

**State Universities Annuitants Association  
Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**

Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center  
Springfield, Illinois  
June 18, 2013

**Present:** H. F. (Bill) Williamson, Chair (UIUC); Mike Pledge, Vice Chair (WIU); Janice Nobbe (LLCC), Treasurer; Alan Baharlou (EIU); Fred Barber (SWIC); Jan Cook (ISU); Richard Dhabalt, (LLCC); John Engstrom (NIU); Barbara Funk (EIU); Ken Gunji (PC); Alice Medenwald (NEIU); Bob Radtke (SIUC); Linda Brookhart, SUAA Executive Director; and Patricia Stice, Recording Secretary (SUAA Staff)

## **I. Chair's Report**

**A. Call to Order and Introductions.** The annual meeting of the SUAA Foundation Board of Directors was called to order at 10:30am by Foundation Chair H.F. (Bill) Williamson. Members introduced themselves.

**B. Review of Minutes for October 10, 2012, Meeting.** The spelling of Marsha Borders's name was corrected. Mike Pledge moved to accept the minutes with this correction. John Engstrom seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously (with this correction).

**C. Chair's Report.** Chair H.F. (Bill) Williamson reported that the Survivors Assistance brochures have been printed and distributed to all chapters. He noted that further action be postponed pending (1) reactions from the chapters and (2) the information that will be available on forthcoming on the revised SURS website which is expected to be completed this fall. He also reported on the successful transition of the office of Treasurer from Dick Dhabalt to Jan Nobbe and again thanked Dick for his years of service to the Foundation.

## **II. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jan Nobbe referred attendees to the two financial documents in the meeting folder showing financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2012, and activities for the period January 1-May 31, 2013. Nobbe noted sources of the temporarily restricted funds. John Engstrom then explained the legal status of such funds and the necessity of getting them released in order to spend any amounts from those funds. Dick Dhabalt (past Treasurer) gave background information on the origin of the Founders' 100 Fund and stated that it is unrestricted. He reported that the J. Nelson Legal Fund is restricted to expenditures related to legal matters. Discussion followed. Dhabalt volunteered to provide Nobbe with the amounts deposited into the J. Nelson Legal Fund during his term of office. Nobbe concluded her analysis of the financial statements. Engstrom moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jan Cook seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously.

## **III. Action Items**

**A. Election of Chair and Members-at-Large.** Mike Pledge, Nominating Committee Chair, reported that H. F. Williamson had been nominated to serve as Chair and called for further nominations. None were heard from the floor. He also reported that Fred Barber, Jan Cook, and Bea Cornelissen had been nominated for the two Members-at-Large positions and called for further nominations. None were heard from the floor. Ballots were then passed out, marked, and collected. Mike Pledge and Dick Dhabalt left the meeting to count the ballots. The results were that H.F. (Bill) Williamson was elected to serve as Chair and Fred Barber and Jan Cook were elected to serve as Members-at-Large for two-year terms.

**B. Review of Coordination with the State Office to Cover Foundation Expenses.** SUAA Executive Director Linda Brookhart spoke concerning how the Foundation will be able to reimburse the State Office for expenses related to Foundation business. She indicated that she will discuss this reimbursement situation with the SUAA accountant soon. Linda urged the Foundation to consider soliciting donations from members who use the dues deduction option and to further disseminate the Foundation message through the web presence. She then asked the Foundation to consider training sessions/materials for SUAA members interested in providing survivor assistance to individuals. Discussion followed. John Engstrom proposed that the Foundation be included in the SUAA audit. Linda agreed. Further discussion followed a suggestion to provide educational materials on mandated health insurance changes.

**C. Review of Proposals to Support Survivor Assistance Programs.** Discussion continued on the next steps for supporting these programs. As Williamson noted in his opening report, this will depend in part on the reactions from the Chapters to the brochure and the information available on the SURS website this fall. John Engstrom proposed forming a subcommittee to examine these issues and make recommendations. Bill Williamson, Ken Gunji, and John Engstrom will serve on that subcommittee.

**D. Review of Other Requests for Support from Foundation.** Bill reported that there have been no requests for emergency assistance and no procedure has yet been developed to facilitate emergency assistance requests. Next, Bill opened discussion on how the Foundation might assist in educating SUAA members about health insurance options as requested by the Executive Director. He recommended that the Foundation consider specific requests from SUAA on supporting the costs of educating members in whatever form(s) that might take. Jan Cook proposed using CMS information to deliver targeted information to specific groups of members, i.e., the currently employed, retired members under the age of 65, retired members over the age of 65, etc. Discussion followed.

**E. Review of Foundation Section of SUAA Website.** Williamson commended Jan Nobbe and the webmaster on the Foundation Honor Roll of Giving section. It was reported that PayPal was once again operational on the website. Changes will be made to reflect the revised Bylaws (see next item) and the 2013-2015 composition of the Executive Committee.

#### **IV. New Business**

**A. Review of the Foundation Bylaws.** Williamson went over the copy of the Bylaws that was in the packet. He had marked in boldface a number of minor changes or typographical errors to be corrected. Mike Pledge moved and Jan Nobbe seconded a motion to accept these changes. These changes in the Bylaws were accepted unanimously. The status of the Past President of SUAA as the sixth Member-at-Large was also discussed. One problem is that this currently is a one-year term while the other Members-at-Large are serving two-year terms. A final decision on this situation was postponed until we have more information on whether changes will be made in the SUAA Constitution affecting this position.

**B. Other.** Alice Medenwald requested clarification on tax deductible donations. Williamson explained that donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and are another way to support SUAA members (beyond paying regular dues).

#### **V. Adjournment**

Foundation Chair H.F. (Bill) Williamson adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Stice