

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room**  
**<http://www.suaa-ui.org>**  
**Minutes for June 8, 2016**

**Attending:** Bill Adams, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Jane Loeb, Terri Palumbo, Bob Rich, Steve Rugg, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Susan Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, Bill Williamson, Richard Winkel

**I. Call to Order:** Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:30p.m and welcomed new committee members.

**II. Approval of minutes** for May 11, 2016 was moved, seconded (Rich, Schoell) and passed.

**III. Review of schedule of meetings:**

- A. Executive Committee Meetings for 2016: August 10, September 14, October 12.
- B. State SUAA Annual Meeting, June 21 and 22, Springfield.
- C. Big Ten Retirees Conference, Lincoln, NE, August 5-7.

**IV. President's Report:** President Hartman reviewed plans for attendance at the upcoming State and Big 10 SUAA meetings, noting that we can have 7 directors and a few more are needed for full chapter representation at the former. She indicated that she may attend the latter meeting and encouraged others to attend as well. She reported that Terry Ruprecht has procured a table cover for upcoming chapter events and thanked him for this service.

**V. Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Webbink noted that the state SUAA office had caught up with crediting 3 months of dues payments, boosting chapter receipts. He indicated that he will look into CD interest rates and possibly move some of the chapter balance from checking to CD.

*NOTE: When purchasing anything where an invoice is sent to the UIUC-SUAA Chapter, please have it sent to Ron Webbink's on-campus address (103 Astronomy, 1002 W. Green, MC221, Urbana, IL. 61801), so the bill can be paid promptly. E-mail: [rwebbink@illinois.edu](mailto:rwebbink@illinois.edu).*

**VI. Action Items**

A. Recruitment of New Webmaster for [suaa-ui.org](http://suaa-ui.org): Barbara Hartman reported that Joseph Engelgau is willing to continue as webmaster, but wants a retainer of \$700 instead of the \$300 he has been receiving, and that Bob Rich has volunteered to monitor the website. After discussion of Engelgau's duties and the feasibility of this arrangement, the consensus was that we should proceed with the plan.

B. Report of Committee to Nominate 2016-17 Officers: Terri Palumbo reported that the nominees are Barbara Hartman, President; Terry Ruprecht, Vice President; Jane Loeb, Secretary; Ron Webbink, Treasurer. The first three of these are elected, and the Treasurer is appointed. Election of the elected officers was moved, seconded (Schoell, Rich) and passed. Bill Williamson reminded the group that he is already a member of the Faculty Benefits committee and that we could appoint someone else to serve as well. There were no volunteers, but the Executive Committee members are aware of this option.

C. Report from Committee on Feasibility of Taxing Pensions: Bob Rich reported that he has a draft that will be reviewed by the rest of his committee, and this should be completed soon.

D. Update on SUAA UIUC Table Cover: discussed during the President's report.

E. Identifying Directors for State Meeting: discussed with President's report.

## **VII. Reporting Items**

- A. Membership: Terri Palumbo reported that current membership stands at 2026, down from 2017 due to 15 lapsed memberships and 4 deaths.
- B. Legislative Committee/Political Action: Rick Schoell and Helen Satterthwaite noted that May 31 has come and gone without a State budget. In discussion it was noted that the governor has a constitutional obligation to impose a balanced budget. Schoell pointed out helpful things SUAA members can do such as "letters to the editor" and published opinion pieces. Bob Rich noted that once legislative action begins to move, so-called pension reform will come up again.
- C. Communications committee: Pam Cler reported she had learned that retired SURS Director Mabe will be back on an Interim basis in the fall, so he will be the one to review the SUAA Fall Newsletter. Thus no change in the schedule is anticipated due to SURS turnover.
- D. Benefits: Bill Williamson carried the word that Mary Beastall has noticed a duplicate billing for an already-paid bill for medical treatment, suggesting the need to read these carefully.

**VII. New Business:** Ron Webbink reported that he needs a new person to act as co-signer of checks to replace Tom Conry.

**IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clark-Lindsey Simon Dining Room.