

SUAA-UIUC Spring Chapter Meeting, April 28, 2019

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The 2019 spring meeting of the SUAA-UIUC Chapter was held on Sunday afternoon, April 28, 2019 at the I Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign, IL. Chapter President Rick Winkel opened the presentation by discussing the results of the recent UIUC SUAA Opinion Poll. This served as the basis for the discussion with the three panelists: State Senator Scott Bennett; State Representative Dan Caulkins, and State Senator Chapin Rose. In particular, the panelists were asked to discuss three questions:

- (1) How can the General Assembly assure a stable future for the SURS pension system?
- (2) If this cannot be achieved, what is the impact on SURS system members?
- (3) Do they feel that an amendment to the State Constitution will be proposed in 2020 to change pension benefits?

The presentation was well received by those in attendance and an active question-and-answer period followed.

The presentation was followed by the Chapter's Business Meeting. Four individuals were elected for 2019-2022 terms on the Chapter Executive Committee: William Adams, Melinda Carr, John Marlin, and Richard Winkel. Deb Stone from the benefits committee then presented a report on benefits issues of interest to SURS member. Carol Livingstone from the communications committee gave an update on the Chapter's newsletter and webpage. The meeting concluded with a report from H. F. (Bill) Williamson for the membership committee in which he hoped that each attendee would set a goal of recruiting at least one new member during the coming year.