

## SUAA Dues Increase

Below is a copy of the letter sent to members informing them of the SUAA 21013 dues increase. One question that many annual pay members have inquired about is when the increased amount is due. The new dues rate will be reflected in their 2013 Renewal Notice so if their anniversary month is July, that is when the new rate will be due. The new rates for SURS monthly dues deduct will be reflected in the January 2013 pension checks.



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Dear SUAA Member:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors this letter is being sent to alert you to a change in your State membership dues.

At the Fall Board of Directors Meeting held in Normal, Illinois on October 10th, the Board overwhelmingly voted to increase the State dues by \$6.00 (\$5.00 for operating expenses and \$1.00 to rebuild the reserve account) beginning January 1, 2013. This is actually just \$.50 per month to each member.

Due to the volume of adverse legislation and the necessity to be the vigilant advocate for the membership, it is quite evident that the expenses will continue to mount. While the past several years have been grueling for the organization's budget, the visibility of SUAA is now quite prominent. SUAA will need additional resources to not only maintain but increase its stature among the Executive Officials, the Legislators, other Policymakers and esteemed organizations.

Going forward, SUAA would like to be able to communicate better to those of you who do not have access to emails. Postal mailing does not allow the Association to adequately reach you - time becomes the enemy as well as the cost for mailing. Therefore, if you have an email address please share it with us or even provide a family member's email address to the State office so you can receive news, alerts and other information quickly.

Enclosed you will find additional information that provides a list of benefits for belonging to the State Universities Annuitants Association. The hope is that you will understand and continue to support the work that is being done on your behalf to preserve your pension and health benefits.

As of January 1, 2013 the following will move forward:

- The State dues increase will be \$6.00 to all members.
- For those on pension deduction from SURS, the amount will now be an additional \$.50 per month.
- For those on payroll deduction from your campuses, the amount will now be an additional \$.50 per month.
- For those of you who are paying by check or credit card for the yearly amount, the \$6.00 will be due on your anniversary date.
- Chapters could decide to increase their dues at this time also. Chapters will be making those decisions soon.  
Therefore, the dues increase at this time will be \$6.00 per year for the State organization only.

We believe that the cost for an individual membership is still quite low. We are hopeful that you will continue to provide support to SUAA. If you have questions relating to SUAA budgetary needs, please feel free to contact the State Office.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director