

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

Minutes for *September 12, 2012*; Clark-Lindsey Board Room

Attending: Mary Beastall, Gerald Brighton, Tom Conry, Paul Dollins, Gary Engelgau, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Mark Netter, Terri Palumbo, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson

I. President's Report

- A. Meeting was called to order at 1:31PM
- B. Minutes for August 8, 2012 were accepted.
- C. Review of schedule of meetings for rest of year:
 - (1) Meetings of Executive Committee: **October 3** [*new date to avoid conflict with state Directors' meeting Oct 10*, November 14, December 12;
 - (2) SUAA State Directors Meeting in Bloomington, IL, **October 10, 2012**;
 - (3) SUAA-UIUC Fall Meeting, **October 21, 2012**
 - (4) Survivors' Assistance Workshop; **November 8, 2012**
 - (5) Big Ten Retirees Association Meeting, Univ. of Michigan, August 9-11, 2013
- D. President's Report— Conry will be out of the country Sept 27 through October 7; Palumbo will chair the Oct 3 meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report: Brighton

- Receipts for the most recent reporting period were \$2 and disbursements were \$880.
- Fund balances on August 31 were \$89,457 (\$47,083 CDs + \$42,374 checking)
- Report acceptance was moved, seconded, and passed.

III. Action Items

- A. Final discussion of sending \$4,000 to the state office to support the CA49 education initiative.
Proposal was moved, seconded, and approved. Check will be made out to "SUAA 49 Ballot Initiative".
- B. Committee Assignments, final adjustments
An updated "Chapter Leadership List, 2012-2013" was circulated with committee assignments. Rugg will talk to Bob Todd about serving as Chapter rep to SUAA-Action.
- C. Discussion of SUAA dues increase proposal.
Nothing we can do or act on at this time.
- D. SUAA leadership issues
It appears some of the earlier strife at the state office has abated. We are hopeful stability will reign for the foreseeable future.

IV. Reporting Items

- A. Membership: Palumbo
At the end of August we had 2050 members, down 9 from the end of July
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rugg, Satterthwaite, Schoell

The post-fall-election legislative session will see at least one pension bill elements of past bills and proposals. Exactly what will emerge is not predictable at this time.

C. CA49 Matters: Dollins et al.

- At this time, the state universities are not campaigning against CA49
- CA49 could have especially negative consequences for Tier II employees
- Some have questioned why CA49 is structured as a constitutional amendment rather than a law - the normal action of the legislature. A common opinion is its goal is neutering the constitution's non-impairment clause, hence the necessity of an amendment.
- There will be an email to SUAA-UIUC members from Conry regarding CA49.

D. Communications Committee: Englegau, Loeb

- The fall newsletter is at the printers, UpClose, and should be in the mail before 9/28/12.
- The All-Employee Expo is Tuesday, Oct 2, from 10 to 2. Volunteers are needed to man the booth from 9:30 to 2:30. We will have the SUAA-UIUC table cover, 2 posters, and copies of the fall 2012 "The Annuitant." (Sufficient volunteers were successfully recruited.)
- Chapter members should have received an alert email from SUAA -UIUC on or around Sept 11, 2012 noting the SURS website posting on state health care.
- www.suaa-ui.org had 1003 visits during August 2012 vs 768 in August 2011

E. Fall Meeting: Waaler, Rugg—October 21 at the I-Hotel in Ballrooms 1-4; Bob Rich will be the speaker, pension/benefit reform and related issues will be the topic, cookies and coffee will be served. We are hopeful for some comments from John Kindt on CA49, though that is not assured.

F. Newsletter: Englegau— an update on the newsletter was offered

G. Benefits Committee: Beastall, Williamson-

- There will be a Survivors' Assistance Workshop on 11/8/12, the next one likely in the fall
- We could use additional Chapter reps as volunteers to offer in-home advisory help after the death of an annuitant.

V. New Business

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

VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be October 3, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Board Room.