



**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CHAPTER**

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Dear Colleagues:

During the past year, members of the Executive Committee of your UIUC Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) undertook the first major review of the Chapter's Bylaws in over twenty years. As a result, a number of amendments have been proposed to clarify this document. These will be presented for adoption at the annual meeting of the Chapter on May 1 at the Hawthorn Suites. The two enclosures to this letter are (1) the current Bylaws (white paper) and (2) the revised Bylaws (colored paper) if all the proposed changes are approved.

On the reverse side of this letter are notes on the Articles in which amendments are proposed; these are intended to help you compare the two bylaws documents. Among the revisions is 1) the fiscal year change to coincide with the recent fiscal year change at the state level and 2) procedural changes for nominating candidates for election to the Chapter Executive Committee.

I hope that you will be able to join us at the May 1st Chapter Meeting. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. with a talk by former Governor Jim Edgar, followed by the Business Meeting at which we will vote on the proposed amendments. If you have any questions about this revision, please contact me (dollins409@aol.com) or H. F. (Bill) Williamson (billw@illinois.edu) who has been in charge of this revision.

Sincerely,

Paul Dollins
Chapter President

Enclosures

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Notes on the Articles in which amendments are proposed:

Article I. Name. The revision changes our name to reflect current usage that lists our SUAA affiliation first to emphasize this relationship.

Article II. Purpose. Section 3 is added to reflect the broad range of goals of the Chapter.

Article III. Membership. The revision simplifies the definition of the membership.

Article IV. Executive Committee, Section 1. The revision clarifies eligibility (two consecutive terms) and specifies the starting date of each member's term of office.

Article IV. Executive Committee, Sections 4. The revision simplifies the descriptions of the terms of office and deletes the definition of the fiscal year (the new fiscal year is defined in the revised Article VII).

Article IV. Executive Committee, Sections 5 and 6. The revisions simplify the descriptions of the committee appointment process and the procedures for arranging Chapter meetings.

Article V. Elections (formerly Nominating Committee). The revised title of this Article better reflects its content.

Article V. Elections, Section 1. The revision changes the procedure for nominating additional candidates for election to the Executive Committee so that it parallels the procedures used by similar organizations.

Article V. Elections, Section 2. The revision clarifies the timing of the election of officers.

Article VI. Annual Dues. The revision simplifies the procedures for determining the Chapter's annual dues and the description of how they may be paid. For reference, currently Chapter dues (\$5) are 20 per cent of the State Association dues (\$25).

Article VII. Treasurer. A sentence has been added to reflect the new definition of our fiscal year. The fiscal year was changed to match the change made last year at the state level by SUAA.