

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for November 11, 2020 Zoom Meeting
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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.

I. Call to Order and Introductions: President Marlin called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 1:33 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes for October 14, 2020: Minutes were approved with one change noted. Motioned by Livingstone, seconded by Adams and the motion was carried.

III. Review of meeting schedule:

- A. Fall Executive Committee Meetings, 2020: December 9.
- B. SUAA Fall State Meeting: October 28, 2020
- C. Fall Chapter Meeting: December 6, 2020
- D. Spring Executive Committee Meetings, 2021: January 13 (if necessary, decide in December); February 10; March 10; April 14; May 12, June 9.

IV. President's Report: Marlin

Marlin reported five delegates participated in the Fall State Zoom meeting on October 28. Seventy-five members were certified as delegates and a total of 84 people attended.

Other updates included looking into ways to make the SUAA chapter more visible on the campus, fair tax amendment failed, and retention of minutes (Zoom recording will not be retained, and the approved minutes will be kept for final records).

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

The Treasurer provided the report covering activities from January 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. No significant changes in income and expenses since COVID-19 lockdown, other than collecting the chapter's share of membership dues and expenses. This statement does not reflect the cost of printing the Annuitant. Adams moved, Livingstone seconded, 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. Review of State Fall Meeting on October 28, 2020

There was discussion about how official business was handled at the State Fall Zoom Meeting including a pre-registration process, using a parliamentarian and Standing Rules which allowed for communication by email.

B. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting on December 6, 2020

- 1. Publicity: Eweek – The committee will meet to discuss wording on the Eweek notice, Chapter emails, and updates to Chapter and State website and Facebook page. The Chapter website will contain the meeting agenda and later posting of the presentation if Matire gives permission. A Zoom link will be sent to Chapter members at least one week before the meeting with the subject line: SUAA UIUC Chapter Zoom Meeting.

2. Program: Preparation, Distribution – Ralph Matire will speak from his office and will need Zoom instructions. The first part will be the speaker and Marlin will facilitate questions from the audience. An announcement regarding the business meeting for voting members will follow at the end. Committee reports with focus on information of general interest will include membership, benefits, and legislature. Someone will contact Deb Stone about reporting on benefits.

3. Meeting Setup at IHotel – Holden and Marlin will be at the i-Hotel along with the technical personnel. A maximum of 300 people can participate in the Zoom meeting.

4. Parliamentary Procedures – The bylaws report will be last. Votes will be recorded using the Zoom function as directed and by phone (voice vote) for those who do not have that functionality available. If there are dissenting votes on the proposed bylaws, the names will be confirmed later for membership.

C. Status of Fall *Annuitant*

It has been published and mailed out. Livingstone has extra copies if needed for the Employee Expo.

D. Decision on Whether to Hold January Executive Committee Meeting

This will be decided at the December meeting.

VII. Reporting Items

A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson

Although we went down six members, we are back to being first in the state.

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

There was a general discussion about the presidential election results; cancellation of fall veto sessions for house/senate; and how the failure of the fair tax may impact the current state budget and future of education, municipalities, retirement, pension and health benefits.

C. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson

Williamson shared a report of the November 10, 2020, UIUC Faculty and Academic-Staff Benefits Committee (FB) meeting. In addition to other information on annuitants, they will be looking at the emergency assistance program in the spring and how to assist members in need.

VIII. New Business

A. Decision on 2021 All Employee Expo

Williamson, Livingstone and Carr have been attending and serving at a booth all day at past events. This year due to COVID-19, the Staff Advisory Council sent an invitation for vendors to offer two-hour Zoom presentations to share their services. Williamson and Livingstone will inquire about a 15-minute presentation or provide materials for a packet.

B. Other

The Treasurer reported that the chapter checking account needs to be updated with a new signature list and has been delayed due to COVID-19. The Treasurer will forward by mail the appropriate bank documentation to be recorded for the new list of signatures including Marlin, Korr and Francis.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holden, seconded by Korr, and approved unanimously at about 2:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be decided on December 9: we will meet either on January 13 or February 10 at 1:30 p.m.