

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Minutes for October 13, 2021 Zoom Meeting**  
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**Attending:** Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Thomas Conry, Debbie Kempfues, Cheryl Heck, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Donna Miller, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Matthew Wilson

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Marlin at about 1:32 pm.

**II. Approval of minutes for September 8, 2021.**

A motion made by Williamson and seconded by Livingstone to approve the minutes as submitted was approved unanimously.

**III. President's Updates.**

Marlin made a brief report noting that the increase in the Consumer Price Index would be larger than our 3% API for the first time in a number of years. Williamson noted that it was the first time that the API for a Tier II member would be near the 3% for Tier I since the Tier II program was introduced for those beginning employment after January 1, 2011.

**IV. Treasurer's Report.**

Webbink provided a report covering the activities for September and for the year to date. The principal activities were the \$945 reimbursement from the campus for the CCFD insert in the fall Annuitant and the \$3652 expenditure for the fall *Annuitant* resulting in a \$3652 decrease in the checking account balance.

**V. Planning for Chapter Meeting on October 24, 2012**

- A. Eweek Announcement.** The Eweek announcement has been submitted for the October 17, 2021 issue.
- B. Program.** Livingstone and Williamson have prepared a copy of the agenda for the meeting which will be part of the Powerpoint presentation.
- C. Speaker Presentation.** Giertz will be introduced by Williamson.
- D. Committee Reports**
  - 1. Legislative.** Korr will work with fellow members to see who will make the presentation.
  - 2. Membership.** Williamson will make the presentation
  - 3. Benefits.** Stone will be asked to make this presentation.
- E. Publicity through State Office.** Livingstone and Williamson will work with the State Office to have the event listed on the State website and information about it sent to the State's email list for our Chapter's members.
- F. Publicity for Campus Leaders.** Livingstone and Heck discussed procedures for contacting campus administrators regarding the Chapter's activities. They agreed that sending it to the DDDH mailing list would be effective.

**VI. Planning for State Fall Meeting on November 17, 2021**

- A. Status of Meeting.** There was confusion about the status of the meeting since not everyone had received a recent email indicating the meeting was changing to a hybrid format with the resulting change in registration procedures. Conry discussed the approach State Executive Committee was taking and indicated that it is likely that more information will be forthcoming.
- B. Attendance by UIUC Chapter Members.** Those interested in attending the meeting should (1) let Marlin know of their interest and (2) when they register, indicate that their fee will be paid by a chapter check. Marlin will then let Webbink know so a check for the appropriate amount can be sent from the Chapter.
- C. UIUC Chapter Delegates.** Up to six individuals attending the meeting can be certified as members of the House of Delegates. Marlin will make this certification by the deadline of October 27, 2012.

**VII. Standing Committee Reports**

- A. Membership.** The September membership report is not yet available from the State office. Williamson reported that he has sent the first mailing for contacting lapsed members. It included the draft letter circulated to

the Executive Committee earlier along with the “Defenders of your Future” brochure with the enclosed membership application. He also reported that in response to a notice in the *Annuitant*, an individual has indicated an interest in becoming a member of the Membership Committee. He has exchanged emails with her about the Committee’s activities.

**B. Legislative.** Korr noted that there will not be much to report until the Legislature becomes more active.

**C. Communications.** Livingstone explained that the final page of the CCFD insert was blank so that the pledge form would not have text on its reverse side. She also reported that she has been updating the Chapter web page.

**D. Benefits.** Williamson noted that he thinks the Senate Committee on Faculty and Staff Benefits (FB) is working well under its new Chair. He will be attending the fall meeting of the SURS Membership Advisory Committee (SURSMAC), the first since the retirement from SURS of Larry Curtis, the staff member who played such an important role in the success of that Committee.

**E. Program Committee.** Livingstone noted that now that we are nearly set for the Fall Chapter meeting, it is time to start the planning for the Spring meeting. This could include suggesting a possible date given when other events are scheduled (e.g., the Marathon and Ebert Festival in the past) and possible topics to be covered.

## **VIII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

**A. Investment Policy and Long-Range Planning Committees.** Adams is arranging meetings of these Committees.

**B. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee.** Williamson reported that there had been a Zoom meeting to go over the proposed revisions in the Bylaws of the Association prepared by leaders of the Wisconsin retirement association.

## **IX. New Business**

**A. Status of Campus Office.** Livingstone indicated that she had some material that could be stored in the office. She will work with Williamson to do this.

**B. Future Meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee.** Webbink suggested we consider meeting in person again. Wilson noted that he could arrange for our meetings to be held at the Champaign Country Club. There would be no charge for the room and refreshments (e.g., coffee) could be arranged. Williamson suggested that Marlin poll the members of the Committee to see if there would be any problems with meeting in person again. Livingstone noted that it would be important that the meetings be hybrid so individuals wanting to attend who could not or did not want to be present in person could be involved.

## **IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.