

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Minutes for February 10, 2021 Zoom Meeting**  
**Web site: [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org)**  
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Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Bettina Francis, Cheryl Heck, Kathleen Holden, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Donna Miller, Rick Schoell, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Matt Wilson.

**I. Call to Order and Introductions:** President Marlin called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 1:31 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes for December 20, 2020:** One correction was noted in the draft of the minutes for the dates for the spring meetings of the Executive Committee. A motion to approve the revised minutes was made by Adams, seconded by Holden, and approved.

**III. Review of meeting schedule: Marlin reviewed the schedule of the remaining meetings for the spring.**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2021: March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 25, 2021

**IV. Discussion of Agenda for Spring Chapter Meeting: April 25, 2021**

Holden and Livingstone led the discussion. It was agreed that we would be meeting electronically so Holden can inform the IHotel that no room is needed. Holden will tell our speaker, Barbara Wilson, that the program will start at 2 p.m. with her talk. We will probably start the meeting earlier, say at 1:40 p.m., to permit a “social” hour. The program meeting will be scheduled for an hour with the Business Meeting including the election of four members of the Executive Committee to follow the speaker. The site will be kept open until 4 p.m.

**V. President’s Report:**

**A. Big 10 Retirees Association Meeting.** Marlin reported on a zoom meeting with leaders from the various Associations led by those from Indiana University, the host of this year’s meeting. The emphasis was on the difficulty of determining whether it would be possible to hold an in-person meeting this year. One problem is that the host organization needs to make reservations before the end of May if it is being held. For now, they are planning to hold a series of Zoom sessions on topics of interest to the leaders of these groups.

**B. Chapter Committee Assignments.** Marlin noted that he will be working to set up the Committee assignments given the changes that are occurring in the membership on the Committee. He asks that the members let him know their preferences.

**C. State Membership Program.** Marlin also reported on the portion of the state membership meeting that he had been able to attend earlier in the afternoon. A number of new members had joined as a result of the letter campaign by the State Office.

**VI. Treasurer’s Report:** Webbink provided the report covering activities from January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021 showing that essentially there had been no activity during the month. A motion to accept the report was made by Adams, seconded by Livingstone, and approved.

*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*

**VII. Action/Discussion Items**

**A. Report of Nominating Committee (Bylaws, Article 4.2)** Marlin noted that on January 11, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for 2021-2024 positions on the Executive Committee: Marissa Brewer, Wynne Korr, Deb Stone, Matthew Wilson. Approval by the Executive Committee was obtained by email. These names will be published in the Spring Annuitant (Bylaws, Article 4.2) for the election held at the Chapter's Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made if the nominee is a member of the Chapter and is willing to serve.

**B. Report on Spring Annuitant.** Livingstone reminded the Committee that the deadline for copy was February 28.

**C. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting:** There was a brief followup to the earlier discussion. Preparing the publicity including EWeek and the program will be discussed at the next meeting.

**D. Filling Vacancy on Executive Committee (Bylaws, Article 4.3).** Marlin announced that Rick Winkel had submitted his resignation from the Executive Committee. He noted that he was following Article 4.3 of our Bylaws that indicates that "a vacancy shall be filled by the President for the unexpired term with the approval of the Executive Committee." He proposed that H. F. (Bill) be selected to fill the rest of that 019-2022 term. A motion to approve the choice was made by Holden, seconded by Livingstone, and approved.

**E. New Campus Liaison.** Cheryl Heck was introduced as the new Campus Liaison.

### **VIII. Reporting Items**

**A. Membership:** Williamson summarized the report he had sent earlier on the slight loss in December (net loss of six members) and significant gain in January (net gain of 29 members) presumably mainly the result of the state letter campaign. **Carr reported briefly on the state membership meeting that had been held earlier in the afternoon.**

**B. Legislative Committee:** Adams reported that the fall legislative session was completed and included the passage of Criminal Justice Reform Bill. The Governor's State of the State speech will be next week. With the failure of the progressive tax amendment, the state is facing a budget shortfall between three and five billion dollars. There have not yet been any proposals to tax retirement income or to raise the state income tax. Brewer reported that there was no information yet on what will be proposed for the higher education budget. She will circulate information on a presentation that President Killeen will be making on March 5 concerning "State Priorities."

**C. Benefits Committee:** Beastall reported that CMS has revised its website with regard to the steps to be taken to sign up for Medicare.

**IX. New Business.** Williamson presented a Resolution to recognize Athalia Hunt for her service to the Chapter as the Campus Liaison. A motion to approve was made by Adams, seconded by Livingstone, and approved unanimously.

### **X. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and approved unanimously at about 2:25 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.