

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Minutes for December 9, 2020 Zoom Meeting**  
**Web site: [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org)**  
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Attending: Bill Adams, Marissa Brewer, Mary Beastall, Melinda Carr, Bettina Francis, Kathleen Holden, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Donna Miller, Rick Schoell, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson.

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

**II. Approval of minutes for November 11, 2020:** Minutes were approved with revisions noted. Motioned by Livingstone, seconded by Adams and the motion was carried.

**III. Review of meeting schedule:**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2021: January 13 (canceled), February 10, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10
- B. Retirement Planning Conference: TBD – (usually held in February and may be held by Zoom. Chapter President gives a 20-minute presentation).
- C. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 25, 2021
- D. SUAA Annual Meeting: TBD
- E. Big 10 Retirees Conference: Bloomington, Indiana (tentative)

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

About 54 participants joined the Fall Zoom meeting on December 6. The programming committee held two pre-meetings to prepare, and responses received regarding the presentation were positive.

By consensus, the January meeting will be canceled. Planning for board vacancies and a nominating committee will be set up by February.

The Spring Chapter meeting has been scheduled for April 25 at 1:30 at the I Hotel. Executive Committee members are asked to send speaker suggestions.

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

The Treasurer provided the report covering activities from January 1, 2020 through November 31, 2020. Our current financial status is good. Monies have accumulated in the checking account, and expenditures include the Fall Annuitant printing costs. Motioned made by Adams, holden seconded. Motion 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 Fall Chapter Meeting on December 6, 2020  
The ability to chat before and after the meeting worked well. If there is future interest, a log in for early Zoom social hour can be considered.
- B. Decision on Whether to Hold January 13, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting  
The January meeting will be canceled and held in February.
- C. Appointment of Special Audit Committee  
Due to COVID, the audit process has been postponed for this year.

## **VII. Reporting Items**

### **A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson**

In October, we were down 10 members (1657 to 1647)—there were two added members, four deaths, seven lapsed members and one cancellation. There is a need to follow up on lapsed membership. There was also discussion about the possibility of sending a postcard or letter to members who do not have email. Williams will circulate a list of lapsed members and their emails.

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

General information was provided related to the canceled veto session and the lame duck session which is normally set in January.

### **C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Francis, Kempfues, Livingstone**

The recorded presentation from December 6 will be available on the chapter website, as well as the revised bylaws. Ralph Martire provided PDF slides for posting.

Articles are being requested for the Spring Annuitant. Any Executive Committee Member who would like to have special email set up, should contact Livingstone. An email will be needed for nominations in the Annuitant and other official documentation.

### **D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson**

Discussion items this month included items affecting current faculty and staff such as the new buyout program for employees closer to retirement and the campus faculty assistance program (which does not apply to retirees). The SUAA Foundation has an emergency assistance program for annuitants experiencing a crisis.

A COVID-19 testing program is on the campus website with a link to an emergency assistance fund for students and instructions on how to donate to the fund.

### **E. Program: Holden, Miller**

Suggestions are needed for the Spring meeting on April 25; the hotel will be contacted to confirm if that date is available. The committee usually invites area legislators. A back up speaker is the Director of SURS and another beneficial topic is financial and estate planning.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holden, seconded by Francis, and approved unanimously at about 2:29 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.