

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**ZOOM Meeting**  
**Minutes for April 8, 2020**  
**Web site: [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org)**  
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**Attending:** Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Bob Rich, Steve Rugg, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel.

**I. Call to Order and Introductions:** President Winkel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes for February 12, 2020:** The minutes were approved.

**III. Review of meeting schedule.** Winkel noted that there were no changes yet in the dates which had originally been scheduled for these meetings but clearly some would be cancelled or postponed.

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2020: May 13, June 10
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 19, 2020
- C. SUAA Annual Meeting: June 18-19, 2020
- D. Big 10 Retirees Conference: Iowa City, Iowa: August 3-5, 2020

**IV. President's Report:** Winkel thanked those who were able to attend the meeting electronically noting that we clearly are uncertain about when we will next be able to meet in person. It seems clear it will be after the scheduled May and June meetings of the Executive Committee.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Webbink presented the reports covering the activity for February and March as well as the "Year to Date" for each month. The principal receipts were dues collected from December through February and the residual from the Chancellor's support for the BIG Retirement Conference. The principal disbursement was for the Newsletter (including software). In March, the interest on the checking account had fallen to zero.

*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. Spring Chapter Meeting Postponement.** There was a lengthy discussion of the activities involved with postponing the meeting. These will involve publicizing the postponement including contacting the speaker; designing the program for the postponed meeting; and arranging for a date and site for the postponed meeting.

- A. **Publicizing the Postponement.** Livingstone and Williamson will lead these efforts. They will include using the Chapter's web page and Facebook page; preparing an entry for EWeek; putting the information on the state web site; sending it to those members on the state email list; and others such as the cancellation section of the *News-Gazette*. Rich indicated he is willing to contact Mr. Martire about the change in date and program. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to ask Mr. Martire to be the speaker at our fall members meeting. Plans are also being made to inform the four candidates for the Executive Committee of the postponement.
- B. **Program for Postponed Meeting:** The postponed meeting will be limited to the content of the annual Chapter Meeting with the following agenda: Chapter President's Report; Election of Members of the Executive Committee for 2020-2023; and the Proposal to Revise the Chapter Bylaws. We have met the 15-day notice requirement for the latter two agenda items through the mailing of the spring *Annuitant*. The advance notice requirements for proposing additional candidates or additional amendments will go into effect once a date is chosen.

- C. **Planning for the Postponed Meeting.** The Program Committee will lead the discussion of when the meeting will be held. The dates of August 2 and August 9 were tentatively chosen until further information is available so that the Program Committee could check with the I Hotel about whether availability of rooms on those dates. Once the meeting is established, we will be able to send a letter to our mailing list with the information traditionally provided in the Annuitant (see, for example, pp. 1 and 3 of the Spring 2020 *Annuitant*).

## VII. Discussion Items

- A. **Report on the Retirement Planning Conference.** The Conference again was an excellent opportunity to publicize SUAA and recruit new members thanks to the presentation by Winkel during the program and the work of Carr, Livingstone, and Williamson who staffed our table.
- B. **Report on Spring Annuitant.** The Annuitant went out on time which was just before the effects of the pandemic were first making themselves evident.

## VIII. Committee Reports

- A. **Membership:** Williamson reported that, understandably, there were no recent reports on membership activity from the State Office. As he indicated in an email, the membership had declined by a total of nineteen individuals during January and February.
- B. **Legislative Committee:** Legislative activity is on hold during the pandemic. Brewer noted that campus leaders are stressing the need for support for higher education.
- C. **Communications:** Livingstone noted again that the Annuitant had been sent out on time. She continues to keep the web site up to date.
- D. **Benefits:** Williamson noted he had sent a brief summary of this month's meeting of the Senate Committee on Faculty and Staff Benefits.
- E. **Program.** There was a brief review of the steps being proposed to schedule the postponed Spring Meeting.

- IX. **New Business.** Winkel noted that we had covered the possible contingency plans for our future meetings of the Executive Committee.

## X. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved unanimously at about 2:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in a format to be determined.