

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee, November 13, 2019
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Minutes

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Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Melinda Carr, Carol Livingstone, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, John Marlin, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Bob Rich (on phone).

I. Call to Order and Introductions: Adams called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. with a majority of the Executive Committee attending.

II. Approval of minutes for October 9, 2019: Motion to approve minutes was made by Rich, seconded by Livingstone and approved unanimously.

III. Review of meeting schedule:

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall, 2019: December 11.
- B. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2020: (Decision on whether to hold Jan. 8 meeting, 6F), February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10
- C. Retirement Planning Conference: February 29, 2020
- D. Spring Chapter Meeting: (To Be Determined)
- E. SUAA Annual Meeting: June 18-19, 2020

IV. President's Report: No report in the absence of the President who is out of town. The Vice President facilitated the meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

The Treasurer noted significant expenses paid out in October, and there are still unexpended funds including transactions from the Big 10 conference and the insert in the annuitant for the campus fund drive. A motion was made by Marlin and seconded by Livingstone to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was carried.

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. Report on October 17, 2019 All Employee Expo

Williamson, Livingston, Carr and Linda Brookhart from the SUAA state office attended. Brookhart helped to improve procedures, handouts, and talked with participants who had questions. The membership drawing deadline for this event will end on November 30, and three free memberships will be reimbursed for the year.

B. Report on October 20, 2019 Fall Chapter Meeting

The general consensus was that the SURS Director Martin Noven did a good job of presenting information with emphasis on the best interest of the employee and their future. He focused on employees in the self-managed plan and the risks they encounter when making decisions that impact their annuity and medical insurance. There were between 30-50 people in attendance.

C. Report on November 5, 2019 State House of Delegates Meeting

Williamson reported on activities including delegates participating in table topics (the importance of having a spouse as a member, other membership topics), and most notable was the approved \$6 increased in dues starting January 1, 2020, and there was discussion about the membership campaign included in the budget and planned for next year. Williamson will contact the state office to find out if an announcement will go out to all SUAA members regarding the dues increase.

D. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting

Action item for the Committee is to hold two possible dates and report back at the next meeting. Dates to avoid are local events such as Eberfest, Illinois marathon, Passover, and Easter.

E. Vote to Authorize \$1,200 Support for Retirement Planning Conference: February 29, 2020

This event has been held for several years and the President will speak. A motion was made by Livingston and seconded by Marlin to give \$1,200 in support of the retirement planning conference, approved unanimously.

F. Decision on Whether to Hold January Executive Committee meeting: January 8, 2020

The meeting in January is generally set aside to help in planning the spring meeting which is in progress.

G. Status of Campus Office

Office space and the campus mailbox are still in operation to receive incoming mail.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson

Williamson encouraged everyone to review the updated list for anyone they know to renew, and for any deaths that need to be reported to the state office. There were ten new members, five lapsed memberships and three deaths. New members will be entered into a lottery ending in November. Also noted, there will be a second annual Membership Contest led by state co-chairs Mary Jeans and Melinda Carr. Chapters must gain at least 10 members.

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

Rich noted the proposed change in moving to permanent daylight savings time which passed the house during the first part of veto session and will now go to the senate. In addition, watch the governor's agenda which may include pension reform and progressive income tax. Other discussion included consolidation of county municipal workers, cost of living increase (COLA), reaching out to elected officials and attending scheduled events.

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

Livingstone noted members are encouraged to share the chapter website with Facebook friends and send any ideas or suggestions.

D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson

Williamson reported on the Senate meeting including the recommendation to provide employees more retirement planning support. Other meetings are coming up this week with SURS and SURSMAC.

Wynn noted individuals may have to follow up with Trail for any upcoming changes.

E. Program: Holden, Marlin, Miller

Correction made to name in previous minutes from "Martin" to "Marlin". The committee will be working on the speaker for the spring meeting. Last year Professor Wendy Rogers made a presentation to the group.

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

The committee will be meeting after the Executive Committee meeting today. Proposed changes will be voted on in the spring. The goal is to have the final draft to present to the Executive Committee at the December meeting, and then get final approval in February (coordination with publishing of the Annuitant is needed, so that it is distributed within 15 days of the meeting).

VIII. New Business

The State SUAA introduced a line for donations and in the summer a letter was sent to chapter presidents. A question was raised about adding this topic to next month's agenda as to whether we will make a donation.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rugg, seconded by Livingstone, and approved unanimously at about 3:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Carr, Secretary