

SIUE SUAA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
Friday, November 6, 2015 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Founders Hall Room 3117

Meeting Minutes/Summary

Attendees: John Jennetten, Lynn Heidinger-Brown, Susan Yager, Deanna Taylor, Janet Hunsche, Jo Gibson, David Ault, Liz Tarpey

John Jennetten, president, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

The minutes of the September 17, 2015 board meeting were read and accepted.

Jo Gibson, membership chair, gave a membership report. She reported on the SIUE membership total (485) and the SUAA state membership total (15, 836). She indicated that state membership is down from 16, 095.

Discussions have been held at the state level and subsequently at SIUE on ways to increase membership. Renewals are an issue at the state level for those who joined mid year. Their membership is not tallied immediately. Suggestions from the SIUE board included: (1) One payment per year, rather than monthly, with an automatic renewal. (2) All members renewed at one time. (3) Sponsor new membership for a current employee. The question was raised “How do we get payroll deduction at SIUE?” Jo also indicated the state is looking at improved software. New members at SIUE include Steve and Julie Hansen.

The SUAA Foundation was briefly discussed. The foundation is funded through direct donations and there were questions about its role. Suggestions from the board were: (1) Employ a professional marketing team to publicize the foundation. (2) A certain percentage of foundation funds should be distributed and announced each year.

The invitation for the December 2 meeting was reviewed and revised. Janet Hunsche will put the invitation on a card and send to members.

The agenda for the December 2 meeting was discussed. Speakers for the event were announced. Food will be ordered for 100 people using the same menu as last year. Name tags will be available for attendees. John Jennetten will announce the rollout and the launching of the chapter website.

John Jennetten announced that the following will attend the Fall Meeting of the state SUAA: Colby Sellers, Jo Gibson, David Steinberg, and John Jennetten. A report of the proceedings will follow the meeting.

It was announced that Stephanie Robbins will serve as our liaison to SUAAAction.

Election of officers for the board has been postponed until the spring meeting.

David Ault, treasurer, gave reports on the SIUE Credit Union account and the SIUE account. The Credit Union accounts include a CD, \$1,500; Savings, \$775; Checking, \$20. Very little interest is earned on these accounts. David was authorized to "investigate and restructure the accounts to meet the needs of the organization."

(David met with the Credit Union and made the following recommendation. "We have the number and type of accounts we need to maintain our membership in the Credit Union. It would appear that we will maintain the current number and the types of accounts for the foreseeable future.")

He also reported on the SIUE account. The balance was \$8,132.10. Funds received were the following: \$192 since July 1, \$1,116 from July through October. Expenses paid (mostly for travel) was \$1,634.48.

John Jennetten adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.