

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Minutes for November 9, 2022**  
**Web site: [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org)**  
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**Attendees:** Melinda Carr, Bettina Francis, Debbie Kemphues, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Debora McCall, Matthew Wilson

**Other Attendees:** Cheryl Heck, Steve Rugg, Rick Schoell, Ron Webbink, H.F. Williamson

**I. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by President Marlin at 1:36 pm.

**II. Approval of minutes for September 14, 2022 and October 12, 2022.**

Livingstone made a motion to accept both sets of minutes, Wilson seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

**III. President's Updates.**

Marlin indicated that he would delay his update until we get to the Action Item on the healthcare issue.

**IV. Treasurer's Report.**

Webbink provided a report covering activities for October and the year to date. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**V. Action/Discussion Items.**

**A. Continued Discussion of the Healthcare Issue**

Representatives Jim Dirkin and Michael Marron visited with the Urbana Mayor, Diane Marlin to discuss the healthcare issues. John Marlin and Steve Rugg also attended the meeting.

There are a couple of bills that have been submitted, Dirkin noted that the bills would probably not be addressed in the Veto Session but would hopefully be addressed in the spring session. Representative Marron has submitted House Bill 5831, which requests that CMS provide two healthcare options. Senator Rose has submitted Bill 4236, which is believed to request money to offset costs for individuals who go into private plans.

Marlin and Linda Brookhart have been asked to appear in Springfield for a hearing with the Government Forecasting and Accountability Commission. The Commission members are interested in hearing about the healthcare issues that State retirees have experienced.

AETNA and Carle have come to an unofficial agreement, as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, and we are hopeful that a final agreement will be signed by both parties before November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**B. State Fall Meeting at ISU on November 17, 2022**

Marlin, Francis and Carr are planning to attend the State SUAA Fall Meeting on November 17, 2022, at ISU.

**C. Debriefing on Fall Chapter Meeting**

We had approximately 350 in attendance and 300 on Zoom. There were audio issues with the zoom attendees, but the outcome of the meeting was very important in getting the healthcare issues heard. This is all thanks to our SUAA members, as well as others from Parkland and Eastern University that attended the meeting.

**D. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting – Tuesday, April 25 or Wednesday, April 26**

Kemphues will check with Wynne Korr and Jeffrey Brown, who we had to cancel for the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, to see if they are available in April for our meeting.

- E. Decision on holding January 11, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting  
Livingstone moved to make the January meeting a permanent date on the SUAA Executive Committee calendar. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**VI. Standing Committee Reports.**

- A. Membership: Carr, Williamson (Chair)  
For the membership campaign 25-30 applications have been received for free membership. The State SUAA Office has not sent out a membership report for October yet.
- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Brewer (Chair), Korr, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel  
Nothing to report.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Francis, Livingstone (Chair)  
Marlin noted that we need to communicate regularly with our SUAA membership.
- D. Benefits Committee: Stone (Chair), Williamson  
Nothing to report.
- E. Program Committee: Kempfues (Chair), Wilson  
Nothing more to report.

**VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

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

**VIII. New Business.**

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.**

Martin adjourned the meeting at about 2:40 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Fall 2022: December 14
- B. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring 2023: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12 (if necessary)