

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Minutes for October 8, 2025**  
**Web site: [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org)**  
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**Executive Committee Attendees:** Tanya Gallagher, Melanie Loots, Vera Mainz, Debora McCall, Megan Pearson, Katie Ross, Donald Uchtmann, H. F. Williamson, Matthew Wilson

**Other Attendees:** Rose Paul.

**I. Call to Order and Introductions.**

Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm. He introduced Rose Paul to the committee as the liaison from the Staff Advisory Council.

**II. Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2025.**

A motion to approve the minutes for September 10, 2025, was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**III. President's Update.**

Wilson and several others will attend the State SUAA meeting on October 15, 2025. Wilson noted that our Chapter will also have its Fall general meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> and will staff a table at the All Employee Expo on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Gallagher was recognized for her appointment to the State SUAA Board of Directors. Our chapter hasn't had a representative on the Board for a number of years.

**IV. Treasurer's Report (see **attached**).** Accepted, no comment.

Loots presented the report for the activity in September 2025 and the year to date. Loots was thanked for the report.

*NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please send to Melanie Loots: 813 W. University Avenue, Champaign, IL 61820-3921*

Money looks good. Up to date on payments. No questions. Thanked for her work.

**V. Action/Discussion Items.**

- A. Planning for Fall 2025 Annuitant, Carr. There was a discussion about replacing Gallagher on the editorial staff due to her other obligations. Gallagher reported she has been trying to help Carr. Carr does not want her name listed as editor of the Annuitant. The Annuitant will be late to go out, and might not be able to go out as a physical mailing. Carr suggested that we send the Annuitant via email to members to remind them of the meeting, since if it is mailed via USPS it might not arrive before the general meeting. She reminded us all of the process. She noted that all the articles are in. The Annuitant should be about 12 pages in length. She has sent in the FOIA request and the mailing labels are in. Everything is in to the graphic designer. When it gets back from the graphic designer, it goes to the State SUAA (Soady for courtesy), and then goes to SURS for approval because of the CCFD mailing. When approved, the graphic designer sends it to printer. Wilson thinks sending it only via email would be fine. Depending on the timing, this may be the time to send it via both email and USPS. It was decided to have McCall send it with one of the email reminders about the general meeting. Loots noted that she would like to move from print to email in the future. We discussed using the graphic designer as a process manager/editor. We also discussed asking the Campus CCFD folks if they would oppose emailing just this CCFD insert if we move beyond USPS mailings.
- B. Update on Planning for Fall Chapter Meeting, Wednesday, October 29, 2025. McCall has made all of the necessary arrangements.
  1. Publicity via Facebook, EWeek, State SUAA announcements, and email. Uchtmann says we should continue to use the eweek announcement if possible.
  2. Program. The draft program sent by Williamson was approved.
  3. Speaker Introduction. Wilson agreed to introduce Bambrey.

4. Committee Reports at the meeting. Williamson agreed to give a membership report. Williamson requested that Ross give the benefits report. Gallagher wondered if there could be a report on research funding for campus. Mainz noted that Coleman gave an update on research funding as part of his talk at last spring's general meeting. Uchtmann asked for clarification about SURS options. He noted that everyone in the state retirement system is interested in pensions except those in the self-directed savings option. As the self-directed option members grow more numerous, the State SUAA emphasis on pensions may not be viewed as a reason to join SUAA. There also seems to be a divide between research intensive universities and the community college members. Uchtmann asked whether the State SUAA is listening to a particular group or chapter. Gallagher thinks the most active chapters are from the community colleges.
- C. Planning for the State Fall Meeting, October 15, 2025. Wilson, Uchtmann, Gallagher, Williamson will attend. The consensus was that Soady did an excellent job of finding topics for the breakout sessions.
- D. Planning for All Employee Expo, October 23, 2025, Williamson. Williamson circulated a sign-up sheet for times to "man" the table. Mainz and Williamson will provide candy for the give-away. Mainz will bring the SUAA-UIUC business cards. Ross will provide a half-page flyer (attached). Williamson will bring brochures and other handouts from the State SUAA office.
1. **Event Details**
  - Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025
  - Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - Location: State Farm Center  
1800 South 1st Street, Champaign, IL 61820
2. **Setup Information – small meeting after this meeting**
  - Vendor Arrival Time: 8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
  - Entrance: West Entrance, circle drive
  - Drop-off Location: West Entrance (off First St.), circle drive
  - Please be courteous—this space is shared for drop-offs.*
  - Parking: Free in the State Farm Center lots
  - Table Assignments: Each vendor will be provided with one table and two chairs unless otherwise noted on your vendor registration. Specific locations will be shared soon.
- E. Review Records Retention Guidelines. Loots, Mainz, and Williamson need to set a date, now that the temperatures are cooling off, to meet and evaluate the old records.
- F. Update on SUAA-UIUC website, Mainz. Mainz noted that Votava continues to update the website as requested.
- G. Update on SUAA-UIUC business card, Mainz. See attached. The consensus was that both designs were acceptable. Mainz will ask the graphic designer to provide the appropriate pdf files for both to use when ordering business cards.

