

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Website: <http://www.suaa-ui.org>

Minutes for August 8, 2012; Clark-Lindsey Board Room

Attending: Gerald Brighton, Tom Conry, Gary Engelgau, Athalia Hunt, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

- A. Meeting called to order at 1:38PM
- B. With one small edit, the minutes for June 13, 2012 were accepted.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year:
 - (1) Meetings of Executive Committee: September 12, **October 3** [*new date to avoid conflict with state SUAA meeting Oct 10*] November 14, December 12;
 - (2) SUAA State Directors Meeting in Bloomington, IL, **October 10, 2012**;
 - (3) Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting, Univ. of Michigan, August 9-11, 2013
- D. President's Report—Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting. UIUC is scheduled for 2019. Conry described the meeting as interesting and informative, and covered some of the activities and discussions that took place. Among the more interesting discussions was a Purdue representative offering the possibility of other (i.e. non-Indiana) entities joining their health care insurance. If this is, in fact, possible, it could be an option for IL state retirees should the legislature pass the "annual increase or health insurance" bill proposed some months ago.
Also, other university retiree associations have a Memorandum of Understanding with administration of their related institution. This is something for SUAA-UIUC to consider pursuing with UofI.

II. Treasurer's Report: Brighton

- Receipts for our most recent reporting period were \$2078 (from April receipts at the state office) and \$2221 (from May receipts at the state office), for a total of \$4303. Disbursements were \$497.
- Fund balances on July 31 were \$90,335 (\$47,083 CDs + \$43,252 checking)
- Report acceptance was moved, seconded, and passed.

III. Action Items

- A. Selection of Chapter Directors (suggest that others be named as "at-large Alternates")
It was suggested that President Conry name the Directors of the UIUC Chapters. In addition to himself, he appointed Engelgau, Palumbo, Rugg, Ruprecht, Schoell, and Williamson.
- B. Selection of representative to Faculty Benefits Committee.
Williamson will continue to serve until someone expresses interest in representing us on that committee.
- C. Committee Assignments

There is a possibility of adding more committees, as a number of the other Big Ten retirees groups do. Our committees are unchanged at this time. On Communications, Engelgau will serve as newsletter editor for the fall '12; Loeb for the spring '13.

D. Discussion of dues increase.

A state SUAA dues increase is now a separate topic from changing to a tiered dues structure. The former appears [somewhat] unavoidable, while the latter is not a foregone conclusion. Although there recently was a \$20k deficit in the budget, \$11k of that was directly attributable to the annual meeting, one of the single largest expenditures each year. Questions have been voiced about reducing the annual meeting cost to enable a lesser dues increase. Each \$1 in annual dues increase raises about \$15k for SUAA. These and related issues will be discussed at the Finance Committee and Exec Committee meeting on 8/27/12.

E. SUAA leadership issues

Within the last day or two, unusual emails were sent to many Chapter officers (apparently) by the state SUAA office, announcing a special Directors meeting in Bloomington-Normal on August 10. The meeting is apparently to discuss on going issues between President Bonnie Henry, Exec Director Linda Brookhart, and the SUAA office.

Motion: The Executive Committee believes the August 10 SUAA Board of Directors meeting in Bloomington-Normal has not been called in accord with the SUAA Constitution, and is thus inappropriate for the conduct of SUAA business. If the August 10 meeting takes place, the Executive Committee further suggests that President Conry attend as an observer only. The motion was seconded, and approved

IV. Reporting Items

A. Membership: Palumbo report via email

At the end of June, there were 2083 members (a net increase of 1). We lost 11 members (6 deceased and 5 non-renewals (a reminder request to rejoin was sent to the nonrenewals)).

B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell

Two pension bills may be called in the special legislative session called for 8/17/12, but nothing that should affect SURS retiree pensions or benefits. Some local legislators expect nothing significant to transpire during the special session.

C. Communications Committee: Englegau, Loeb

Updated leaders list distributed for Newsletter and website

D. Fall Meeting: Waaler, Rugg—October 21 at the I-Hotel; Bob Rich will be the speaker, pension/benefit reform and related issues will be the topic [surprise, surprise]

E. Newsletter: Englegau—Planning for Fall 2012 Newsletter ... articles are needed from contributing Exec Committee members by the end of next week (i.e. by 8/17)

F. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Williamson- There will be additional Survivors' Benefit Workshops, the next one likely in the fall

V. New Business

A. Campaign for New Members, particularly from current employees (continuing)

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be September 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.