

State Universities Annuitants Association Foundation
Executive Committee Meeting – November 11, 2020
Minutes

Attendance: Jan Cook, Bob Laursen, Larry Alferink, Bill Williamson, Roger Cann, Amy Myers, Alice Medenwald, Narbeth Emmanuel, Elliott Dudnik, Andy Small, Sally Mullan, B. Zeedyk
Linda Brookhart, SUAA Representative; Judy Brown not on Executive Board
Absent: J Lewis

Secretary: Teena Zindel-McWilliams

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Jan Cook at 10 a.m.
- II. Remarks – Article X of Bylaws regarding electronic meetings will appear on June 21, 2021, Annual Meeting Agenda. L. Brookhart reported on tax exempt status. With a 501©3 status, the Foundation cannot contribute to a 501©4 organization. SUAA does administrative work through contract. SUAA, the parent organization, has 501©4 status for advocacy. The Foundation can't use funds for chapter recruitment. Any member of SUAA can distribute information on scholarships.
- III. Foundation Scholarship program: The Foundation can offer scholarships but not as a membership drive for chapters. L. Brookhart will work on wording. Information can be included in the SUAA Mini Briefing, but not with information on the SUAAAction (PAC).
Discussion of length of membership before being awarded a scholarship. Need an official vote. Executive Committee can vote electronically on the change. Question about how scholarships fit into the purpose of the Foundation.
 Question: Restricted to attendance on Illinois campuses?
 Question: Restricted to public colleges?
 A. Medenwald presented a summary of the scholarship recipients:
 Generally 4 awarded
 6 applications received by the deadline
 1 late
 Awarded 4 – NIU, Purdue, ISU, Harold Washington College
Scholarship Committee requested Board approval to award the other 3. Approved to award to recipients attending Colorado State, Drake University, ISU. Still need to e-mail chapter presidents to announce awards.
Discussion of contradiction with website information of 4 awards available.
Question about 2019 – 15 applications; 14 complete. Awards to 2 IL public, 1 IL private, 1 out of state.
Chair polled attendees on the question “Is the scholarship program effective?” Yes – 7; No – 0
No motion on limitations on in-state attendance. Will stay open to all campuses in and out of state.
- IV. Long-range planning – Difficulty with connection to hear presentation.
- V. Other Business:

- a. Question – will Linda review language on website and marketing materials? Yes, and she will also have someone with a legal background review the language.
- b. Question – How will winners be announced? L. Brookhart will include winners and info in Mini Briefing. A. Medenwald will provide.

Re-established connection and continued discussion on Long Range Plan. E. Dudnik moved and A. Small seconded to distribute survey to chapter leaders regarding Foundation.

Concern about lack of applications for Emergency Assistance Program. Should the program be adjusted back to matching funds?

Question on the amount of \$500 for the scholarship. That action was taken some time ago. Professional development funding was added.

L. Brookhart resurrected the question about whether a person could contribute to a scholarship fund only as a restricted fund. This opportunity could be advertised.

VI. Adjourned at 10:59 a.m.