

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for March 10, 2021 Zoom Meeting
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Attending: Melinda Carr, Thomas Conry, Cheryl Heck, Debbie Kemphues, Kathleen Holden, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Deb Stone, Tom Conry, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson.

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

II. Approval of minutes for February 10, 2021: copies available online

III. Review of meeting schedule:

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2021: April 14, May 12, June 9
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 25, 2021
- C. SUAA Annual Meeting: June 17-18, 2021 Virtual Meeting
- D. Big 10 Retirees Conference: Bloomington, Indiana (to be determined)

IV. President's Report: Marlin

President Marlin suggested that instead of ads for organizations, the Annuitant might list the name, web address and a sentence about various organizations that may be of interest to members. Emphasis could be on those providing entertainment, services to retirees or volunteer opportunities. These could be used as filler.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

Webbink provided the report covering activities from January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021. The only activity for the month included receipt of chapter dues (for December), nominal interest on our checking account, and quarterly interest on our CD. The report was 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

VI. Action/Discussion Items

- A. Report on Spring Annuitant: status
The Annuitant has been prepared for publishing and will be distributed in April.

- B. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting: Agenda, EWeek, Program, Publicity
Livingstone will send out a Zoom invitation and serve as host. Our speaker will be Barbara Wilson, Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University of Illinois System and Professor in the Department of Communications. Other items on the agenda will include the election of officers and reports by chapter leaders. The Executive Committee proposed a slate of four members including Matthew Wilson, Marissa Brewer, Wynne Korr and Deb Stone. Additional nominations will be opened from the floor.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson
Williamson reported there was a gain of 24 members: 33 new members and four rejoins following the State SUAA membership drive. If numbers increase in April, chapter membership could exceed 1700 for the first time since last May.

During the SUAA State Office 50th Anniversary Membership Drive, the SUAA staff mailed 37,275 letters in January (including a special sticker celebrating the campaign). The letter went to everyone working who was within five years of retirement and those who had been retired no more than four years. This mailing included both community college and university personnel and retirees.

Carr recommended sending a lapsed member letter to individuals in our chapter. A vote was taken and approved to pay for a paper mailing to lapsed memberships. Livingstone will confirm the number of letters for this mailing.

B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Conry, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel
No report submitted at this time.

C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Francis, Kempfues, Livingstone
The newsletter is at the printer and will be printed and distributed by the next meeting.

D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson
Williamson shared a written report from the Senate Faculty-Staff Benefits Committee including updates on a presentation on the status of state pensions, tax implications and legislation highlights.

E. Program: Holden, Miller
The spring annual chapter meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25 via Zoom.

VIII. New Business

A. Publication Policy

There was discussion about the possibility of publishing information from other organizations in the Annuitant. The Communications Committee was asked to consider pulling together a policy for advertising for local organizations.

B. Long Range Planning

At the next meeting there will be discussion about future planning for the chapter which was recommended before the Covid-19 pandemic. Background information on discussion items including chapter committees and staffing was shared with the Executive Committee in an email from Williamson on March 10.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and approved. Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.