

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for September 9, 2020 Zoom Meeting
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Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Bettina Francis, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Debbie Kempfues, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Donna Miller, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson.

I. Call to Order and Introductions: President Marlin called the meeting to order with a quorum present about 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for August 12, 2020:

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as amended (with corrections submitted via email). Livingstone moved, Holden seconded and the motion was carried.

III. Review of meeting schedule

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

IV. President's Report: Marlin

President Marlin noted updates to the Annual Meeting certification, and that the SUAA Executive Director has requested to meet with him.

Also, due to the timing of the meeting, the newsletter will be published after the fall election so it will not reflect election information.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

Webbink provided the Treasurer's Report by email covering activity from January 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020. The report includes updated share of dues received from Springfield and collected interest from our checking account. Adams moved and Francis seconded to accept the report, and the motion was carried.

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. Certifying Delegates Annual State Meeting on September 30, 2020
President Marlin sent an email to the SUAA state office certifying six delegates who will attend virtually: Carr, Francis, Kempfues, Korr, Marlin, and Williamson. The Treasurer mailed a \$150 check for the registration fee.
- B. Certifying Delegates for State Fall Meeting on October 28, 2020 (due by October 8).
Certification will be required for those attending as delegates. Members wishing to attend should contact the President. The SUAA budget is generally presented for approval.
- C. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting on December 6, 2020
Holden will send Livingstone an updated bio for Ralph Martire for the newsletter. The Committee will meet again virtually before December. She plans to attend the Chapter Meeting in-person along with President Marlin. The meeting room has been paid.

In place of coffee/dessert, the committee is requesting to pay the hotel technical staff person to run the meeting electronically for the speaker and participants.

There was an extensive discussion about the participants, voting process and other meeting details. At the next Executive Committee meeting, we will confirm the following:

- Participants (representing eleven thousand SURS participants or current members).
- Communication options (The Annuitant and Eweek were discussed).
- Voting procedures using Zoom for proposed bylaws during the business meeting. Options discussed were using paper ballots, voice vote (all in favor or opposed) or Zoom hand-raising function. It was noted that Zoom webinar has a function called “polling” according to Google.

Normally there are only about 40 people who attend in person, and voting has not included non-attendees in the past.

Holden will contact the iHotel for a Zoom link, and provide Zoom connection information in the October newsletter. In addition, she will check with the hotel about maximum capacity for Zoom, meeting or webinar format and voting options.

Livingstone and Williamson agreed to serve as contacts for questions that members may have about the proposed bylaws once they are published.

D. Planning for Fall *Annuitant*

Livingstone is requesting articles by October 10. This issue is generally sent to eleven thousand people including current employees and annuitants who are part of SURS. This issue is an opportunity to invite new members. There was discussion about having two versions, but this may not be possible due to the mailing list setup. The distribution will be confirmed once we find out about the Zoom information from the iHotel.

The proposed bylaws will be published, and only members can participate in the voting. Livingstone will write an article on the voting process.

There is space for a box on OLLI. However, the Campus Charitable Fund Drive (CCFD) will not have an insert due to the late deadline. Instead, there will be link to the website.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson

Williamson emailed a summary of the July report from the state office. The current membership total is still at 1684. There were four new members and four dropped members. If you know any of the lapsed members, please reach out to them about rejoining.

The postcard mailing to 600 plus people without emails would not allow for members to enter their email address on the website. For future mailings, the state office confirmed that individuals should either call or email them with updates.

President Marlin noted numbers are down and recruitment is needed. Some retirees may not be aware of the SUAA organization, although they receive the Annuitant. The annual Employee Expo is one of the ways that members have been recruited. Due to the pandemic, in-person contact is restricted. Members are encouraged to reach out to individuals from their retiree/emeritus/other groups. Send an email to Williamson or Carr to check the names and confirm if they are on the SUAA membership report.

- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel
There was a general discussion about the possible future impact of the Constitutional Amendment and fair tax (progressive graduated income tax) coming up on election ballot in November.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Francis, Kemphues, Livingstone
Livingstone has created an email to be used for all officers at officers@suaa-ui.org. Anyone who wishes to create a special email address for the Annuitant or on Facebook should contact her.
- D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson
No report at this time. There was a question about flu clinics which will be available at Carle and Christie. Brewer will send information on COVID testing for retirees.
- E. Program: Holden, Marlin, Miller
No additional information.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Adams, seconded by Francis, and approved unanimously at about 2:25 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.