

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room**  
**<http://www.suaa-ui.org>**  
**Minutes for May 11, 2016**

**Attending:** William Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Terri Palumbo, Robert Rich, Steve Rugg, Terry Ruprecht, Susan Trippiedi, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Ginny Waaler, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Richard Winkel

**I. Call to Order.** Hartman called the meeting to order at about 1:30 p.m. She welcomed the four individuals newly elected to the Executive Committee: Adams, Holden, Trippiedi, and Winkel.

**II. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes for the meeting of April 13, 2016 were approved.

**III. Review of Meeting Schedule**

- A. Executive Committee:** June 8, August 10 (traditionally there is no meeting in July).
- B. State SUAA Annual Meeting:** June 21-22 in Springfield, IL
- C. Big 10 Retirees Association:** August 5-7 in Lincoln, Nebraska

**IV. President's Report:** Hartman indicated that she hopes to attend the Big 10 Retirees Association meeting. She reported that she had been asked to be on the State nominating committee but her schedule would not permit. Ruprecht indicated he had accepted the invitation to serve on that committee..

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Webbink presented the report on the activity for the year through April 30, 2016 as well as for the Year to Date. The State Office continues to be behind in disbursing dues collected. None has been received by the Chapter for three months. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was approved.

*NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please have it sent to Ron Webbink at his office address: (Dept. of Astronomy), 1002 W Green, M/C 221, Urbana, IL 61801-3074.*

**VI. Action/Discussion Items.**

**A. Recruitment of New Webmaster.** Hartman is continuing the search for the new Webmaster. The most likely candidate would be a graduate student who would be available for more than one year. Ruprecht has a possible contact. Adams suggested contacting the staff at the National Center for Supercomputing. Rich agreed to be the "overseer" for the site. Hartman thanked him for being willing to take this on.

**B. Review of Spring Chapter Meeting.** It was agreed that President Killeen had done an excellent job. It was agreed it is important to see how SUAA can help with the efforts of the Illinois Coalition. This would start with coordination with the new Director of Governmental Relations and with local legislators.

**C. SUAA Higher Education Campaign.** Hartman reported on her efforts to implement the campaign. She received 60 yard signs to distributed as well as a number of static window clings. She had found it was not permitted to implement other suggestions such as sending emails to all current employees.

**D. Appointment of Committee to Nominate Officers for 2016-2017.** Hartman reported she is setting up the Committee specified in Article V, Section 2 of the Bylaws to present at the June meeting nominees for President, Vice President, and Secretary for 2016-2017.

**E. Report from Committee re Feasibility of Taxing Pensions.** Rich reported in his role of chair of this committee that was set up by the State Office. The charge to the committee is essentially to provide the factual background on this issue for any discussion at the Annual Meeting and for SUAA responses to legislative proposals. The report is due at the end of May.

**F. Update on SUAA UIUC Table Cover.** Ruprecht indicated that it will be delivered this week.

**G. Identifying Directors for State Meeting in June.** Hartman asked which individuals would be able to attend. We may have seven given we have more than 2000 Chapter members. Hartman, Rich, and Williamson are confirmed so far. The newly elected members were informed that they were eligible to serve as Directors and encouraged to attend to get a better understanding of the Association.

## **VII. Reporting Items**

**A. Membership.** Ruprecht reported that the Chapter membership was down one to 2027 for the month of April. There were 11 new members and 12 losses: six deaths and six who cancelled SURS deduct or did not renew by check.

**B. Legislative Committee.** Rich reported concerns from his contacts in Springfield resulting from criticisms arising from some of the expenditures by the campus. Similar concerns have arisen over such issues whether or not there is a hiring freeze.

**C. Communications Committee.** Cler reported that she is starting the planning for the fall Annuitant. She will prepare a report for the June meeting that will include the calendar for when articles are due.

**D. Benefits Committee.** Williamson circulated a summary of the May meeting of the Senate Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee. He also reported briefly on the spring SURSMAC meeting. Beastall discussed the contacts she has had from individuals seriously affected by the delays in payments.

## **VIII. New Business**

Hartman and Waaler reported that they are planning for a year-ending “social” meeting for the current and new members of the Policy Committee and their spouses. Rugg has agreed generously to host it again.

**VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at about 2:15 p.m.. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.

Prepared by H. Williamson, Interim Secretary