

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Draft Minutes for June 9, 2021 Zoom Meeting
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Attending: Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Bettina Francis, Cheryl Heck, Kathleen Holden, Debbie Kemphues, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John C. Marlin, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Matthew Wilson

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 May 12, 2021

A motion was made by Williamson, seconded by Francis, and the motion was carried (with a minor edit noted).

III. Review of meeting schedule:

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring, 2021: July 14 currently cancelled
- B. SUAA Annual House of Delegates Meeting: June 17-18, 2021
- C. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall, 2021: August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8 (format to be determined).
- D. "State" SUAA Fall Meeting: November 17, 2021

IV. President's Report: Marlin

No new information was reported. State legislature met for special items, but nothing related to pensions at this time.

V. Treasurer's Report: Webbink

Webbink provided the report covering activities from January 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021. Paid registration for six participants to attend the SUAA state annual meeting. Also, renewal of our CD at Midland States Banks for **another 12 months at .35 % interest rate.**

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 from the Nominating Committee for 2021-2022 Chapter Officers
The report from the nominating committee was shared by email with individuals who have agreed to serve. They include President Marlin, Vice President Korr, and Secretary Debbie Kemphues. The revised bylaws call for the Treasurer to be appointed and it was recommended that Webbink be appointed for another two years. A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Williamson, and the motion was carried.
- B. Planning for Annual State House of Delegates Meeting
Registered delegates attending include Williamson, Marlin, Francis, Carr, Wilson and Korr. Conry is attending as SUAA Vice President.

We also received a copy of the proposed bylaws for the state annual meeting. The proposal was divided into two groups including general items and those that may require discussion before voting. **In addition, there is a Petition for Amendment of the bylaws, changing the approval authority for the state budget from the House of Delegates to the SUAA board of Directors.**

- C. Preliminary Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting
Chapter meetings are usually held in mid-October. The program committee needs to think about who to invite and find convenient dates.

Dates to be considered are October 17 or 24th. The program committee will meet to discuss and determine the date based on other UI sports or community events. The I-Hotel Conference Center will need to be contacted. Potential invited presenters include legislators such as Chapin Rose, Carol Ammons, Scott Bennet and Mike Marron.

VII. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Carr, Hartman, Williamson
A membership report was shared for the last two months with a minor net loss in membership each month: six in April and three in May. Total membership on May 31 was 1683. Procedures are being discussed to help recruit lapsed or canceled membership. To assist in this effort, a list of lapsed or canceled memberships was emailed to the Executive Committee to contact those they know. Emails of those individuals can be requested from the membership committee. A special letter was also recommended for the membership committee to target lapsed or canceled memberships as part of the SUAA 50th celebration campaign.

- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Conry, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel
It was noted that work is essentially done at the state level and the budget has been passed. Funding has been allocated for the state pension systems this year, which takes pressure off pensions.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Francis, Kempfues, Livingstone
Nothing to report.
- D. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Stone, Williamson
Nothing to report. A replacement will be needed for Beastall who is resigning.
- E. Program: Holden, Miller
No additional information.

VIII. New Business

- A. Long Range Planning
Before the pandemic, former President Winkel appointed a committee to come up with a short list of actionable items. One item was staffing for an executive position that would be related to the President's position. In addition, it was recommended to review the current committee structure to do more outreach and engagement, recruitment, and how to clearly define committees. Adams agreed to work on a draft starting in September and share with the Executive Committee.
- B. Status of Campus Office
Williamson led the discussion about possible office space currently available in the old stock pavilion on campus.

Other discussion items included:

- The President will serve as the chapter point of contact for the Big 10 retiree association at this time.
- There was discussion about the UIUC retirement planning conference which is one of our primary recruiting events. For the fall newsletter that goes to all SURS annuitants, it was suggested to distribute a special congratulations to individuals close to retirement. Since the fall newsletter goes to all SURS annuitants through the mailing center, this edition could be a special outreach to that group. Livingstone can also request a list of retirees in the last year and other parameters. Livingstone can also work with the membership committee to distribute a special mailing.
- Holden is stepping down after many terms and transitioning into a role as liaison for Clark-Lindsey.
- Melinda is stepping down as Secretary but continuing as a member of the Executive Committee.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Williamson, seconded by Livingstone and approved unanimously at 2:20 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.