

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee, June 12, 2019
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Minutes

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Attending: Bill Adams, Melinda Carr, Kathleen Holden, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, H. F. Williamson, Richard Winkel, Wynne Korr, Penny Nigh, Athalia Hunt, Bob Rich (phone), Helen Satterthwaite, Mary Beastall, Rick Schoell

I. Call to Order and Introductions: Winkel called the meeting to order at about 1:37 p.m. He noted that a majority of the Executive Committee was attending so we had a quorum for the meeting.

II. Approval of minutes for May 8, 2019: Motion to approve minutes was made by Rich, seconded by Adams, and approved unanimously.

III. Review of meeting schedule: Winkel reviewed the following schedule. It reflects the decision that it would not be necessary for the Executive Committee to meet on July 10, 2019 as had been tentatively planned.

A. 2019 Annual State Directors Meeting: June 27-28, 2019

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

C. Executive Committee Meetings for Fall, 2019: August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11.

IV. President's Report: Winkel discussed a SUAA mini-briefing.

V. Treasurer's Report: Williamson presented the Treasurer's report for May. The State office continues to be up to date in sending our share of the dues. The only disbursement was for the Executive Committee meeting so the result was an increase of \$1252 in the checking account for the month. The CD at Midland States Bank was renewed for another twelve months at 2.70% (compared to 2.00% last year.) A motion to accept the report was made by Adams, seconded by Holden, and approved unanimously.

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VI. Action/Discussion Items

A. Report of Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 Officers.

Williamson made a report as chair of the nominating committee to select candidates for officers. The following nominations were put forth before the Executive Board: Rick Winkel, President; Bill Adams, Vice President; Melinda Carr, Secretary. A motion to accept the nominations was made by Holden, seconded by Korr, and approved unanimously

B. Proposal to fill a Vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Winkel noted the vacancy following the resignation by Tanya Gallagher's open seat. He recommended Kathleen Holden to complete Gallagher's two-year term. A motion to accept the nomination was made by Adams, seconded by Korr, and approved unanimously. Williamson asked the Executive Board to review roster and note any updates.

C. Selection of Directors for SUAA Annual Meeting in Springfield.

The SUAA Annual meeting in Springfield will be held June 27-28. Williamson and Carr will be attending as Directors from the Chapter. Winkel will be out of state. The principal agenda item will be the presentation of the new Constitution changing the governing structure of the Association. Anyone else wishing to attend should let Winkel know. Expenses are covered for those attending as Directors from the Chapter.

D. Planning for 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference at UIUC.

Rugg noted that registration is open and the module is working. Almost all major decisions have been made. The committee has a meeting scheduled with Barb Wilson next week to confirm as

Friday evening's speaker. The menu has been established: UI catering will provide food Friday night and Classic Events will cater Saturday night. There are still some minor logistical issues to work out. Rugg mentioned that the committee doesn't necessarily need entire board to meet in July, just planning group to complete details. Invite current Executive Committee to Friday night dinner with Barb Wilson.

E. Report on Status of Chapter Office

Adams noted no new news at this point. Currently, there are two filing cabinet with archives from way back, however, UI archives hasn't been looked into yet. Williamson suggested Winkel appointing subcommittee on this topic. Adams, Beastall and Williamson all agreed to be a part of this subcommittee.

F. Charge to Chapter Bylaws Review Committee.

Adams, Beastall, Carr, Rich and Williamson agreed to serve on the committee and start the process of reviewing chapter bylaws. Winkel asked what the procedures were for implementing any changes. Our current ByLaws establish the procedures starting with the publication of the proposed changes in the Annuitant at least fifteen days prior to the meeting at which they will be proposed for approval. The Committee will start by reviewing the Bylaws and Constitutions from the SUAA chapters at the other state Universities. . Winkel requested prelim report focusing on issues and process by August meeting.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership.

Current membership is 1796, down 15 from the 1811 members at the beginning of the month. Three losses were due to deaths and 13 lapsed. Williamson provided copies of lapsed members for Executive Board members to contact. Williamson reported that he had submitted an entry to the state membership contest for which the winners will be announced at the annual meeting.

B. Legislative Committee.

Winkel thought it was a very good year budget-wise for UI. Budget was the easy part, \$1.5B in additional revenues, although not enough to solve all problems though. UI received a 5% increase in operating funds. This year, the budget was not dead on arrival, which hasn't happened in many years. Difficult to tell if Pritzker was engaged in April/May, but last few days were a different story. Progressive agenda, changed a lot of things that have been on agenda for a few decades. Leadership of legislature was with him, which is not always the case. Governor was effective on making that happen, bipartisanship is good now. Satterthwaite questioned if the budget is sustainable. Revenue from progressive tax starts coming in 2022.

C. Communications Committee.

No report.

D. Benefits Committee.

Morrel chapel to review contract, however, there have been online issues.

E. Program Committee.

Trippedi's term ends this month. Will turn over to new committee. Holden and Marlin to serve on Program Committee, Trippedi would like to get together with them to discuss transition.

VIII. New Business. The planning for the Fall Chapter meeting was raised. Winkel inquired as to why the meeting is on Sunday. Members noted that it has been a tradition. It was agreed that the Fall Chapter meeting date would be October 20 depending on availability of meeting space at the I Hotel. November 3 will be the back-up date. No need for legislators. Carr requested that we provide more information for people to understand. Should the program more in line with benefits? Should we have the SURS director? Winkel to reach out to SURS after we find out iHotel availability. Hold both dates if available until reaching out to SURS. The question of whether the business meeting should precede the program to assure attendance at the former was also discussed. Winkel asked that we check the bylaws to see whether a business meeting is required at the fall meeting.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holden, seconded by Adams, and approved unanimously at about 2:33 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.