

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee, September 11, 2019**  
**Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room**  
**Minutes**

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**Attending:** Mary Beastall, Melinda Carr, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Bob Rich, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel.

**I. Call to Order and Introductions:** Winkel called the meeting to order and a majority of the Executive Committee was attending at 1:35 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes for August 14, 2019:** Motion to approve minutes was made by Rich, seconded by Holden, and approved unanimously.

**III. Review of meeting schedule:**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall 2019: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.
- B. 2019 All Employee Expo (Illini Union Rooms A, B, C): October 17, 2019
- C. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 20, 2019
- D. Fall State House of Delegates Meeting: November 5, 2019
- E. Retirement Planning Conference: February 29, 2020

*NOTE:* A reminder to add the 2020 State Annual Meeting when posted.

**IV. President's Report:**

- A. **Illinois Connection:** Winkel noted that Brewer sent an email invitation to the Executive Committee to attend the Illinois Connection reception scheduled for October 7 at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center. This will be an opportunity to meet and talk with local legislators including Senator Bennett and Carol Ammons. This office was transferred to the Office of Governmental Relations and is now under the President's office.
- B. **Review of ByLaws:** Winkel noted reviewing our approach to advocacy for future coordination. There was discussion about the general role of the chapter and officers being involved in legislative contacts, membership, benefits, and education of our stakeholders, and the separate function of SUAA political action which deals with advocacy.
- C. **State Budget:** Winkel noted the governor's proposed budget cuts and other commentary in Crain's Chicago Business.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Webbink presented the Treasurer's report for August. The state is late with dues, and still waiting on fees from the Big 10 Conference registration and offering from the Chancellor. Rugg noted they are still waiting on final information from CITL on services provided. A motion to accept the report was made by Livingstone, seconded by Marlin, 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. Updates to Report on the 2019 Big 10 Retirees Conference August 2-4, 2019 at UIUC**

The committee will share responses from the evaluation once it is compiled and provide a report for the chapter's files.

**B. Updates to Report on the 2019 Annual State Directors Meeting**

Carr will share letter from SUAA state office provided at the Annual meeting and link to information posted on website.

**C. Planning for Fall State House of Delegates Meeting: November 5, 2019**

Delegates who will be attending include Winkel, Williamson, Rich and Carr. Follow up is needed on the budget item and requirements for the House of Delegates.

**D. Selection to Fill Vacancy on Executive Committee (Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2)**

Winkel presented the nomination of Donna Miller to fill the vacancy left by Penny Nigh. Rich motioned and Holden seconded, to fill Nigh's vacancy and approved unanimously.

**E. Review of 2019-2020 Leadership Roster**

Miller will be added to the roster, and Winkel recommended adding her to the Program Committee.

**F. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting: October 20, 2019**

Tasks completed so far include: the room has been reserved at the I-Hotel and Martin Noven has been confirmed as the speaker. Livingstone will send a copy of the roster to Brewer to print Executive Committee labels. At the October meeting, complete other items including the agenda, message in eweek and draft of the program (Williamson), reports for the President and each of the committees.

### **G. Report on Fall Annuitant**

Livingstone reported the printer is ready to distribute the Fall issue with 20 pages including information from the Campus Charitable Fund Drive (CCFD). Beastall reported an error on page 6 in the entitled "Current employees and non-Medicare eligible annuitants/dependents," and this information should be correct on the CMS website.

### **H. Planning for Staffing the 2019 All Employee Expo: October 17, 2019**

Williamson, Livingstone, and Carr offered to staff the event. Williamson will bring brochures targeting current employees and locate the table skirt. Linda Brookhart has offered to attend, but a special skirt is not needed.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson**

Remove Nigh from the list since she is no longer active. Current membership is 1762, down 10 from the beginning of the month. There were four new members, and 14 losses (10 were due to deaths). Members are asked to review the list and contact anyone you may know to rejoin SUAA.

### **B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell, Winkel**

Updates included the upcoming Fall veto session, and the pension buyout has been extended to June 30, 2024.

### **C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Livingstone**

The website has been updated with requested information and usage has been low. A webpage will be created with links to other state universities and colleges.

### **D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson**

The SURS Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC) meeting will be in October. The latest topics include buyout extension legislation and reinserting a reference to "survivors" which was left out.

### **E. Program: Holden, Martin**

No report.

### **F. Chapter Bylaws Review Committee: Williamson, Adams, Carr, Rich, Beastall**

Williamson provided a handout on the section from Article III Membership. He recommended not to add other categories such as "Associate Member" and "Honorary Members," but to change "spouses" to "spouses/partners". After checking the state bylaws during the meeting, it was noted that both these references appear and should be added to be consistent with state bylaws.

## **VIII. New Business:**

Williamson reported the SUAA Foundation Chair has created a book mark. He will provide laminated copies at the October meeting. Carr recommended a membership plan including an estimated total of increase for the campaign/goal, gift cards as a prize, and a 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration. Other discussion included targeting the Annuitant audience with percentage of increase as a possible goal, and reviewing the committee structure in the bylaws to prepare for vacancies.

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holden, seconded by Livingstone, and approved unanimously at about 3:14 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Carr, Secretary