

SIUE SUAA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 8, 10 a.m.- Noon
ROOM 3117 FOUNDERS HALL

Meeting Minutes/Summary

Attendees: Jo Gibson, Deanna Taylor, David Ault, Liz Tarpey, Kirk Greer (representing HR), Janet Hunsche and John Jennetten

- 1. Membership Committee report provided by Jo Gibson. Jo sent a written report in advance. Our membership as reflected in the April report stands at 488. Jo reviewed some of the technical difficulties being experienced by membership in signing up or renewing membership on the SUAA website. The cause is the transition to a new website which is still underway. Jo reported on state wide SUAA membership which declined the past few months, but is still up compared to a year ago. Jo continues to serve as Co-chair of the SUAA statewide membership committee. Jo also advised the board that we should continue to partner with the Office of Educational Outreach, perhaps limiting our scope to sponsoring programs that were best attended, those related to SURS retirement planning, Social Security and Estate Planning.**
- 2. Website development. Jo Gibson reviewed the status of the development of our chapter website and provided an overview on her I-Pad. She has received feedback from the committee that has been helpful, particularly from Susan Yager. Ann Hunter will be doing the updates to the website for us with Susan Yager as her backup.**
- 3. John reviewed our attendance and participation at upcoming SUAA Annual Meeting June 16 and 17th. Jo Gibson, John Jennetten, Dave Steinberg and Janet Hunsche will be attending. This is a very important meeting with two important expected action items:
 - a) Adoption of revised constitution and bylaws**
 - b) Election of officers.**
 - c) John served as a reader for the bylaws changes and served on the nominations committee. Two slates were drafted for the election: one based on the current SUAA constitution and the other will be utilized if the new constitution and bylaws are adopted. In either case, Larry Alferink has agreed to run for President-Elect or Vice President and would assume the leadership role succeeding Bruce Appleby if elected.****
- 4. June 22nd SIUE SUAA Chapter meeting plans were reviewed. John thanked Janet Hunsche for sending out the postcard invitations to our membership. John reported he mailed letters of invitation to our Chapter meeting on June 22nd and included SUAA membership applications to 65 SIUE retirees being honored on June 22nd at the SIUE Retirement Recognition. John will send invitation reminders to the SIUE retiree listserve as well as to all current employees (via Doug McIlhagga). We will provide an estimated start time for the presentations so current employees can manage their time to be away from their offices. John will finalize the meeting agenda in writing: Chancellor Furst-Bowe will give the welcome. Legislators Andy Manar and Dwight Kay**

will speak as well as Linda Brookhart. Dave Ault will give the Treasurer's report. John will follow up to be sure our speakers know they are invited to the light lunch at 11:30. We placed the order for 100 meals. We discussed the need to set the tone for the meeting to be courteous and respectful.

HR has advised us that we will again have time for a brief SUAA membership appeal/presentation at the SIUE Retirement Recognition event. Jo Gibson has agreed to make our presentation.

5. Designation of liaison from SIUE Chapter to SUAAction was discussed. It was agreed that this liaison should be someone from the Legislative Affairs Committee. John will approach one of the members to see if *someone is* willing to serve.
6. SUAA Legal Fund appeal underway. Jo will provide John with a copy of the latest report of SUAA Legal Fund contributions. We discussed the need to continue to support the state's appeals for contributions and to stress that our legal challenges will continue. Of particular concern is the Governor's office push for a possible amendment to the state constitution...which could open the door to negative pension reforms.
7. John announced that a meeting of the Legislative Affairs Committee will be established following our attendance at the SUAA Annual Meeting and the SIUE Chapter meeting as we will have more information to determine our committee action agenda.
8. Announcements: Jo Gibson informed the board that Bob Bruker passed away on Friday succumbing from pancreatic cancer. She will let us know about memorial service arrangements. Dave Ault informed us that Vagnie Lindsay, also passed away on Friday.