**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**
**Minutes for December 11, 2024 Executive Committee Planning Session**
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**Executive Committee Attendees:** Melinda Carr, Robert Flider, Tanya Gallagher, Michael Hirschi, Melanie Loots, Vera Mainz, John Marlin, Debora McCall, Donald Uchtmann, H. F. Williamson, Matthew Wilson

**Other Attendees:** Ethan Hanf, Ron Webbink

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

Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

**II. Approval of minutes for November 13, 2024.**

A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**III. President's Update.**

Wilson noted that SUUA Executive Director, Bryan Soady, is planning to attend the long-range planning meeting January 8, 2025. Mainz was asked to email the Executive Committee for items to discuss. Wilson will circulate the current draft language of a bill to address recent issues impacting retiree healthcare (e.g., Aetna's renewal negotiations with certain systems).

**IV. Treasurer's Report**.

*NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please send to Ron Webbink's home: 3407 Mill Creek Ct., Unit 4, Champaign, IL 61822*

Webbink presented the report for November 2024 and the year to date. Webbink ;noted that signees for the bank account need to be updated.

**V. Action/Discussion Items.**

A. Update on Biennial Audit. Uchtmann reported that the biennial audit was conducted on December 10, 2024, by Uchtmann, Marlin, and Hirschi. Uchtmann summarized the audit by saying the committee found the materials well organized and the committee was generally pleased with the audit. The committee recommended that Webbink, Loots, Wilson and Uchtmann be signees on the checking account and Loots and Uchtmann be signees at Morgan Stanley. A motion adopting these recommendations was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Uchtmann reported that two years ago we acted to allow a single signature on checks of $500 or less; the committee report will recommend that the maximum amount for allowing a single signee should be $1000. The committee also will recommend that action to appoint Loots as Treasure, effective April 1, 2025, be taken formally at the February 12, 2025, meeting. McCall asked about the CD's that are coming up for renewal. It was agreed they will renew on Webbink's plan, i.e., to have a CD mature about every six months. There is about $50,000 in preferred savings at Morgan Stanley; the rest is in CDs. The complete audit report will be submitted at the February 12 meeting.
B. Planning for Spring Chapter Meeting. One suggestion for a speaker was Chancellor Jones, to give a summary of his time at UIUC. Another was to have another legislative panel.
C. Planning for Long Range Planning, Jan 8, 2025. Wilson noted that Bryan Soady is planning to attend. Any ideas for the agenda should be sent to Wilson.
D. Review of Membership Communication Policy. Williamson continued the discussion of this proposal to help UIUC campus organizations contact our members, usually for volunteers for studies, and the concerns discussed at the November meeting. Uchtmann noted it was important to move forward on those pending. It was agreed that a suggestion by Mainz that requests for this service be reviewed by a group such as the Membership Committee be the policy adopted by the Chapter.
E. Update on Process for Selection of new Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. Wilson re-connected with the original volunteer, who told Wilson his circumstances had changed such that he could not commit.

**VI. Standing Committee Reports.**

A. Legislative Committee: Adams, Flider (Chair), Marlin, Rugg, Schoell, Winkel. There was an update from Chapin Rose prior to meeting.
B. Membership Committee: Carr, Gallagher, Loots, Pearson, Williamson (Chair). Williamson noted that membership, in danger of going below 1400, has already passed the year to date number of members lost from 2023. He continued to urge the members to help him contact lapsed Chapter members with a reminder to renew their memberships.
C. Communications Committee/Newsletter/Website: Carr (Chair), Francis, Gallagher. No report.
D. Benefits Committee: Hirschi, Stone (Chair), Williamson. Williamson reported that Pearson's position was reclassified as staff, so she can no longer serve on the Council of Academic Professional (CAP). Mainz will check with Pearson to see if she can still serve as a liaison from CAP to our Chapter and, if not, whether she has a suggestion for her successor. Gallagher suggested that the bill to address recent issues impacting retiree healthcare should include a built-in choice on health providers, where in people could make a decision but some decisions cost more. The bill should also consider step-wise changes in current policy with respect to CMS.
E. Program Committee: McCall, Wilson. No report.

**VII. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

A. Big 10 Retirement Association Committee: Gallagher, Williamson. Williamson noted that we will need additional members of our group to represent Illinois with the Big 10 RA including attending its annual meetings.
B. Long Range Planning Committee: Gallagher, Marlin, Williamson, Wilson (Chair), Uchtmann.

**VIII. New Business.**

There was no new business.

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. The meeting at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, will focus on long-range planning.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

A. Executive Committee Meetings, 2025: Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul 9 (tentative).
B. Spring Meeting, TBD 2025.