

## Previous By-Laws

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**Article I. Name.** This organization shall be known as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Chapter, State Universities Annuitants Association (Illinois).

**Article II. Purpose.** The primary purpose of this organization shall be to protect, promote, and enhance the individual and collective interests of its members as annuitants and as SUR members. These interests shall include those relating to the university, the state organization (SUAA), SURS, and other organizations.

**Article III. Membership.** Membership in this Chapter shall be open to all SURS members who (1) are annuitants following employment by the UI, UIUC, allied agencies, other agencies, other state universities or community colleges (2) are or could become SURS members as qualified survivors or (3) participants 50 years of age or over who are currently eligible to retire and start their SURS annuities but have not yet chosen to do so with membership also being open to spouses of these participants.

**Article IV. Executive Committee.** Section 1. The affairs of the Chapter shall be administered by an Executive Committee of twelve members. Four members shall be elected for three year terms at each annual meeting to fill positions being vacated. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term. The outgoing President shall continue for one year as a voting member of the Committee.

Section 2. Vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled for unexpired terms by vote of the members of the Committee.

Section 3. A majority of the membership of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall elect from its membership for the succeeding year the president, vice president, and secretary; the terms of these officers shall coincide with the fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Newly elected executive members and elected officers shall assume their duties July 1.

Section 5. The President with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint such committees as will further the work of the Chapter. Standing committees shall include legislative affairs, membership, publicity, benefits, arrangements, and program. The President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee shall appoint a treasurer, archivist and newsletter editor; shall appoint ad hoc committees and shall appoint individuals to fulfill other responsibilities as needed.

Section 6. Executive Committee shall arrange an annual meeting of the Chapter and additional meetings as shall be desirable. A spring meeting shall be designated the annual meeting. At each Chapter meeting the Executive Committee shall report its activities and the activities of any other committees of the Chapter since the time of the last Chapter meeting.

**Article V. Nominating Committee.** Section 1. Each year prior to the annual meeting the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a nominating committee, which then shall select candidates for the Executive Committee positions being vacated. The slate of candidates shall be drawn with full consideration of the need for active participation on the Executive Committee and for comprehensive consideration of members' interests. After approval of the Executive Committee the names of these nominees shall be published no later than 15 days prior to the annual meeting. Additional nominations shall be requested from the floor. Such nominations require the consent of the nominees. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall present nominees for President, Vice President, and Secretary at the May meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may make additional nominations for these offices. A majority vote of the Executive Committee shall constitute election.

**Article VI. Annual Dues.** Annual Chapter dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Dues include the State Association dues plus an additional amount not to exceed 75 percent of the State Association dues per year per member and shall be due July 1 at the beginning of the fiscal year except that annuitant members may elect to pay dues by monthly deductions from their SURS checks.

**Article VII. Treasurer.** The financial records of the Treasurer shall be audited periodically by a special committee appointed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount sufficient to cover the balance of the Chapter's funds at the end of the fiscal year prior to the issuance of the Treasurer's bond. The Treasurer's bond shall be paid by the Chapter.

**Article VIII. Dissolution.** In the event of dissolution of the Chapter and after indebtedness and outstanding accounts have been resolved, the remaining funds shall be transferred to the State Universities Annuitants Association (Illinois).

**Article IX. Parliamentary Authority.** The parliamentary authority shall be the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

**Article X. Amendments.** Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee, or by not fewer than fifteen members of the Chapter. Proposed amendments shall be presented for adoption at the annual meeting of the Chapter. Notice of proposed changes shall be given to members at least 15 days in advance of the annual meeting. Amendments to the bylaws shall be adopted by a majority vote.

**Note:** member: "A person in the SURS system, whether active (employed), inactive, or receiving benefits from SURS." Source: *SURS Annuitant Guide*, Glossary, p. iv (February, 2001)

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