

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for August 11, 2021 Zoom Meeting
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Attending: William Adams, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Cheryl Heck, Debbie Kemphues, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Donna Miller, Deb Stone, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson

I. Call to Order: President Marlin called the meeting to order with a quorum present about 1:30 pm.

II. Approval of minutes for June 9, 2021:

A motion was made by Williamson, seconded by Livingstone, and the motion was carried (with minor edits noted).

III. President's Updates: Marlin

A. Introductions – None to report

B. Review of Important Dates

1. President Marlin reviewed the dates at bottom of the agenda.
2. Executive Committee meetings will continue with Zoom until we receive better guidance.

C. C. Livingstone's move to Nevada

1. Planning to move mid-December to Nevada, to be closer to family.
2. Livingstone is willing to continue doing work remotely but will need some assistance with responsibilities as webmaster and newsletter editor. With Carol's institutional memory and others leaving the Board, Marlin would like for Livingstone to continue for as long as possible.
3. **ACTION:** Communications Committee will come up with a communication and transition plan.

IV. Treasurer's Report: copies sent by email – Webbink

Webbink provided the report covering activities from January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021. A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Williamson, and the motion was carried.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. Planning for State SUAA Fall Meeting

1. Will be held November 17, 2021 and delegates must be certified at least 14 working days prior to that date.

B. Review of 2021-2022 Leadership Roster

1. A couple changes have been noted, removing Mary Beastall and Barbara Hartman.
2. Please let Williamson know of any further changes that need to be made to the roster.

C. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting on October 24, 2021

1. Illini Room C is currently being reserved at the I Hotel Conference Center, this can be cancelled. The Program Committee is strongly recommending that we hold this meeting by Zoom for the health and safety of our retirees. A motion was made to hold the October 24th meeting as a Zoom meeting, the motion carried.
2. **ACTION:** The I Hotel room will be cancelled by the Program Committee.
3. At June Executive Committee meeting, it was tentatively decided that we would have a State legislators panel at the October Fall meeting, it was noted that a panel discussion would not work well with Zoom for this meeting.
4. After discussion it was decided that we would have an ad hoc committee to determine the speaker – Korr, Adams, Williamson, Kemphues.
5. **ACTION:** The Executive Committee discussed two options for speakers, which Bill Williamson will make the first contact.
 - Option A: Jeff Brown, with possible topic of inflation and financial planning.

- Option B: Fred Giertz, with possible topic of inflation and SURS update.

D. Planning for Fall Annuitant

- a. Livingstone will need copy for the newsletter by August 25th.
- b. The Communications Committee will be meeting to discuss articles for the Annuitant.

VI. Reporting Items:

A. Membership: Carr, Williamson

1. The June and July membership report was sent out by email. It was a typical two months, with minor net losses in both months.
2. Anyone who knew someone listed as a lapsed member was asked to contact that person for renewal.

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

1. General Assembly passed the budget and has adjourned.
2. The final results of the 2020 census should be released soon, which could impact our congressional districts in the State.

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

1. The Committee will meet soon, to discuss newsletter articles, along with a draft policy for posting of local non-profit organizations.

D. Benefits Committee: Stone, Williamson

1. SURS will have their own 457 plan, which could cause some confusion for current employees, since the University already has a 457 plan.
2. SURS is doing a rule change, which will define an employee. The University needs to review and submit comments by August 30th. This would amend the pension code to state that SURS can determine whether an employee is eligible for SURS.

E. Program: Brewer, Kemphues, Miller

1. Already discussed Chapter Meeting above in V. D. Nothing further to discuss.

VII. New Business

A. Chapter Investment Policy Committee

1. Members of the committee will be Webbink, Williamson, Adams, Livingstone, and Korr. Adams will chair.
2. Adams will work with Livingstone to schedule a Zoom meeting for September.

B. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Francis, Williamson

1. Members of the Big 10 Retirement Association host an annual meeting.
2. Our chapter committee will respond to the inquiries from other Big 10 institutions. They will determine what would be good to share with our chapter members.

C. Long Range Planning Committee

1. Members currently include Adams, Chair; Marlin, ex-officio; Korr; Williamson. Anyone interested in joining this committee please let Adams know.
2. Original goals included:
 - a. How to restructure chapter committees more effectively for inclusion of more active members; how to groom future leadership; and staffing, do we create an executive director position, such as the University of Wisconsin.
3. The original committee goals will be reviewed and restructured.

D. Chapter Office and Archives

1. It was determined that this is not an urgent item at this time. Adams noted that there's been no pressure from the Dean to move the office.

E. Review of Chapter Committee Structure

1. Nothing to discuss at this time.

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Adams, seconded by Livingstone, and approved unanimously at 2:50 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall, 2021: September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8
- B. State SUAA Fall Meeting: November 17, 2021
- C. Chapter Fall Meeting: October 24, 2021