

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee, May 8, 2019
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Minutes
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Attending: Bill Adams, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Kathleen Holden, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, Susan Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Richard Winkel

I. Call to Order and Introductions: Winkel called the meeting to order at about 1:27 p.m. He introduced John Marlin who was newly elected to the Committee at the spring meeting whose term will start July 1. The remaining attendees introduced themselves.

II. Approval of minutes for April 10, 2019: The following corrections were made: spelling of Schoell in list of attendees; spelling of Ammons in President's Report (IV), and change "pays postage for the spring edition of the annuitant" to "pays postage for the Annuitant" in VI, A. A motion to approve the minutes with these corrections was passed unanimously.

III. Review of meeting schedule: Winkel reviewed the following schedule. It was noted that it may be determined that we should hold a meeting of the Executive Committee on July 10, 2019.

- A. Executive Committee Meeting for Spring, 2019: June 12.
- B. 2019 Annual State Directors Meeting: June 27-28, 2019
- C. 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference: August 2-4, 2019 (UIUC)

IV. President's Report: Winkel thanked Holden and Trippiedi in particular for their work in making the spring Chapter Meeting such a success. He thought the meeting went well and the panel was well received. Given the positive response to the survey, he suggested that we might consider additional surveys relatively soon. He reported that the 2019-2022 members of the Executive Committee elected at the meeting were William Adams, Melinda Carr, John Marlin, and Rick Winkel. He reported that Tanya Gallagher has submitted her resignation as a member effective July 1, 2019 and that he will propose Kathleen Holden to fill that position following the procedures in Article IV, Section 2 of our Bylaws.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink presented the Treasurer's report for April and for the Year to Date. The State office continues to be up to date in sending our share of the dues. The principal disbursements were for the spring Chapter Meeting (\$487) and the spring Annuitant (\$745). The result was an increase of \$222 in the checking account for the month. He noted that one of the CDs had just matured and discussed briefly his plans for reinvesting those funds.

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. Selection of Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 Officers. Winkel announced that the Nominating Committee would be Kathleen Holden, Wynne Korr, Robert Rich, and Bill Williamson (Chair). They are to present nominees for President, Vice President, and Secretary at the June meeting of the Executive Committee as indicated in Article V, Section 2 of the Chapter's Bylaws..

B. Planning for Annual State Directors Meeting. Winkel noted that he would want to know who will be able to represent the Chapter as Directors at the meeting in Springfield on June 27-28, 2019. Carr and Williamson indicated that they were planning to attend. There was a discussion of the proposed amendments in the State Constitution that will change the governance structure so that Chapter

representatives will be Delegates rather than Directors since there are potential legal problems with the latter title. Rugg indicated that it would be important to determine whether this would mean any change in the governance structure in terms of the division of authority between the Delegates (formerly Directors) and the Directors (formerly the Executive Committee).

C. Planning for 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference at UIUC. Rugg reported the important news that he had received a contract from the staff at Conferences & Event Services. The planning committee will meet after this meeting to decide which option they recommend and present their proposal to the Executive Committee for approval. He hopes to be able to do this electronically later this week.

D. Report on Status of Chapter Office and Campus Space Survey. There was a brief discussion of the next steps for obtaining some space for storage for the chapter assuming the current office will be “returning” to the College of ACES.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership. Williamson reported that membership stayed at 1811 for April. There were 12 adds (eight new members, four rejoin) and 12 drops (eight deaths and four lapsed or cancelled). He noted that the Chapter Membership Committee would be submitting an entry in the State’s membership contest. Livingstone led a discussion of our concern over the impact of the letter received in March from the IPI urging SUAA members on dues deduct to end “your automatic deductions for union dues or dues to retirement organizations.” Carr was asked whether she could find out what the State SUAA office has done or is doing to respond. The Chapter could then follow up on those efforts. Carr noted that as part of our membership review, we need to be sure that all individuals on the Executive Committee are members of the SUAA-UIUC Chapter.

B. Legislative Committee. It was noted that the proposed pension holiday had been cancelled. Winkel noted that the legislature is winding down and he expected they would finish on time. He is concerned about the decline in bipartisan cooperation making it more difficult to proceed as they consider the various key issues. Brewer noted that the UI would be sponsoring a “Call to Action” on May 15 and was asked to provide more information on the event.

C. Communications Committee. In the future, this will include not only the Annuitant but also the Chapter Web Site. Livingstone reminded the Committee that they need to visit the Chapter’s Facebook page to keep with the key changes that are occurring.

D. Benefits Committee. Williamson noted his brief report on the final Senate FB meeting. He is working with Rugg to see whether this committee might be more proactive next year. He reported that he would be attending the spring SURSMAC meeting tomorrow (May 9) as one of the campus representatives. He has a similar concern about the role played by this committee as advisory to the SURS Director.

VIII. New Business. Winkel reported that he would like to undertake a review of the Chapter’s Bylaws. He has asked Bill Adams, Melinda Carr, and Bill Williamson to start the process. He noted that anyone else interested in participating should contact Bill Williamson.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting. A motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at about 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room