

SIUE SUAA CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 2015 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
FOUNDERS HALL ROOM 3117

Meeting Minutes/Summary

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

1. John Jennetten called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He announced that the following board members attended the SUAA Annual meeting in June: Jo Gibson, John Jennetten, Janet Hunsche and David Steinberg. Revisions to the constitution with new bylaws were adopted. He announced that Larry Elferink was elected as Vice President and will likely will step in as president under the provisions of the new bylaws.
2. John Jennetten and Colby Sellers attended the SUAAAction meeting in Bloomington. This was a training session in preparation for a grass roots campaign to be launched in the near future. SUAAAction raises money to support political candidates. SUAAAction is a separate legal entity from SUAA. SUAA continues to seek funding for the legal fund. SUAAAction operating papers were distributed at the meeting and shared with the SIUE SUAA Board.
3. Minutes of the January 21, 2015 and the June 8, 2015 board meetings were reviewed and accepted with no revisions.
4. Jo Gibson, Membership Chair, announced that the SIUE SUAA website is up. Using electronic technology, she gave a thorough and detailed demonstration on the features and functions of the website. The committee established to develop the chapter website provided much of the content and recommendations for design. In particular, Anne Hunter and Susan Yager were credited with input into the design. However, until some final content changes are made, our local website will not be promoted. We will develop a promotional rollout once the site content is updated. Jo Gibson distributed bookmarks designed to promote awareness of the chapter website. She

requested that we not distribute the bookmarks until we have the website updated.

5. Jo Gibson reported on challenges faced by SUAA central office with their technology updates and staff resignations. Unfortunately the SUAA application process is not working well and needs to be addressed. SUAA is understaffed at SUAA and overwhelmed at this point. Jo Gibson and David Steinberg will continue to press SUAA to update the SUAA website so that the application process functions as intended.
6. Jo also gave a membership report. In July, 2015, the state SUAA membership was 15,890. John Jenetten announced that when our SIUE chapter reaches 500 members, he will host a party for the chapter board members.
6. David Ault gave the treasurer's report. As of August 31, 2015 there was \$7398.50 in our account. One issue he deals with is the difference in that SUAA has a different fiscal year than the university. In addition to serving as our chapter Treasurer, David also serves as fiscal officer of our university account. He reminded us that he must have the original receipts from board members in order to submit reimbursement requests through the university accounting system. In response to a question, David noted that funds received for membership from the state SUAA Office go directly into the SIUE account.
7. The December SIUE Chapter meeting will be held the same date as the SIUE holiday party. (Later established as December 2nd) Possible speakers for the meeting were discussed. David Ault recommended Jeff Brown, who has written on Illinois pensions, or his co-author, Richard Dye.
8. John formed a small committee to submit nominations for board officers to be formally elected at the November board meeting and potentially ratified at the December chapter meeting. Janet Hunsche and David Steinberg agreed to serve on the committee.
9. Jo Gibson announced that the SUAA Fall Meeting will be on November 13th at Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL.