

Unapproved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
State Universities Annuitants Association  
October 30, 2018  
Normal, IL

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Linda Guinn. President Guinn announced the presence of a quorum. A list of certified directors was approved.

President Guinn brought to the directors' attention the proposed standing rules for the meeting. The standing rules were approved by a vote of the directors.

President Guinn appointed Kathy Walbert as time keeper for the meeting.

The Directors voted to approve the meeting agenda.

President Guinn introduced John Novack, a certified parliamentarian, licensed lawyer and certified public accountant. Mr. Novack explained directors' rights and responsibilities.

President Guinn reported that 89 registered directors were attending the meeting.

Foundation Chairperson Jan Cook presented a report from the SUAA Foundation.

Curtis Oldfield, Spoon River College President, spoke on the future of higher education in Illinois.

Kent Redfield reported on Illinois' fiscal challenges.

Linda Guinn announced the following appointments:

Melinda Carr (UIUC) and Mary Jeans (Triton Community College) will serve as co-chairs of the SUAA Membership Committee.

Bylaws Committee members will be chaired by Chuck McGuire (ISU). Members will include: Jill Nielson, (EIU); Tom Conry, (UIUC); Leo Welch, (SWIC); Nancy Bentley, (MVC).

Chuck McGuire (ISU) was appointed to chair the Bylaws Committee.

President Linda Guinn announced a “Spirit of SUAA” contest.

Mary Jeans and Melinda Carr presented the membership report.

Chuck McGuire reported for the Bylaws Committee. He announced that the Executive Committee has approved a new policy that declares all materials for future Executive Committee meetings are to be held in confidence by the Executive Committee until the Committee has time to discuss those materials. Violations of this new policy will be reported to the Board of Directors and offenders names will be identified.

SUAA Treasurer Larry Alferink moved adoption of the 2019 budget. The budget was approved by a vote of the Directors. Treasurer Alferink noted that the budget contains a revenue line that will allow SUAA to accept donations from members and friends of the association.

William Peterman (UIC) and Leo Welch, (SWIC), Legislative Committee co-chairs presented the Legislative Platform. The term “self-management” was changed to “self-managed” on a suggestion that was accepted by the Legislative Committee. The Directors voted to adopt the Legislative Platform without any other changes.

Linda Brookhart gave the Executive Director’s report.

Linda Guinn gave the SUAA President’s report.

Under “New Business” Chuck McGuire made the following motion:

“Moved that the Bylaws Committee be tasked to consider a revision of the SUAA Bylaws that involves a “delegate” structure whereby the current Executive Committee becomes the Board of Directors and the current Board of Directors becomes the SUAA House of Delegates, with all appropriate changes to the Bylaws, and to report to the Annual Meeting in June, 2019.”

Robert Kerr (CLC) Offered the following amendment:

“In order to expedite this work the President shall appoint two additional members from each region to work with the Bylaws Committee on this project.”

The amendment was approved. The amended motion was also approved.

Bylaws Committee Chair McGuire pledged to send any resulting proposal to the membership well in advance of the June meeting.

There being no further business, President Guinn adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Davis, Secretary