

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Minutes for March 8, 2023**  
**Web site: [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org)**  
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**Attendees:** Melinda Carr, Debbie Kempfues, Carol Livingstone, Debora McCall, Matthew Wilson

**Other Attendees:** Ron Webbink, H.F. Williamson

**I. Call to Order.**

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

**II. Approval of minutes for February 8, 2023.**

Livingstone moved that the minutes be approved as written, Carr seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

**III. President's Update.**

Wilson attended the Illinois Connection Day in Springfield, meeting with legislative representatives from around our region. There was support and continued interest in health care issues, especially with representatives Marron and Faraci.

**IV. Treasurer's Report.**

Webbink provided a report covering activities for February and for the year 2023. Webbink noted that he has changed the format of the treasurer's report, to accommodate a section for Morgan Stanley. Kempfues moved to accept the February report, Livingstone seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

**V. Action/Discussion Items.**

**A. Update on Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting**

Kempfues is working with Beckman Institute to reserve rooms for the June 13 spring chapter meeting. When the reservation is confirmed, she will work with University Catering and CITL for audio/visual support.

Williamson has noted that we have invited members of the SUAA Parkland Chapter to our past Chapter meetings.

**B. Preparation of the Spring Annuitant and Membership Survey**

Livingstone noted that with the move of the Chapter meeting to June, the new deadline for submitting articles for the Spring Annuitant will be April 14.

**C. Report from the Nominating Committee**

Williamson reported that the Nominating Committee proposes the following nominees to fill Executive Committee vacancies for 2023-2026.

- Bettina Francis
- Tanya Gallagher
- Michael Grossman
- Vera Mainz

Livingstone moved to accept the nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee, McCall seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

**D. Committees Proposed Spending Plans and Ideas for 2022-2023**

Wilson requested ideas for ways to engage our members. There was a suggestion to look at online programs and promotional events, and possibly having additional chapter meetings. There was a discussion about having the Program and Membership Committees work together on a Fall event that would entice new members.

This discussion will be continued.

## **VI. Standing Committee Reports.**

### **A. Membership: Carr, Williamson (Chair)**

Williamson provided the February report from the State Office, there were no additions and unfortunately a significant number of deaths. The result was a loss of 17 members.

Williamson reported that the new membership campaign has ended and payment has been sent to the State SUAA office for all new memberships.

### **B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Brewer (Chair), Korr, Marlin, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel**

Wilson reported that Illinois Connection Day in Springfield went very well. Significant money was given to UIUC for faculty hires and mental health resources for students.

### **C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Carr, Francis, Livingstone (Chair)**

Nothing more to report.

### **D. Benefits Committee: Stone (Chair), Williamson**

Williamson noted that there are still a few advocates trying to resurrect SURSMAC.

### **E. Program Committee: Kemphues (Chair), McCall, Wilson**

Nothing more to report.

## **VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

### **A. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Francis, Williamson**

Williamson reported that the Big 10 Retirement Association was surveying Big 10 institutions about retiree computer access. Williamson noted that other Big 10 retirement associations are structured differently than UIUC and advocate for other interests than just annuity and health care. He asked if SUAA might be interested in advocating for other things for retirees, such as email access and other campus amenities.

### **B. Long Range Planning Committee: Adams, Korr, Marlin, Williamson**

It was decided that this committee needs to be resurrected, especially to create a procedural manual. Then President Rick Winkel created this committee. Wilson will reach out to Winkel and Adams to see what has been done and the goal of the committee.

## **VIII. New Business.**

Williamson circulated copies of documents containing (a) the Chapter Officers from 1994 to current; (b) the Executive Committee members elected each year from 1992 to current; and (c) the speakers and topics at the Membership Meetings from fall, 1993 to current. These documents will be on the Chapter website. He also circulated an annual calendar outlining the activities of the Chapter leadership prepared by a previous Chapter President. Wilson thanked Williamson for sharing these important documents.

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

Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring 2023: April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12 (if necessary)
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting – June 13, 2023

C. Big 10 Retirement Association Annual Meeting, Madison, WI – July 26-28, 2023