

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for December 8, 2021 Zoom Meeting
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Attending: William Adams, Melinda Carr, Bettina Francis, Debbie Kempfues, Wynne Korr, John Marlin, Donna Miller, H.F. Williamson, Ron Webbink, Matthew Wilson

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by President Marlin at about 1:30 pm.

II. Approval of minutes for November 10, 2021.

It was noted that offices should be spelled out in future minutes for more clarity, i.e., Springfield or State Office. Williamson moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, with a unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

III. President's Updates.

Nothing to report.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

Webbink provided a report covering the activities for November and for the year to date. There is a CD maturing at Bank Champaign and they offer the best interest rate in the area. It was noted that expenses for the State Fall Meeting, for those that drove to the meeting in Springfield, will be coming through in the next month. Adams moved that the report be approved as submitted, and Francis seconded, the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

V. Action/Discussion Items.

A. Recap of State Fall Meeting

There was apparently a lot of difficulty with the technology, which caused frustration for those attending by Zoom, as well as those attending in person.

B. Continue Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting

1. Date – April 24 – Approved at the November Executive Committee meeting.
2. Topic and Speaker(s) – It was proposed that we invite the new Executive Director of SURS, Suzanne Mayer, as our speaker. **ACTION:** Williamson will work on invitation to SURS Director.
3. Venue – Zoom or Hybrid – **ACTION:** Program Committee will check with I Hotel for tentative reservation. We will wait for a couple months to decide on Zoom or Hybrid.

C. Selection of New Annuitant Editor

ACTION: Korr will reach out to Robin Kaler for suggestions, and Adams will reach out to Paul Hixson for suggestions. Carr offered to contact Livingstone to see how she can help with the newsletter (since she has prior experience with communications). It was agreed that we would separate the Annuitant Editor and the Website positions that Livingstone has filled for the SUAA Executive Committee.

VI. Standing Committee Reports.

A. Membership: Carr, Williamson

Williamson forwarded the membership report and asked that if you know of anyone on the lapsed list, to please reach out to them.

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

The General Assembly will reconvene after the first of the year. There are growing numbers of lawsuits concerning the redistricting in the State.

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

Nothing to report.

D. Benefits Committee: Stone, Williamson

Nothing to report.

E. Program Committee: Brewer, Kempfues, Miller

It was agreed that Williamson will invite the SURS Director for the Spring Chapter Meeting.

VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.

- A. Chapter Investment Policy Committee: Adams, Korr, Livingstone, Webbink, Williamson
This is on hold until Long Range Planning process is complete.
- B. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Francis, Williamson
Nothing to report.
- C. Long Range Planning Committee: Adams, Korr, Marlin, Williamson
Met via Zoom and made good progress. The Committee is focusing on current committee structure and have asked each of the committees for a statement of responsibilities. The Committee encourages suggestions and anyone is welcome to join the committee.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Review of Committee Membership
This will be included in the work of the Long Range Planning Committee.
- B. Discussion of Format of Spring Executive Committee Meetings
Wilson has reserved a room in the Champaign Country Club every second Wednesday in 2022. Williamson moved that we hold hybrid meetings beginning with January 2022, Adams seconded, and the motion carried.
- C. Preparing Policies and Procedures Manual
This will be included in the work of the Long Range Planning Committee.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.

Adams moved that we adjourn the meeting at about 2:15 pm, Korr seconded it, the motion carried. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., which was added at the November 10, 2021 meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES.

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring 2022: January 12; February 9; March 9; April 13; May 11; June 8; July 13 (if necessary)
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting: April 24, 2022
- C. 2022 SUAA Annual Meeting: June 16-17, 2022
- E. Big 10 RA Meeting: July 25-27, 2022 at Northwestern University