

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee, December 11, 2019
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room
Minutes
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Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Melinda Carr, Carol Livingstone, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, and Bob Rich.

I. Call to Order and Introductions: Adams called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. with a majority of the Executive Committee attending.

II. Approval of minutes for November 13, 2019: Motion to approve minutes was made and seconded and approved unanimously, with one correction.

III. Review of meeting schedule:

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2020: January 15 was added to schedule, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10
- B. Retirement Planning Conference: February 29, 2020
- C. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 19, 2020
- D. SUAA Annual Meeting: June 18-19, 2020: in Springfield
- E. Big 10 Retirees Conference: Iowa City, Iowa: August 3-5, 2020

IV. President's Report: Adams facilitated the meeting in the absence of the President.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

A check was received from CITL related to the Big 10 Conference and the Treasurer will need to confirm the payee information with the bank, and still waiting on balance of the donation from the Chancellor's office. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Rugg and seconded by Livingstone, 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. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting

Executive Committee members were asked to bring ideas for discussion. Ideas included retirement planning, end of life, health care power of attorney, and other topics of interest to current employees. Suggested topics highlighted for follow up: 1) Status of the pension system (Center for Tax and Budget Accountability (CTBA), speaker Ralph Martire (Rich to confirm availability), and 2) a presenter will be confirmed from Central Management System (CMS) Trail Plan to talk about health insurance, Medicare and Social Security.

B. Selection of Nominating Committee for Candidates for Executive Committee

Nominations are needed for four slots in time to publish biographies in the spring newsletter. The deadline for the spring newsletter is February 22, 2020. Williamson volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Also needed is a list of current SUAA members who are still employed, and outreach to nonmembers to become part of SUAA.

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

After discussion, a decision was made to hold the next meeting on January 15 instead of January 8. The motion was made by Livingstone, seconded by Rugg and approved unanimously.

D. Status of Campus Office

No changes reported at this time.

E. Report from Chapter Bylaws Review Committee

Williamson shared a draft of the newsletter article highlighting current bylaws and proposed changes to bylaws. Due to additional edits, another draft will be recirculated for the January 15 meeting and will include suggested edits submitted by Carr.

- F. An additional agenda item was added for the \$6.00 increase in membership dues that was approved at the November 5 Fall Meeting.** It was noted that an email message was sent out regarding the increase to SUAA chapters, and there were concerns about the notification process. The Executive Committee discussed whether to increase chapter dues, and the general consensus of members present was not to increase membership dues at this time for the UIUC chapter.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson

Current membership is 1752, down seven from the 1759 members at the beginning of the month. There were eleven drops (nine due to death, two lapsed) and four new members who will be included in the drawing which ended in November.

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

As an update: the second legislative session was held, Senate President Cullerton is retiring, and it was noted that SUAA supports a fair income tax as part of the legislative platform (pertaining to the progressive income tax, Senate Bill 687).

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

Livingstone is asking for suggestions on topics of interest for the spring newsletter.

D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson

Williamson sent updates from the last fall semester meeting of the UIUC Senate's Faculty and Academic - Staff Benefits Committee (FB) including information on retirement plan choices for new hires and a report on the Fall SURSMAC meeting.

E. Program: Holden, Marlin, Miller

Holden will be updated on the status of the spring meeting, and it was suggested to consider contacting the Daily Illini about an article on the spring meeting.

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

The final draft will be circulated for approval at the meeting on January 15.

VIII. New Business

There was discussion about whether a future donation will be placed on the agenda from the SUAA-UIUC chapter.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Adams and seconded by Rugg, and approved unanimously at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Carr, Secretary