

UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Minutes for April 10, 2019
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Attending: Bill Adams, Penny Nigh, Helen Satterthwaite, Bill Williamson, Kathleen Holden, Wynne Korr, Sue Trippiedi, Rick Schoell; Ron Webbink, Bob Rich, Carol Livingstone, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Steve Rugg

Guests: None

I. Call to Order: Adams called the meeting to order at about 1:31 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes: March 13, 2019: Motion to approve minutes was made by Rich, seconded by Holden, and approved unanimously.

III. Review of meeting schedule: Adams reviewed the schedule. Asked members to be sure to add to calendars.

- A. Executive Committee Meetings for Spring, 2019: May 8, June 12, July 10 (tentative)
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 28, 2019
- C. 2019 Annual State Directors Meeting: June 27-28, 2019
- D. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 2-4, 2019 (UIUC)

IV. President's Report: Winkel was not present. Adams discussed a summary of the survey results that he drafted to be released. Korr and Rich are also working on drafts; Livingstone is working on a spreadsheet. There was a discussion on how do we distribute the results. An advantage of providing results at the meeting is that it would encourage people to come. However, we should distribute to a few key people ahead of time, i.e. panel, may give a better presentation and not feel blindsided and share with University Administration. Adams will discuss with Winkel. Dan Caulkins is confirmed as a panelist – Bennett and Rose also confirmed. Ammons declined. We can then distribute more fully afterward the conference.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink presented the Treasurer's for activity in March 2019. For the month of March, there was an increase of \$2,096 in the checking account. State paid December, January, and February dues. The disbursements were for the chapter and executive meetings, Retirement Planning Conference and Big 10 Retirees conference. A motion to accept the report was made by Livingstone, seconded by Rich, and approved unanimously.

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. **Final Report on Spring Annuitant:** Livingstone reported that the report was sent out on time. She encouraged members to distribute to offices, friends, etc. Chancellor's Office pays postage for the Annuitant.
- B. **Final Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting:**
 - 1. **Program:** Legislative Panel confirmed. Membership meeting after panel speaks and is dismissed. We should have the survey results presented after panel is complete but before dismissing legislators and then provide a break before the business portion of the meeting.

2. **Publicity: EWeek; SUAA State email; SUAA State website:** Livingstone and Williamson to take care of submitting and obtaining brochures to hand out.
- C. **Selection of Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 Officers:** Selection of nominating committee should take place after the elections. Volunteers: Bob Rich, Bill Williamson. Adams suggested Holden or Korr. Formalize committee at next meeting.
- D. **Planning for 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference at UIUC:** Holden spoke with Wendy Rogers regarding her speaking role. Rogers is willing to do the first morning. During the next part, Donna Cox will provide tour. The bulk of program is in place. The committee would like to prompt attendees to come prepared to stimulate discussion. It was confirmed SUAA-UIUC is a University of Illinois affiliated agency. This does not exclude us from obtaining liability insurance though the face value has dropped to \$1M. CITL is handling the registration. Providing bus and narrator costs \$1K. By next meeting the committee should have full budget and know of all financial commitments. Friday night dinner will be at the iHotel, Saturday lunch is at the Illini Union, and Saturday night's dinner will be at the Presidents house. Suggested that Livingstone attend next committee meeting to understand her task in which she is committing.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. **Membership:** March membership fell by six from 1817 to 1811. There were five additions and eleven drops (nine deaths.) Carr noted her title was incorrect in newsletter, it should be State Membership Co-chair. The membership committee would like to encourage people to sign up for auto deduct.
- B. **Legislative Committee:** The new governor is active. Progressive income tax is a high priority for the governor and he is in favor of infrastructure bill for roads and bridges. Discussion of a new proposed revenue sources: gaming, marijuana, hearing increase in higher education funding since 2012. Lots of talk on pension funding- how far behind we are. Are we advocates? State recommendation is only on if pensions should be taxed. Brewer will find out if IBHE or UIUC has a stance. College savings program: local senator took position of "it's a university issue and they should do something." (Bennett) Adams said it was to offset reductions state was making.
- C. **Communications Committee/Newsletter:** Livingstone thanked everyone for contributions to newsletter.
- D. **Report on Status of Chapter Web Site:** Livingstone noted that she is trying to keep website up-to-date.
- E. **Benefits Committee:** Adams provided a handout that gave a summary report of the survey results. There will be an amendment to the constitution at annual meeting: "Directors" (used to be executive committee) are held liable and "House of Delegates" (used to be Directors). Not clear if there is an insurance policy.
- F. **Program:** No further updates other than that discussed earlier.

VIII. New Business. None – Brewer mentioned she is excited to be on board.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting adjourned at about 2:39 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room. Motion to adjourn was made by Korr, seconded by Williamson, and approved unanimously.