

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes for April 12, 2023
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Attendees: Marissa Brewer, Melinda Carr, Debbie Kempfues, Wynne Korr, Carol Livingstone, John Marlin, Debora McCall, Deb Stone, Don Uchtmann

Other Attendees: Cheryl Heck, Ron Webbink, H.F. Williamson

I. Call to Order.

President Wilson was traveling so Vice President Marlin called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

II. Approval of minutes for March 8, 2023.

Uchtmann moved to accept the minutes as written, Livingstone seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

III. President's Update.

Marlin noted that Wilson has invited Chapter SUAA Executive Committee nominees Michael Grossman and Vera Mainz to attend the June meeting as guests. They will starting their first terms on the Committee in July.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

Webbink provided a report covering activities for March and for the year 2023. Kempfues moved to accept the March report, Korr seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

V. Action/Discussion Items.

A. Update on Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting

1. Date: June 13, 2023
2. Speakers: Deans Wynne Korr and Jeff Brown
3. Venue: Kempfues reported that Beckman denied SUAA's reservation and that she is checking with the Hotel but has not heard back yet. Suggestions were made for other venues as well – Spurlock Museum, Levis Faculty Center, and Champaign and Urbana Libraries.
4. Publicity: Eweek, State Office communication, Newsletter – postponed discussion until the May meeting.

B. Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting

Kempfues will look at possible October dates and bring options to the May meeting for review.

C. Preparation of the Spring Annuitant

Livingstone reminded everyone of the April 14 deadline for articles. McCall will forward a short paragraph on the Faculty/Staff Assistant and Well-Being Services. Livingstone noted that the survey will be included in the Spring Annuitant.

D. Appointment of the Nominating Committee for 2023-2024 Officers

Marlin appointed Korr, Uchtmann, and Williamson as the Nominating Committee for 2023-2024 Officers.

E. Committees Proposed Spending Plans and Ideas for 2022-2023

Suggestion was made to invest in marketing items, such as pens, journals, etc. Stone reported that the Employee Expo will be taking place in October and this will be a good place to have some marketing items to give to employees.

F. Preparation for SUAA Annual Meeting on June 14-15, 2023

Williamson noted that our Chapter is authorized to have up to five delegates. They need to be certified by the Chapter President by late May.

VI. Standing Committee Reports.

- A. Membership: Carr, Williamson (Chair)
Williamson provided the March report from the State Office, there was a slight gain due to the extension of the membership campaign.
- B. Legislative Committee: Adams, Brewer (Chair), Korr, Marlin, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel
Nothing to report.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Carr, Francis, Livingstone (Chair)
Livingstone reminded everyone of the April 14 deadline for Annuitant articles.
- D. Benefits Committee: Stone (Chair), Williamson
Williamson asked if everyone received an email for the SURS Spring Stakeholder Meeting, to be held April 13, 2023.

Stone reported that benefits for active employees and retirees not in TRAIL will have a May 1 open enrollment.

- E. Program Committee: Kemphues (Chair), McCall, Wilson
Nothing more to report.

VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.

- A. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Francis, Williamson
The next Big 10 Retirement Association meeting will be held July 26-28, 2023. We will be receiving the first information about registration and requests for the names of our delegates within the next month.
- B. Long Range Planning Committee: On Hold

VIII. New Business.

Marlin reported that the bills on healthcare have not come out of committee, and the first opportunity for them is the veto session, but it could be as late as next year. Marlin as noted that the News-Gazette had a piece on Carle opening three new hospitals in the Peoria area.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.

Marlin adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, Spring 2023: May 10, June 14, July 12 (if necessary)
- B. Spring Chapter Meeting – June 13, 2023
- C. State SUAA Annual Meeting, Springfield, IL – June 14-15, 2023
- D. Big 10 Retirement Association Annual Meeting, Madison, WI – July 26-28, 2023
- E. State SUAA Fall Meeting – October 25, 2023