

GSU Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (GSU-SUAA)

Meeting Notes

May 24, 2018

Board Members (x = present):

<u> </u> Ginni Burghardt	<u> </u> Lynne Hostetter	<u> </u> Paul Keys	<u> x </u> Jane Wells
<u> x </u> Cathy Balthazar	<u> x </u> Sheryl Jones-Harper	<u> x </u> Larry Levinson	<u> x </u> Bill Wilkinson
<u> x </u> Colleen Rock Ellis	<u> x </u> Marsha Katz	<u> x </u> Bonnie Lunde	<u> x </u> Addison Woodward
<u> x </u> Karl Harrison			

Guests/members: Several members attended the business meeting. (47 members signed in for luncheon)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcomes/Actions Needed
Review of Notes	Cathy moved that the April notes be approved. Bill seconded the motion. The Board unanimously passed the motion. All meeting notes are posted at www.gsusuaa.org	April notes approved
Election	<p>The Nominating Committee (Cathy Balthazar, Sheryl Jones Harper, Marsha Katz, and Jane Wells) proposed a slate for officers (2018-2019) and Board members (2018-2020).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">President: Colleen Rock Ellis Vice President: Paul Keys Secretary: Jane Wells Treasurer: William Wilkinson</p> <p>Board Members for 2018-2020</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ginni Burghardt Lynne Hostetter Larry Levinson Bonnie Lunde Steve Shih Addison Woodward</p> <p>[Continuing Board Members (2017-2019) are Cathy Balthazar, Marsha Katz, and Sheryl Jones Harper. Past President is Karl Harrison]</p>	New officers and Board members begin their terms July 1, 2018

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	Jane requested nominations from the floor. There were none. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed slate. The motion was approved unanimously by the membership.	
Bylaws	Cathy moved to approve the proposed changes to the bylaws. Bonnie seconded the motion. Questions on the proposed changes were answered. The motion was approved unanimously by the membership.	Revised Bylaws take effect July 1, 2018
Finance Report	Bill Wilkinson presented the attached Finance Report for 2017-2018. The costs of attending state meetings in 2017 were lower than usual, owing to the omission of housing expenditures for the annual meeting and the fact that the chapter won two free attendances at the fall meeting. It was noted that, in the past, the chapter donated some surplus funds to the state SUAA legal fund.	
Budget	Bill presented the attached budget for 2018-2019. It is anticipated that expenses will be covered by income. The Board thanked President Maimon for her generosity in sponsoring the annual luncheon this year. Marsha moved to approve the 2018-2019 proposed budget. Addison seconded the motion. The budget was approved unanimously by the Board.	
Committee Reports	<p>Membership Committee: Jane, Co-Chair, reported for the committee. The other Co-Chair is Ginni Burghardt. There are about 200 employee members of GSU-SUAA and 240 retirees. The annual membership drive in the fall was successful in adding 18 members, some of which were renewals. Unfortunately, the membership count fell this spring by about 40 due to non-renewals of members that pay by check. The committee is reaching out to these members to remind them to pay. Renewals are being processed. It is expected that at least half will renew. All members are encouraged to use payroll deduction at GSU or SURS withholding for retirees. Spouses/partners are welcome to join. The membership committee would welcome volunteers to help with record keeping, recruitment, and renewals.</p> <p>Legislative Committee: Addison, Co-Chair, reported for the committee. Given that it is an election year, members are asked to consider donating to SUAAction, which is a political action committee affiliated with SUAA. SUAA cannot make political donations, but SUAAction makes donations to candidates that support our pensions regardless of their political affiliation.</p>	<p>Members: contact a Board member if you are interested in volunteering to help one or both of the committees.</p> <p>Members: contact a Board member if you are interested in attending a fund raiser.</p>

