

SUAA SIUE CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
February 7, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the Chancellor's Conference Room Rendlemen at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Jennetten, Liz Tarpey, Janet Hunsche, Karen Take, Jo Gibson, Norris Manning, Diane McKaig, Bobby Regnell, Deanna Taylor

SECRETARY REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer reported a balance of \$10,445.09. She also stated that we have an account at the SIUE Credit Union. In order to keep it active we must make a deposit. It was decided to keep the account should the need arise to write a check in a more timely fashion than can be done through our university account. The balance for this account is \$2332.57.

OLD BUSINESS

A \$5000 donation was given to the State SUAA legal account.

NEW BUSINESS

Jo Gibson reported on her research on membership recruitment. She found tools on the SUAA website and contacted the state office and received guidance from Jamel Atkinson. She e-mailed twelve universities to give her ideas how new members were encouraged to join on their campus. She also contacted the SUAA Star Chapters who were acknowledged for their membership increases. Some comments she received included making people aware of what they receive for joining and paying dues. Some use communication with their Human Resources Office and their Senate and Staff Senate to build their enrollment. Some have a website or use Facebook to communicate. After some discussion, it was decided that John Jennetten, Jo Gibson, and Norris Manning will try to attend an upcoming Staff Senate meeting in hope to make current employees aware of the importance of SUAA and why they should join. It was noted that 15-18% of our total membership is current employees. We also discussed what incentives to use for first year retirees to join. Nothing was determined at this time. Jo Gibson will put together a membership committee made up of retirees and current employees. Janet Hunsche will help in leading the group.

It was noted that our Chapter contributed \$5755.00 to SUAA Action. SUAA Action would like our Chapter to submit names of local legislatures who we feel could use our support in the upcoming election. The names submitted were Sen. Andy Manar, Sen. William Haine, Sen.

David Luechtefeld, Sen. Sam McCann, Rep. John Cavaletto, Rep. Dan Beiser, Rep. Wayne Rosenthal, and Rep. Jerry Costello II. We also decided we should meet with our legislatures to make sure they know who we are. We will start with trying to schedule meetings with Sen. Andy Manar, Sen. Bill Haines, and Rep. Jay Hoffman.

It was also suggested that we research the possibility of regional meetings for Chapter Boards to have legislative issues workshops. Another possibility for training would be through webinar workshops. The State office will be contacted with these suggestions.

The SIUE Benefits Fair should be approaching in the spring. Deanna Taylor will contact Human Resources for the date and reserve an information table for SUAA. We will ask to be located near the SURS representatives. Volunteers to hand out literature and answer questions concerning SUAA were Karen Take, Jo Gibson, Janet Hunsche and Deanna Taylor. It was also decided to purchase SUAA Southern Illinois University Chapter banner pop ups to be placed at each end of the table. Diane McKaig said that we could use a red tablecloth that she has. Karen Take will purchase name tag labels with SUAA Southern Illinois University Chapter for the volunteers to wear. Jo Gibson will order bookmarks from SUAA to be used as a handout.

We discussed the possibility of purchasing shirts with the SUAA logo. Jo Gibson will look into information on types of shirts and prices.

The 2014 Retiree Reception will be held mid-June. John Jennetten will find out from the Chancellor's Office when the specific date is determined and we will plan our Chapter's annual meeting the same day. We will see if we can get someone from SURS to do a presentation on their new website at the meeting.

The annual meeting for SUAA will be held in Springfield on June 17 & 18, 2014. John Jennetten, Janet Hunsche, Jo Gibson, Diane McKaig and Deanna Taylor may be interested in attending.

We were asked to think of a member who would be willing to be the Secretary for our Chapter. We also need a member to be the Legislative Liaison.

We will be scheduling a meeting for early May unless it is determined one is needed before that time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately noon.

Deanna Taylor
Acting Secretary