

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
UIUC Chapter Executive Committee
Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room
<http://www.suaa-ui.org>
Minutes for December 14, 2016

Attending: Bill Adams, Mary Beastall, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Jane Loeb, Penny Nigh, Rick Schoell, Sue Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson, Rich Winkel

I. Call to Order: Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. She introduced new board member Penny Nigh and thanked her for joining the EC.

II. Approval of minutes for November 9, 2016. Approval was moved and seconded (Adams, Holden), and passed.

III. Review of Schedule of Meetings

- A. Executive Committee: The meetings for the year will be January 11 if needed, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14.
- B. Retirement Planning Conference, March or April.

IV. President's Report: President Hartman reviewed the upcoming meetings, noting that the date for the Retirement Planning Conference will be set in the near future. She also reported that Bob Rich is home and doing well.

V. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Webbink presented the report on activity for November, 2016 and the year to date, and with a minor correction acceptance was moved, seconded (Holden, Loeb) and unanimously agreed to.

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. **Fall SUAA State Meeting:** Hartman and Williamson reported that minor bylaws changes were adopted and the speaker did a good job of describing the "state of the state". In Bob Rich's absence, there was no report from him on the issue of taxing annuities.
- B. **January meeting of the EC:** In discussion it was agreed to hold this meeting only if necessity dictates, and that in that event Bill Williamson will chair in the absence of the President and Vice President.
- C. **Co-sponsorship of the 2017 Retirement Planning Conference:** The chapter has contributed \$1200 in the past. In discussion it was noted that our President is provided a good spot on the agenda. A motion to continue this level of support was made, seconded (Holden, Williamson), and passed. Treasurer Webbink will transfer the \$1200 accordingly.
- D. **Spring Meeting Planning:** Holden reported that the Chancellor is scheduled to speak at the meeting on April 30

VII. Reporting Items

- A. **Membership.** Barbara Hartman reported a net loss of 4 members, from 1990 to 1986, during November. This included 11 new members offset by the loss of 15. Further details were not yet available from the State office.

B. Legislative Committee. Schoell reported on plans to link the SUAA legislative platform with our website and outlined key dates in the spring legislative session. Bob Rich and Steve Rugg are expected to be involved with current committee members in meetings with our local legislators.

C. Communications. Pam Cler indicated that the call for spring newsletter articles will go out late in February.

D. Benefits: Beastall noted the need for an article in the spring newsletter to discuss the opportunity for annuitants to repay their survivor refunds taken at retirement in order to make survivor benefits available to their spouse/civil union partner.

E. Program committee: Discussed earlier.

F. State SUAA News: In Conry's absence there was no report. However, the group discussed the potential for a bond issue to pay off pension debt.

VIII. New Business: Williamson asked about the current status of planning for the Big 10 Conference the local chapter will host. Mary Beastall reported that Kathy Kral has agreed to co-chair. Williamson reported that in the past, the chair led a group to the summer meeting to take notes on procedures, materials needed, etc. Barbara Hartman will be heavily involved in the planning and execution, along with Kral.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.