## VI. Standing Committee Reports.

- A. Legislative Committee: Adams, Flider (Chair), Marlin, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel. No report.
- B. Membership Committee: Carr, Loots, Pearson, Ross, Williamson (Chair). Williamson again noted the serious concern that we have had no new members since April. The boost we used to get from the Retirement Expo at the I-Hotel did not occur this year when that event moved to a three-campus, virtual format.
- C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Carr, Francis, Gallagher. See Annuitant report, V(A), above.
- D. Benefits Committee: Hirschi, Ross, Stone (Chair), Williamson. No report.
- E. Program Committee: McCall (Chair), Wilson. See V(B), above.

## VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.

- A. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Gallagher, Williamson. The 2026 meeting will be at the University of Minnesota, July 29-31, 2026. The theme is "Retirement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Chills, Thrills, and hopefully no Spills." Williamson believes that Soady might be interested but he would have to attend with the SUAA-UIUC chapter members as the UIUC is the only Big Ten school represented in SUAA.

- B. Long Range Planning Committee: Gallagher, Marlin, Williamson, Wilson (Chair), Uchtmann. The January 2026 meeting will be used for long range planning. More specific agenda items for this meeting will be discussed at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting. Mainz noted she will be unable to attend the meeting in January 2026.

**VIII. New Business.** None.

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.**

The next scheduled meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings, 2025: Dec 10; 2026: Jan 14 (tentative), Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8 (tentative)
- B. Fall State SUAA Meeting, October 15, 2025.
- C. All Employee Expo, October 23, 2025.
- D. SUAA-UIUC Fall Chapter Meeting, October 29, 2025.

**State Universities Annuitants Association  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Chapter  
Treasurer's Report  
Covers Activity from January 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025**

**First Federal Savings and Loan**

<b>Operations</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Beginning checking account balance	\$12,712.14	\$23,742.68
Receipts		
Dues Collected for August	\$907.27	\$9,984.75
UIUC Reimbursement CCFD Insert	0	\$1,501.35
Interest credited	\$0.12	\$1.42
Total Receipts	\$907.39	\$11,487.52
Disbursements		
Website	\$400	\$818.63
Transfer to Morgan Stanley	\$0	\$15,438.35
Printing <i>The Annuitant</i> (UpClose)	0	\$1,428.79
April 2025 Chapter Meeting	0	\$919.50
SUAA Annual and Delegates Meetings	\$360	\$2,241.24
Big Ten Retirement Meeting	0	\$1,524.16
Total disbursements	\$760	\$22,370.67
Checking account increase (decrease)	\$147.39	(\$11,030.54)
Ending checking account balance	\$12,859.53	\$12,859.53

**Morgan Stanley**

<b>Operations</b>	<b>December 31, 2024</b>	<b>September 30, 2025</b>
Cash, Bank Deposit, and Money Market	\$0.07	\$0.11
Savings and Time Deposits	\$52,831.10	\$46,161.63
Certificates of Deposit	\$56,718.52	\$82,448.06
Total Value	\$109,549.69	\$128,609.80

### **Paid Membership**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deduction</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>December 31, 2021</b>	959	683	1642
<b>December 31, 2022</b>	902	682	1584
<b>December 31, 2023</b>	850	643	1493
<b>December 31, 2024</b>	800	594	1394
<b>September 30, 2025</b>	772	575	1347

### **Treasurer's Comments**

1. Reimbursements for the Big Ten Retirement Meeting are in progress.
2. Treasurer Loots accidentally over-paid Dr. Gallagher for her travel to the Big Ten Conference by \$40. Dr. Gallagher re-paid \$40 to the Treasurer, who deposited the \$40 back into the First Federal Account. These transactions are documented in the Treasurer's notebook for 2025.
3. Webmaster Jason Votava has been paid \$400 for eight hours of work updating the UIUC SUAA web page.
4. Registrations were paid (\$360) for Delegates to the October SUAA House of Delegates Meeting
5. September dues (\$839.92) have been received from SUAA and will appear in next month's report.

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