

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

### Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2020

**Board Members (X = present):**

<u>X</u> Elizabeth Essex	<u>X</u> Sheryl Jones Harper	<u>   </u> Karl Harrison	<u>X</u> Larry Levinson
<u>X</u> Laura Owens	<u>X</u> Michelle Sebasco	<u>   </u> Steve Shih(Unable to Login)	<u>X</u> Jane Wells
<u>X</u> William Wilkinson	<u>X</u> Addison Woodward	<u>X</u> Ann Jaso	<u>X</u> Colleen R. Ellis (Past Chapter President)

**Guests/members: None.**

	Discussion	Outcomes/Actions Needed
Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:	Bill called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Betsy observed that the terms “Notes” & “Minutes” were used inconsistently to refer to these archival documents, so it was decided that henceforth, they would consistently be termed “Minutes.” Following that decision and clarification that the next membership drive would begin after January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021, the July 16 meeting minutes were approved unanimously. All Board meeting minutes are posted on the GSU-SUAA News Blog <a href="http://www.gsusuaa.org">www.gsusuaa.org</a>	July 16 meeting minutes unanimously approved.
Replacement of Paul Keys as GSU-SUAA Chapter Vice President	Unfortunately, Paul Keys had found it necessary to resign as GSU-SUAA Chapter VP. Following some discussion, Betsy was persuaded to fulfill the important role of Chapter VP for the remainder of Paul’s one-year term. Thank you so much Betsy.	Elizabeth Essex was unanimously appointed GSU-SUAA Chapter Vice President for the remainder of Paul Keys’ one-year term.
Recruitment of New GSU-SUAA Board Members	The Board currently has three (3) possible vacancies to fill, with the hope that some of them would be Tier II employees. Suggestions were solicited, and names mentioned were Joan Johns Maloney (from HR), Cathy Tymkow Tim Cappos, Laura Mannion, and “Alex” Dolezal.	Bill agreed to reach out to Tim Cappos & Joan Johns Maloney, and Jane agreed to invite Cathy Tymkow.
Membership Committee	Michelle received a list of newly hired GSU employees from HR, and it was decided to send each one a copy of the recent Chapter Newsletter via e-mail, along with an invitation and form to join the Chapter. It was also decided to do the same for former lapsed Chapter members with a similar invitation to rejoin, and for those without known e-mail addresses, to send leftover paper	Jane will draft appropriate invitation letters for each group, and Laura & Michelle will send the recruitment packets via e-mail to the respective lists. Bill will retrieve the extra paper

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	copies of the Newsletter, along with paper invitations and forms, to the last known street addresses using the USPS. Jane will also draft a “Welcome Back” letter to ALL currently working GSU employee members that are not yet SUAA members, along with an e-copy of our Newsletter and an e-mail form to join. All communications to in-state members and prospects were also to receive some form of our “Vote ‘YES’ for Fair Tax” postcard (either the postcard itself or a facsimile thereof).	Newsletter copies from campus, assemble those packets, and send them out from the post office using address labels printed by Laura.
Discussion of further support for the “Vote ‘Yes’ for Fair Tax” Movement	There was considerable discussion/debate about whether and how best to offer an online presentation describing the benefits of voting “Yes” in the election for the Fair Tax Amendment. Allison Flanagan from CTBA was suggested as a possible presenter for a GSU-SUAA customized presentation, possibly with interactive narration from Addison, but then there would be the issue of how to insure enough online “audience” to justify that kind of effort. It was mentioned that there are already a multitude of very well done online presentations by union supporters, such as UPI/IFT, and the Vote Yes for Fairness coalition, so maybe just sending a persuasive e-mail to members with hot links to these presentations is a much easier way to inform anyone still uncommitted on this issue. We could also use Facebook more as a promotional platform.	Essentially tabled until September meeting.
Representation at the combined Spring/Fall virtual SUAA meeting on 30 SEPT beginning at 10:00 on ZOOM	Our GSU-SUAA Chapter is entitled to three (3) VOTING members at this meeting, who will be Bill, Jane & Addison. Other Board members who wish to attend as observers are invited as well and can be added by Jane before the deadline for Chapter registration. There is a \$25 registration fee that the Chapter will pay. For those choosing to register later, we would still reimburse the registration fee.	Inform Jane or register yourself to attend the SUAA Spring/Fall virtual online ZOOM Meeting on 30 SEPT at 10:00 am.
Possible Change in Regular Chapter Board Meeting Day & Time	Every third Thursday at Noon creates an awkward conflict for some busy Board members, so suggestions for an alternative meeting day & time were solicited: One possibility was every third Wednesday from 11:00 am to Noon. Suggestions will be discussed at the next meeting in September.	Suggest possible alternative meeting days/times (if there is a preference) before the next meeting.
Adjournment:	Next GSU-SUAA Board Meeting will be on September 17 <sup>th</sup> at Noon. The meeting was adjourned from the Zoom platform at 1:11 pm.	

Submitted by Laura Owens