

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee, February 12, 2020
Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room

Minutes

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Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Robert Gillispie, Athalia Hunt, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, Bob Rich (phone), Steve Rugg, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel.

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

I. Call to Order: Introductions

Robert Gillispie, a former UI faculty member, attended the meeting today as the new Clark Lindsey liaison.

II. Approval of minutes for January 15, 2020: copies available at meeting

Correction to 6A, Report of Nominating Committee: the names of three individuals were presented and approved last month. Adams motioned, Rich seconded and the motion was carried.

III. Review of meeting schedule:

A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2020: 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

E. Big 10 Retirees Conference: Iowa City, Iowa: August 3-5, 2020

IV. President's Report: Winkel

No formal report was given.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

The treasurer presented the report covering activity from January 1 through January 31, 2020. Received last contribution of the Big 10 Retirement Conference and books will be closed out on that account. Dues are adjusting gradually following the recent increase. Adams will be added as the fifth signature for First Federal Bank to update the list. Rugg motioned, seconded by Rich, and the motion passed.

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 of Nominating Committee (Bylaws, Article V, Section 1)

The three nominees were Carol Livingstone, Donna Miller and Debbie Kempfues. Bettina Francis was proposed as a fourth candidate. The motion was carried for the four candidates to be included with biographies in the newsletter by Feb. 22.

B. Report on Spring Annuitant

Livingstone reported the layout is in progress, and final articles are due Feb. 22. Waiting on printing estimate and will copy treasurer when received. More pages with bylaws and list of deceased employees obtained through SURS (News Bureau discontinued this service). The

current process for publishing is spring issue only goes to SUAA members and mailing costs are covered by the Chancellor's office, printing by the local chapter; and the fall edition goes to all SURS members and has an insert from United Way (paid for by United Way).

C. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting: Agenda, EWeek, Publicity

Ralph Martire, Director of Center for Tax and Budget Accountability has agreed to come, and Deb Stone will confirm whether the CMS representative will be available.

The 50th year celebration has been postponed until the fall. This will allow for more promotional activities including: understanding any history related to the constitutional convention, contacting individuals familiar with early years, and acknowledgement from the state office.

D. Planning for Retirement Planning Conference: speaker, staffing, handouts

Winkel will speak. Williamson, Livingstone and Carr agreed to help with staffing at 8 a.m.

E. Status of UIUC SUAA Chapter Office on Campus

Future tasks include a backup plan in case of changes and confirming files for 50th celebration.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson

Williamson reported completion of fall membership drive and messages to three winners. Other spring activities to consider are the current meeting schedule, proposed gift certificates, requesting email addresses, and sending out a postcard.

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

Updates include watching Governor's plans for income tax and constitutional amendment, installation of new senate president, pension process unchanged, and deadline for filing bills is this Friday. News-Gazette published an Op-Ed article on proposing bankruptcy to state of Illinois (Sunday, Feb. 8-9, 2020). Consider writing rebuttals and long-range planning for graduated income, survey, etc.

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

Livingstone reported items including: updating the online membership form with correct amounts, a new website host and spring meeting "save the date" website posting.

D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson

Williamson reported a new chair is on board for the senate.

E. Program: Holden, Marlin, Miller

The committee was not available today.

VIII. New Business

A. Long Range Planning

Winkel noted looking at our structure including the executive director role similar to Wisconsin, and finding an active robust plan and function as a committee to bring more people on board.

B. Creating an Executive Director's Position

The initial proposal included senior members and presidents. Everyone is invited to attend the committee meeting next month following the Executive Committee meeting to review the current structure. The agenda will be long range planning and looking at action items with a goal of involvement and succession with a narrow scope. Examples to review: executive director structure (University of Wisconsin), check with UIC and also Larry Alterink.

C. Support for State Office

Williamson proposed to donate \$100 to the state office for staff support that was given to the local chapter. Rugg motioned, Adams seconded and the motion was carried (with one abstention by Korr). Williamson will contact Larry Alferink on the procedure.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rugg, seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at about 3:20 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.