

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for September 8, 2021 Zoom Meeting
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Attending: William Adams, Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Debbie Kempfues, Carol Livingstone, Donna Miller, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Matthew Wilson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order, in the absence of President Marlin and Vice President Korr, with a quorum present about 1:30 pm. A motion was made by Livingstone to appoint William Adams as Temporary Chair of this Executive Committee meeting, Williamson seconded it, and the motion was carried.

II. Approval of minutes for August 11, 2021 – copy sent by email

Adams moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, with a unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

III. President's Updates

President Marlin and Vice President Korr had conflicts and were unable to attend today's meeting. Adams suggested that everyone review the President's comments in The Annuitant for Fall 2021.

IV. Treasurer's Report - copy sent by email – Webbink

Webbink provided the report for activity in August 2021 and the year to date. For the month, there had been no activity other than an interest payment since no dues had been received and there were no disbursements. Williamson moved that the report be approved, it was seconded by Livingstone, and the motion was carried.

Adams asked that everyone think about having future committees prepare budgets, as well as set goals for the year. We need to think about how to invest our money, perhaps growing membership and developing connections with our current membership. These will be discussed in more depth with the ad hoc committees.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. Planning for Chapter Meeting on October 24, 2021

1. **ACTION:** Livingstone and Williamson will handle submitting announcement for EWeek.
2. **ACTION:** Kempfues will draft a program for review. The program will be added to a slide for the Zoom meeting.
3. **ACTION:** The Programs Committee will decide who will monitor Q & A during the October 24 meeting.
4. Williamson offered to introduce Fred Giertz, this will be finalized at the October meeting.

B. Planning for State Fall Meeting on November 17, 2021

We can send up to six delegates to this meeting. We will discuss at the October meeting.

C. Planning for Fall Annuitant

Newsletter is at the printers, there was a delay in getting SURS approval. The printed copy is mailed to memberships of SURS and SUAA, along with the Deans, Directors and Department Heads on campus.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Membership: Carr, Williamson

1. Williamson provided report covering August 1-31, 2021 membership. There were three additions and ten drops in membership for the month.
2. Adams noted that as we move forward we need to think about more strategically targeting membership, maybe through mailings, advertisements, etc. We need to think outside of our current process. If we could get a targeted list of employees within three years of retirement, that we could develop a relationship with for the years before their retirement, we could hopefully increase

membership. **ACTION:** Brewer will compile a list of University System employees celebrating twenty years and more. She will check with the Urbana campus to see if they have a similar list.

- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Korr, Rich, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel
The State Legislature has completed a budget. They are having to revisit the State redistricting as a result of the census, have heard nothing about the congressional redistricting, which will need to be addressed as well.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Francis, Livingstone
 1. Committee met and discussed transition with Livingstone moving out of state. Put a note in The Annuitant to see if anyone would be interested in co-editing the newsletter.
 2. Committee discussed a possible policy for featuring outside groups such as volunteer agencies or clubs in the newsletter. The Committee proposes that we permit outside nonprofit and non-partisan groups to advertise or be featured in the newsletter. **ACTION:** Livingstone will prepare a written motion for the Executive Committee to review and vote on at the October meeting.
- D. Benefits Committee: Stone, Williamson
Nothing to report.
- E. Program: Brewer, Kemphues, Miller
ACTION: Kemphues will communicate with Fred Giertz regarding presentation and power point for the October 24 Chapter meeting.

VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- A. Chapter Investment Policy Committee
Adams will be scheduling meeting and hopes to report back to the Executive Committee at the October or November meeting.
- B. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Francis, Williamson
Historically the Big 10 Retirement Association was dormant from September through February. In February the host campus would gear up until the fall meeting in August. The current leadership of the Big 10 is being much more active and looking at revising the bylaws, holding Zoom meetings.
- C. Long Range Planning Committee
 1. Adams will be scheduling meetings and hopes to report back to the Executive Committee at the October or November meeting.
 2. A question was asked about how the Committee will get feedback from the Executive Committee members. Adams noted that they would be reporting back to the Executive Committee within the next couple months and welcome suggestions/recommendations and feedback from everyone, at every point.

VIII. New Business

- A. Review of Chapter Standing Committees
 1. This will be reviewed as part of the Long Range Planning Committee.
 2. The current committee structure will be reviewed and a clear description will be written for each of the new committees. It is hoped that we have committee members from the membership and not just the Executive Committee.
- B. Other
 1. Holden reported that she was experiencing email bounce back when she sent out an email. Livingstone is researching this and suggested that everyone send their documents/reports, prior to the meetings, to Kemphues and she will send out to the group.
 2. Brewer noted that the Zoom information is the same for all meetings, and she will not send out reminder emails any longer.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Williamson, seconded by Brewer, and approved unanimously at 2:25 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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