

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**ZOOM Meeting**  
**Minutes for May 13, 2020**  
**Web site: [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org)**  
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Attending: Bill Adams, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel.

**I. Call to Order and Introductions:** President Winkel called the meeting to order with a quorum present about 1:35 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes for April 8, 2020:** Holden moved, Livingstone seconded, and the motion was carried.

**III. Review of meeting schedule [original dates and new tentative dates]**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2020: June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: originally April 19, 2020; new date to be determined
- C. SUAA Annual Meeting: originally June 18-19, 2020; new date is October 28, 2020
- D. Big 10 Retirees Conference: Aug. 3-5, 2020 Iowa event canceled; 2021 in Bloomington, Indiana

**IV. President's Report:** Winkel

Winkel noted the following information during his report:

- Governor's executive order will extend through May 30 due to COVID-19 pandemic. Legislators will reconvene a special session on the budget and other issues.
- June 10 meeting will be by Zoom; fall meeting was not confirmed. The State office advised chapter officers to continue in their respective offices until elections can be held. Winkel is unable to continue beyond August as President.
- Albert Hermsen asked the Big Ten Retiree Association to share their virtual meeting plans.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Webbink

Webbink provided the report covering activity for April 2020. Total interest is 49 cents on the chapter checking account for the month, and the CD held at Midland States Bank has renewed for another year. Marlin moved, seconded by Williamson, and the motion passed.

*NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please send to Ron Webbink's office*

**VI. Spring Chapter Meeting**

**A. Success at Publicizing Postponement**

The meeting details for announcing the postponement were posted on the website and shared with chapter membership as indicated at the last Executive Committee meeting.

**B. Plans for Rescheduling**

There was a general discussion about the best course of action due to the pandemic and restrictions in our bylaws for Zoom or virtual meetings. The Program Committee has worked out with the I Hotel to roll over the deposit. Holden will also ask the I Hotel to hold until a new date is determined. The general consensus was that August 2 or 9 may be too soon to expect gatherings of more than 50 people, and we'll need to revisit this item at the June or July meeting.

The Vice President is unable to move up on an interim basis. The President may need to appoint interim officers to serve for unexpired terms, and the four candidates terms would expire June 30.

Holden will respond to Big 10 Retirement Association regarding the use of Zoom for Executive Committee meetings. The Committee will find another meeting site in place of Clark Lindsey.

#### **VII. Action/Discussion Items**

- A. Report on Spring Chapter Meeting  
Plans for moving forward with board members include filling the four positions, explaining the circumstances and responding to the pandemic and ability to hold elections.
- B. Selection of Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 Officers  
Holden, Adams, Livingstone and Carr agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- C. Planning for Annual State Directors Meeting  
Prepare to select delegates for the October 28 meeting at ISU Alumni Center. The State office plans to combine business of both the Annual and Fall Meetings.
- D. Planning for 2020 Big 10 Retirees Conference  
This year's conference is cancelled for now. The 2021 conference host will be Indiana University.
- E. Report on Status of Chapter Office and Campus Space Survey  
No updates at this time.

#### **VII. Reporting Items**

- A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson  
Williamson reported a loss of nine members in March and six in April. Follow up is needed to determine how the state office currently handles expired memberships.
- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel  
Updates include UI System's call to action to General Assembly for a funding increase; a proposed stimulus bill, and UI joint efforts in state testing, online teaching and other support.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Livingstone  
No additional updates at this time.
- D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson  
Williamson reported on faculty/staff benefits including moving to the self-choice period for health insurance and the new defined benefits plan with Voya and related concerns.
- E. Program: Holden, Marlin, Miller  
Updates covered under section on Spring Chapter meeting.

#### **VIII. New Business**

- A. Plans for Electronic Meetings and Communications  
Determine what other changes are needed in the bylaws to accommodate future meetings. Proposed bylaws will provide for electronic committee meetings but not general chapter meetings. Voting of new officers has been postponed.

Other recommendations included an emergency clause and a phone chain to contact members without emails. The President asked to add the phone chain idea to the next meeting's agenda.

#### **IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Korr, seconded by Marlin and the motion was approved unanimously at about 3:10 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.