

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Zoom Meeting
Minutes for August 12, 2020
Web site: www.suaa-ui.org
Facebook Site: <https://www.facebook.com/SUAA.UIUC/>

Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Bettina Francis, Kathleen Holden, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Donna Miller, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rick Winkel.

I. Call to Order and Introductions: President Marlin called the meeting to order with a quorum present about 1:32 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for July 8, 2020: The minutes from the last meeting were approved as amended (with corrections submitted via email). Adams moved, Holden seconded and the motion was carried.

III. Review of meeting schedule

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall, 2020: September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9.
- B. SUAA Annual State Meeting 2020: electronic business meeting at 10 a.m. Sept. 30, 2020
- C. SUAA Fall State Meeting: October 28, 2020 (Zoom meeting at 10 a.m.)
- D. Fall Chapter Meeting: December 6, 2020

IV. President's Report: Marlin

No new information at this time. Feel free to contact him with any recommendations about SUAA issues by email or cell phone (using the updated leadership roster).

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

Webbink provided the Treasurer's Report by email covering activity from January 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020. Very little activity except the chapter's portion of dues collected from the state office.

NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please send to Ron Webbink's home: 3407 Mill Creek Ct Unit 4, Champaign, IL 61822

VI. Action/Discussion Items

- A. Planning for electronic Annual State Directors Meeting on September 30, 2020
The UIUC Chapter can have six delegates, and they must be certified 14 working days before the Annual Meeting. Marlin, Carr, and Williamson have confirmed so far. Final delegates should be approved at the September 9 meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held by Zoom with limited agenda items including the budget and election of officers.
- B. Review of 2020-2021 Leadership Roster
Williamson will email the most current leadership roster for Fall 2020.
- C. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting on December 6, 2020
Holden will contact Ralph Martire, who can speak either in person or virtually. An update will be published in the newsletter.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson
The chapter membership reports have not been updated beyond June. Postcards have been mailed out, and we will be checking to see if members have shared their email addresses.

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

There was a general discussion about the financial impact of the proposed amendment on the November 3rd ballot which will determine whether we will ~~go~~ change from a flat tax to a graduated income tax.-

In addition, a past report on taxing retirement income prepared by Bob Rich will be distributed to the Executive Committee for review.

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

Livingstone reported post cards were sent to 612 members without email addresses asking them to provide their email addresses to help prepare for upcoming communications.

The fall issue goes to all SURS members and usually contains an insert from the campus charitable fund drive. Other topics include proposed changes to bylaws (Revision to Article IX) which must be sent to members at least 15 days in advance of the meeting, and possibly an article on the referendum before the election. Livingstone will email a list of proposed articles and the deadline for submitting them to her.

Articles must be submitted a month in advance to make the publication deadline. Time-sensitive news also can be posted on Facebook and on the website.

Due to a third of the membership not having emails, a decision will be made whether to send information out sooner about the referendum. Carr will check with the state office and report back to Executive Committee if we need to send out an earlier communication.

D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson

The SURS Advocate reported that a new Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) savings plan will be made available to employers beginning September 1. Employers have until June 30th of next year to adopt the plan for employees.

The Advocate also reported major changes to the Self-Managed Plan and the move to Voya Financial with a blackout period scheduled in August.

IX. New Business

A. Revision of Article IX. Electronic Meetings and Communications of proposed Chapter Bylaws. Proposed revisions to Article IX was moved and then seconded by Livingstone, and the motion was carried.

B. Other

The U of I will have free COVID testing for employees and retirees who have an active UIN/Banner ID (iCard).

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned about 2:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.