

**STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**UIUC Chapter Executive Committee**  
**Clark-Lindsey, Simon Dining Room**  
**<http://www.suaa-ui.org>**  
**Minutes for February 8, 2017**

**Attending:** William Adams, Pam Cler, Barbara Hartman, Kathleen Holden, Athalia Hunt, Penny Nigh, Robert Rich, Terry Ruprecht, Helen Satterthwaite, Rick Schoell, Sue Trippiedi, Ron Webbink, H. F. Williamson

**I. Call to Order and Introductions:** Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. She introduced new board member Penny Nigh to those who had not met her in December.

**II. Approval of minutes for December 9, 2016.** Approval was moved and seconded (Rich, Ruprecht) and passed unanimously.

**III. Review of Schedule of Meetings**

- A. Executive Committee: The remaining meetings are on March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14.
- B. The Retirement Planning Conference will be at the I-Hotel on Saturday, April 29.
- C. The Spring Chapter Meeting will be at the I-Hotel starting at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday April 30.

**IV. President's Report.** President Hartman reviewed the schedule of meetings and noted that Jane Loeb was unable to attend today due to medical appointments. Hartman will be going on the Iceland tour arranged by the SUAA State Office.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Webbink presented two reports. The first was on activity in December, 2016 and for the year of 2016. The second was for the activity in January, 2017 and for the "Year to Date" (i.e., the same report). The only dues payments from the State on the latter were for October and November, 2016. The only disbursements during these two months were for the December Executive Committee meeting, the fall Chapter meeting, and the website. He also noted that the decrease in members of the Chapter (it was about 3% from December 2015 to December 2016) means a slower growth (or faster decline) in the balance in our checking account. A motion to accept the report was moved and seconded (Williamson, Rich) and passed unanimously. Webbink reported that the campus administration has reduced the standard mileage rate for business trips to \$0.53 per mile. This will be the rate used for those being reimbursed by the Chapter for future trips.

*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. **Spring Meeting Planning:** Holden led a discussion of plans for the meeting and what might be done if the Chancellor is unavoidably unable to attend. It was agreed that the agenda will also include a report on the "state of the state" organized by Rich.
- B. **Nominating Committee Report.** Ruprecht reported that the Committee had made good progress and was confident that they would have the final slate of four candidates available for the March 8 Executive Committee meeting.

**VII. Reporting Items**

- A. **Membership.** Ruprecht reported that no data were available from the State Office.

**B. Legislative Committee.** Schoell reported on a meeting he and Rugg had with Treasurer Frerichs. He and Rich led a discussion on the events of the past week and the uncertainty about what would occur as a result. One topic was “Budget Bundle” of 13 bills on the Senate floor and the difficulty in passing them given (a) the passage is all or nothing and (b) the uncertainty about the opinions on these bills of the House leaders and/or Governor Rauner. The second topic was the motion by Attorney General Madigan to stop state salaries on March 1. As Schoell noted, it is difficult to contemplate what would occur in just two weeks if this in fact occurred.

**C. Communications.** Cler informed the Committee that she will be sending out a reminder that copy for the spring Annuitant is due March 4. The reminder will include her listing of the articles that are planned and who is responsible for each one.

**D. Benefits.** Williamson reviewed the items the report he had made earlier in the week on the February 6 meeting of the Senate Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee. This included a discussion of the increasingly long delays in paying claims and the actions taken by some providers as a result. Regarding the stalled negotiations on the health insurance issue, he reported that it could take as long as nine to twelve months to resolve the appeal filed by AFSCME restraining the ruling the ILRB made in December.

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