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	<p>SUAAction will pay for members to attend political fundraisers. Members are encouraged to contact Larry Levinson or Jane Wells, if they are interested in helping identify current fundraisers or in attending one. Contact information for all Board members is available at www.gsusuaa.org. Addison will report on proposed legislation during the luncheon.</p>	<p>Board member contact information is posted at www.gsusuaa.org</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned. The luncheon began at noon.</p> <p>Forty-seven members signed in for the luncheon. The Chapter presented GSU Provost Beth Cada with a check for \$250 for the GSU Scholarship Fund. Provost Cada gave opening remarks. Colleen thanked President Maimon for sponsoring the luncheon, and she thanked the members for their continued support. She acknowledged two members who donated their time and skill throughout the year to support the Chapter: Laura Owens, communications and room arrangements; and Katy Frossard Fisher, reports. Each was given a certificate of appreciation and \$25 gift card. Nick Battaglia, not in attendance, was acknowledged for his work on the GSU-SUAA News Blog. Board member, Lynne Hostetter, was thanked for her continued work creating the annual newsletter. Karen D’Arcy, who was highlighted in the annual newsletter, spoke about conservation opportunities. Addison Woodward spoke about proposals for legislation that will impact higher education and/or employee/retiree benefits. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Larry Levinson, Tony Labriola, and Karen Caesar spoke about the planning that has begun for GSU’s 50th Anniversary. The intent is to celebrate, through different events, from January 2019 through June 2020. If you are willing to identify people/places in old GSU photos or share stories about GSU’s past, please contact Tony at tlabriola@govst.edu or Lydia at lruetten@govst.edu . Bruce Crooks was thanked for taking pictures at the luncheon.</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned</p> <p>Luncheon began at noon</p> <p>All: If interested in helping with plans for GSU 50th Anniversary, contact Tony or Lydia</p>

Submitted by Jane Wells

**GSU-SUAA Chapter
Treasurer's Annual Report**

May 16, 2017 to May 24, 2018

Beginning Balance Checking Acct. #0100081570	\$4,720.62
GSU-SUAA Account #31-890017 (05/16/2017)	<u>\$ 933.58</u>
<u>TOTAL BEGINNING ASSETS:</u>	<u>\$5,654.20</u>
<u>Income to Checking Acct:</u>	
Membership Dues	\$2,778.25
Member Donation to Chapter	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total Checking Income:	\$2,828.25
<u>Expenses Paid from Checking Acct:</u>	
Transfer to GSU-SUAA Account #31-890017	\$ 500.00
2017 Donation to GSU Foundation (President's Scholarship Fund)	\$ 250.00
2017 SUAA State-Wide Annual Meeting (June 2017, Springfield, IL)	\$ 240.00
2017 SUAA Fall Meeting (November 2017, Normal, IL)	\$ 180.00
Mileage & Parking for Meetings	\$ 214.00
Recruitment Expenses (Candy, snacks, & gift cards)	\$ 140.32
Flowers	<u>\$ 75.58</u>
Total Checking Expenses:	\$1,599.90
<u>Income to GSU "House" Acct:</u>	
Transfer from Checking Account	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total "House" Acct. Income:	\$ 500.00
<u>Expenses Paid from GSU "House" Acct:</u>	
2017 GSU-SUAA Annual Luncheon Catering by Arena Food Service, Inc.	\$ 786.00
Box Lunches by Arena Food Service, Inc. for Martin Noven Luncheon	\$ 81.90
Posters, Printing, Graphics, Copying, etc.	\$ 100.00
Postage	<u>\$ 24.12</u>
Total "House" Acct. Expenses:	\$ 992.02
Ending Balance Checking Acct. #0100081570	\$5,948.97
Ending GSU-SUAA Account #31-890017 (05/24/2018)	<u>\$ 441.56</u>
<u>TOTAL ENDING ASSETS:</u>	<u>\$6,390.53</u>

Proposed Budget
GSU-SUAA Chapter
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Income:

Membership Dues (435 members @ \$6.00 per member)	<u>\$2,610.00</u>
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Expenses:

2018 Donation to GSU Foundation	\$ 250.00
2018 Donation to GSU Civil Service Senate	\$ 100.00
Honoraria Gift Cards (4 @ \$25)	\$ 100.00
2018 SUAA Annual June Meeting (4 @ \$230)	\$ 920.00
2018 SUAA Fall Meeting Registrations (4 @ \$60)	\$ 240.00
Regional Meeting Registrations	\$ 50.00
Mileage & Parking for Meetings	\$ 425.00
Posters, Printing, Graphics, Copying, etc.	\$ 175.00
Postage	\$ 50.00
Chapter Supplies (paper, envelopes, etc.)	\$ 50.00
Website Maintenance Fees	\$ 50.00
Recruitment Expenses (candy, gift cards, promotions, etc.)	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$2,610.00</u>