

SIUE Chapter, State Universities Annuitants Association
Spring Meeting, June 12, 2017
SIUE Morris University Center

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President John Jenetten at 12:00 PM. President Jenetten announced that the Chapter had recently attained a new high in membership of 500 members. He then introduced Chancellor Randy Pembrook.

Chancellor Pembrook gave some welcoming remarks, and provided a brief update on campus graduation and enrollment numbers, and commented on the impact of the State's inability to adopt an annual budget for the third consecutive year.

President Jenetten then introduced John Charles, SIU Executive Director for Governmental and Public Affairs. Mr. Charles described the responsibilities of his office and answered questions from the attendees.

President Jenetten introduced Linda Brookhart, SUAA Executive Director, who provided an update on current and potential legislation in the General Assembly, and possible implications for SURS members (current employees and retirees).

President Jenetten introduced Jo Gibson, chapter membership committee chair, commending her for her tireless work and successful achievement in increasing membership. Ms. Gibson emphasized the importance of continuing to grow our membership and noted that, with 2300 current employees on campus, we should be able to attract many new members, particularly since SURS members not yet retired are most vulnerable to future changes in the pension system.

David Ault, Chapter Treasurer, reported that the chapter's current (as of May 31) credit union checking account has a balance of \$678.48, with a CD of \$1500. The chapter's state account has a balance (as of May 31) of \$7163.08.

President Jenetten recognized retiring SIUE SUAA Board members Susan Yager, Elizabeth Tarpey, Deanna Taylor, and Anne Hunter for their many and important contributions to the Chapter. He also welcomed new Board members Stephanie Robbins and Mike Pulley.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Submitted by Dave Steinberg