

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Zoom Meeting
Minutes for June 10, 2020
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Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Melinda Carr, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Donna Miller, Steve Rugg, 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 1:33 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for May 13, 2020: Marlin motioned, Adams seconded, and the motion was carried.

III. Review of meeting schedule

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2020: July 8 (**NOTE:** Added meeting)
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: originally April 19, 2020; new date to be determined
- C. SUAA Annual Meeting: originally June 18-19, 2020; **POSTPONED**
- D. Big 10 Retirees Conference: Iowa City, Iowa: August 3-5, 2020, **CANCELLED**
- E. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall, 2020: August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.
- F. SUAA Fall Meeting: October 28, 2020: State SUAA office noted the possibility of scheduling two separate Zoom meetings because of the budget.

IV. President's Report: Winkel

President Winkel provided a written report in advance including the following information:

A summary of the Governor's executive orders and other matters related to COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, there is still uncertainty and we may not be able to meet in person for several months. The Executive Committee is advised to continue to meet by Zoom and the chapter meeting has been postponed indefinitely. Because we cannot meet in person and hold an election, the SUAA state office previously advised the Executive Committee to continue in their respective offices until an election can occur. However, the President cannot serve past August 2020 and the Vice President is also unavailable.

Two options were proposed for the July 8 meeting: **(1)** Fill the four positions on the Executive Committee whose terms will expire on June 30, 2020 by appointing the four candidates (Donna Miller, Carol Livingstone, Debbie Kempfues, and Bettina Francis) who were slated for election at the Spring Chapter meeting. If the four candidates would agree to serve if appointed, the President would nominate them subject to Executive Committee approval. Once appointed, they would serve as full members on the Executive Committee for three-year terms (July 2020 – June 2023). **(2)** Kathleen Holden, Bill Adams, Carol Livingstone, and Melinda Carr have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 Officers, and the President asked that they submit the slate of nominees for chapter officers to the Executive Committee for consideration prior to the July 8 meeting, and that the Executive Committee should then elect new officers who would begin a one-year term (July 2020 – June 2021).

It was noted that the U of I budget is the same as FY20. The graduated income tax and other factors impacting revenue and reserves are important to monitor as we move into FY21.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

Webbink provided the report covering activity from January 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020. Slight interest increase, one month's dues received from the state, and one of the CD's has matured. Motioned by Adams, seconded by Holden and the motion was passed.

NOTE: Until further notice, bills should be sent to Ron Webbink at 3407 Mill Creek, Champaign. Campus Mail services are not available at this time.

VI. Rescheduling of Spring Chapter Meeting

Holden reported the IHotel will roll over the deposit as needed, and they accommodate Zoom meetings. Action items include finding possible dates and technology; and asking the SUAA state office and IHotel about help with technology and monitoring questions. There was a general discussion about members who will need instructions on how to use Zoom and determine the voting format. Also, current bylaws need to be expanded to cover meetings in general.

VII. Action/Discussion Items

- A. Report from the Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 Officers
Adams noted the goal of having a slate of officers by the July 8 meeting. Including four new board members and the President, Vice President and Secretary will be replaced.
- B. Planning for Annual State Directors Meeting
The SUAA state office will be scheduling this meeting soon.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson
Williamson reported there was a net loss of nine members during May as total membership went from 1705 to 1696. We gained 14 new members who are now recorded from the Retirement Planning Conference. Our losses are due to 14 deaths and nine who dropped or cancelled.
- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel
There was no additional information.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Livingstone
No additional information to report until we communicate with members. Holden noted information shared by Ollie with instructions on Zoom as a model. The President noted Zoom chapter meetings are supported by the UI and can hold up to 100 participants.
- D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson
The SURS website noted they were catching up on medical recheck notices for individuals on disability. Also, a reminder to post benefits enrollment period updates to the website next year.
- E. Program: Holden, Marlin, Miller
Winkel will follow up on contact information for Ralph Martire to determine his availability.

VIII. New Business

- A. Plans for Electronic Meetings and Communications
There was a brief discussion of what would be needed to implement the changes needed to hold electronic meetings.
- B. Other

There was discussion about reaching out to the 600 plus members who do not have emails. Members have been encouraged in past newsletter articles to provide an email address, so they will not miss out on important news. Options under consideration were a phone chain and post card. Livingstone will look into how to get a postcard done through Campus Mail using the membership spreadsheet. The proposed content for the post card will be shared with the Executive Committee before printing and report back at the next meeting.

Depending on the response from post cards, other options may need to be explored. A committee was proposed to look into the process for updating the membership database and the President asked to place this item on July's meeting agenda. Members who expressed an interest include Carr, Livingstone, Marlin and Miller.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Motioned by Holden, seconded by Marlin and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.