

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for January 11, 2023
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Attendees: Melinda Carr, Debbie Kempfues, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Debora McCall, Don Uchtmann, Matthew Wilson

Other Attendees: Ron Webbink, H.F. Williamson

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by President Wilson at 1:35 pm.

II. Approval of minutes for December 14, 2022.

Marlin moved to accept the minutes, Uchtmann seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

III. President's Report.

A. Wilson reported that Marlin had resigned as President, effective December 31, 2022, and that he had assumed the role of President for the remainder of the term (Chapter Bylaws, Article 5.3). Wilson thanked Marlin for his leadership as President and particularly for all the hard work he did and continues to do for the TRAIL health benefits.

B. Filling Vice President Vacancy (Chapter Bylaws Article 5.3)

Wilson requested the approval of the Executive Committee for Martin to fill the position of Vice President. The request was approved unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

Webbink provided a report covering activities for December and for the year 2022, as well as a correction to the November report. Kempfues moved to accept the corrected November and December reports, Uchtmann seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

CD's were redeemed, and some of the proceeds were deposited with Morgan Stanley.

Wilson asked each chair to work on spending plans for their committees for the remainder of the year, as well as new ideas of serving our members better. Chairs should bring their spending plans and ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

V. Action/Discussion Items.

A. Request for Staff Advisory Council Liaison on SUAA – email sent by Bill Buesing

Kempfues will invite Mr. Buesing to present at the next meeting, on the potential value of the Staff Advisory Council joining as a liaison.

B. Selection of the Nominating Committee

Wilson nominated Korr and Williamson to serve as the nominating committee to select candidates for the Executive Committee being vacated this year (Chapter Bylaws, Article 4.2). Uchtmann moved to accept, McCall seconded and the Nominating Committee appointments were approved unanimously.

C. Proposal to Extend Membership Campaign

Executive Committee members who have not sent in nominations for free memberships please send an email to Williamson at your earliest convenience.

D. Final Audit Report from the ad hoc Audit Committee

Uchtmann provided the final report from the ad hoc Audit Committee (Uchtmann, Korr). The ad hoc Audit Committee moved to accept the report, Kempfues seconded and it was approved unanimously. The next audit should take place in 2024.

A recommendation was made to move some of the money from checking to savings. It was decided that we would wait until the committees report and set their budgets for the remainder of the year.

A recommendation was made to give Uchtmann authority to invest up to \$50,000 in a CD, at 4.5% and not to exceed one year, at Morgan Stanley over the next month. Livingstone moved to give this authority to Uchtmann, Korr seconded and it was approved unanimously.

- E. Update on Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting
 1. Date: Monday, May 15, 2023
 2. Speakers: Deans Jeffrey Brown and Wynne Korr
 3. Topic: Avoiding Retirement Regrets: Perspectives from Business and Social Work
 4. Venue: The committee will discuss and bring options to the next meeting.
- F. Preparation of the Spring Annuitant
Livingstone will send out a list of articles and deadlines in the next month.

VI. Standing Committee Reports.

- A. Membership: Carr, Williamson (Chair)
Williamson shared the membership report for January and year to date. He noted that he felt the most effective way we could increase our membership would be for us to contact lapsed members whom we knew.
- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Brewer (Chair), Korr, Marlin, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel
Nothing to report.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Brewer, Francis, Livingstone (Chair)
Livingstone has updated the website with new officers.
- D. Benefits Committee: Stone (Chair), Williamson
Nothing to report.
- E. Program Committee: Kempfues (Chair), McCall, Wilson
Nothing more to report.

VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.

- A. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Francis, Williamson
Williamson reported that there would be a Zoom meeting of the leaders of the organization in the Big 10 Retirement Association on January 19. The Annual meeting will be in July at the University of Wisconsin.
- B. Long Range Planning Committee: Adams, Korr, Marlin, Williamson
Williamson noted that we will need to add a section in the operating manual on financial procedures.

VIII. New Business.

Marlin gave an update on TRAIL health care. The legislative effort is continuing for bills to be submitted. Marlin has been in contact with several legislators regarding health care issues.

Marlin is coordinating a meeting of Parkland, EIU, and ISU, and Linda Brookhart, to discuss possible ways they might help guide State legislation. He will try to include some that are experienced from our chapter. The legislation is looking at long range efforts on TRAIL health care. Some of the issues we could look at is better

choices (HMOs, PPOs), more insurance company choices, CMS procedures and process, and if Medicare is changed at the national level, the State would be required to change to be identical in substance.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.

Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:46 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring 2023: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12 (if necessary)
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting – May 15, 2023
- C. Big 10 Retirement Association Annual Meeting, Madison, WI – July 26-28, 2023