

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for August 10, 2022
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Attendees: Melinda Carr, John Marlin, Debora McCall, Debbie Kempfues, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, Donald Uchtmann, Matthew Wilson

Other Attendees: Ron Webbink, H.F. Williamson

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by President Marlin at 1:33 pm.

II. Approval of minutes for July 13, 2022.

A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

III. President's Updates.

Marlin appointed the following committee chairs for 2022-2023 – Livingstone, Communications; Stone, Benefits; Kempfues, Programs; Williamson, Membership; and Brewer, Legislation.

Marlin reported that the TRAILS website has not been updated with healthcare information for 2022.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

- A. Webbink provided a report covering activities for July and the year to date. Kempfues motioned that the treasurer's report was received, Korr seconded, and it was unanimously approved. Webbink reported that he will be out of town the month of September.
- B. **ACTION:** Webbink requested that the Executive Committee look at more efficient ways to acquire signatures for checking account. This will be a discussion item at a future meeting.
- C. The new Bylaws indicate the treasury should be audited in even number years by a special audit committee appointed by the Executive Committee. Uchtmann volunteered to serve as chair of the auditing committee, and Korr will serve as well. The audit will be completed by the end of December 2022,

V. Action/Discussion Items.

- A. Report for Big 10 RA Meeting
Williamson reported on the 29th Annual meeting of the Big 10 Retirement Association held at Northwestern University August 1-3, 2022. We are the only member of the group that is part of a state-wide organization with a focus on advocacy. The others are stand-alone groups with more of the focus on social activities. Some of the activities they adopt could be considered by us such as membership campaigns offering free first year memberships or lifetime memberships; scholarships for chapter members and their families; and underwriters to provide support for newsletters. The 30th annual meeting of the group will be July 26-28, 2023 at the University of Wisconsin.
- B. Investment Options
Wilson reported that he researched US Treasury bills for one or more years. The interest rates are 2.99% for one year and 3.25% for two or more years. You can withdraw if needed and they do not automatically renew. Uchtmann moved that we open an account to purchase a US Treasury bill for a one-year term in an amount of up to \$50,000, Kempfues seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.
- C. Fall Annuitant
Livingstone provided an email with assignments. The content deadline for getting articles to Livingstone and Carr is August 27. The suggested assignments are as follows. The Fall Annuitant will be in mailboxes two weeks before the fall meeting, around October 10.

1. Fall Chapter meeting announcement – Program Committee
2. President’s message – President
3. UIUC Chapter leadership sidebar and important numbers – Livingstone
4. Report on spring meeting – needs a volunteer
5. Committee reports
 - a. Benefits – Stone
 - b. Legislative – Legislative Committee
 - c. Membership – Williamson and Carr
6. In memoriam – Brewer
7. Campus Charitable Fund Drive (CCFD) – CCFD Office
8. Volunteer Corner (space permitting) - Livingstone

D. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting

Korr will meet with fellow speaker Jeffrey Brown from the Gies College of Business to solidify the topic for the October 25th Chapter meeting.

VI. Standing Committee Reports.

A. Membership Committee: Carr, Williamson

Williamson shared the July membership report from the State Office.

Carr reported on a membership campaign at another SUAA chapter that offered free memberships to new members. She has talked with Linda Brookhart from the State SUAA Office about our chapter doing a similar campaign. A motion was made to authorize offering up to 50 free memberships to anyone joining during the campaign who is not a current member. Uchtmann seconded, and it was approved unanimously. The Membership Committee will work with Livingstone to implement the campaign and report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

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

Korr reported the very sad news that Robert Rich passed away. Rich was a valued member of the UI SUAA Chapter Executive Committee for two terms, 2014-2020. He was our distinguished speaker at five Chapter meetings in spring 1994, fall 2012, fall 2014, spring 2017, and fall 2018.

Marlin noted that he had received an email from the State Office about the upcoming elections. This information may help us determine whom we might support this fall.

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

The roster of officers and committee members needs to be updated on the website. Please review the website and inform Livingstone of any changes to the committees.

D. Benefits Committee: Stone, Williamson

There was a discussion of the concerns over the announcement that Central Management Services (CMS) is planning to shift our health insurance from United Health Care to AETNA starting January 1, 2023.

E. Program Committee: Kemphues, Miller, Wilson

1. Kemphues is working on filing the Allied Affiliate application with the University of Illinois Corporate Relations Office. As a benefit of this status, we are allowed a listing in the campus staff directory. It will read as follows:

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- President: John Marlin, president@suaa-ui.org
- Vice President: Matthew Wilson, vice-president@suaa-ui.org
- Secretary: Debbie Kemphues, secretary@suaa-ui.org
- Membership: H.F. Williamson, membership@suaa-ui.org

- Webmaster: Carol Livingstone, webmaster@suaa-ui.org

2. Kempfues will have discussions with some University of Illinois colleges for possible partnerships that could be beneficial to both SUAA and the colleges.

VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.

- A. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Francis, Williamson
Nothing more to report.
- B. Long Range Planning Committee: Adams, Korr, Marlin, Williamson
Nothing to report.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Livingstone stated that it was sometimes hard to hear via Zoom, **ACTION:** Wilson will research a speaker/microphone to enhance the voices in the meetings.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.

Marlin adjourned the meeting at about 3 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2022, as a hybrid meeting at the Champaign Country Club at 1:30 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall 2022: September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14
- B. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 25, 2022
- C. Fall Board of Delegates Meeting: November 17, 2022 at ISU Alumni Center
- D. Big 10 RA, July 25-26, 2023, Wisconsin