ Newsletter:** Cler requested additions/ information for the newsletter, i.e. benefits, upcoming election period, Trail benefits choice, original iCard termination, etc.
- D. Benefits Committee:** It would be beneficial to receive education of benefits from CMS. Linda Brookhart has had success in the past with contacting CMS. A suggestion was to send Brookhart a note about the confusion. Any experiences/ problems with benefits, please share with Beastall and/or Stone, so they can create a one-two page document explain the confusion per Winkel's recommendation.
- E. Program:** No report.
- F. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference:** No report.

VIII. New Business. None

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting. The meeting adjourned at about 2:43 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.