

**SUAA Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for June 20, 2017
Springfield, IL**

Present: H. F. (Bill) Williamson (SIUC), Chair; Janice Nobbe (LLCC), Treasurer; Robert Laursen (PC); Jerry E. Lewis (JJC); Alice Medenwald (NEIU); Fred Barber (SWIC); Jan Cook (ISU); Barbara Hayler (UIS); Joe Grush (NIU); Bob Sobie (COD); Sally Field Mullan (COD); John Kovach (COD); Nancy Boesdorfer (DACC); Mariyn Satterwhite (DACC); Gary Davis (HLC); Linda Branch (IEC); Mary Posing (KCC); Candace McLaughlin (WIU); Anne L. Draznin (UIS); Michael Pulley (SIUE); John Jennette (SIUE); David Steinberg (SIUE); Jo Gibson (SIUE); Linda Brookhart (SUAA Executive Director); Marie Dawson (ISU Alumni Affairs, guest).

Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. B. Hayler agreed to serve as Acting Secretary for this meeting. The minutes for the November 21, 2016 meeting of the SUAA Foundation were approved unanimously (moved by J. Cook, second by J. Lewis).

I. Chair's Report. Williamson distributed the Chair's Report and briefly reviewed its contents, which included all major agenda items for this meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report. J. Nobbe distributed the Treasurer's Report and the Statement of Financial Activities for January 1 through April 30, 2017. The assets of the J. Nelson Young Legal Fund were transferred to the SUAA Legal Fund in March, 2017, as authorized by the Foundation Board at its June 2016 meeting. Foundation donations are made to SUAA, then transferred to the Foundation and recorded as Foundation income when received. The Foundation is responsible for acknowledging donations and sending "Thank You" letters. The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted (moved by G. Rush, second by A. Medenwald).

III. Action Items.

A. Officer Elections. Jerry Lewis presided during the election, since Williamson was a candidate. H. F. Williamson and Jan Cook were nominees for the position of chair, with no additional nominations from the floor. Jan Cook was elected Chair by a vote of 10-5. Fred Barber and Alice Medenwald were nominees for Members-at-Large. H. F. Williamson was nominated from the floor for the third vacant position (nomination by J. Cook, second by J. Lewis). All three candidates were elected unanimously.

B. Appointment of Treasurer for 2017-2019. Under current bylaws the Treasurer is appointed by the Chair with the approval of the SUAA President. Outgoing Foundation Chair Williamson reported that he had appointed Jan Nobbe for another term, with the concurrence of SUAA President Alferink.

C. Proposed Revision in Bylaws. Williamson presented four proposed changes in the Foundation Bylaws. These changes were first discussed at the November 2016 Board meeting. The proposed changes would make the Secretary a voting member of the Executive Committee, increasing the size of the Executive Committee from 9 to 10; change the Secretary position from

a position filled by the Executive Director of SUAA to an appointed two-year position; specify that the 2-year term of the Secretary shall begin in even-numbered years while the two-year term of the Treasurer shall begin in odd-numbered years; and allow a vacancy in the position of Secretary to be filled by appointment (in the same way that a vacancy in the position of Treasurer may now be filled). There was some discussion of the possibility of tie votes with a 10-member Executive Committee. The Bylaws changes were approved unanimously in a single vote (moved by J. Cook, second by A. Draznin).

D. Review of Emergency Assistance Program. Fred Barber distributed a brochure on the Emergency Assistance Program, and a packet of information showing how the program was helpful to the family of a UIC member. He reviewed the process by which funds can be requested. Assistance is currently limited to a maximum of \$1,500; recipients must have been SUAA members for at least 5 years. Barber encouraged members to support this program by raising funds for the Foundation. J. Cook and A. Medenweld raised the issue of whether the Emergency Assistance Program might be able to help members who have been subject to furloughs and layoffs. This is difficult due to the large number of members affected (more than 1,000). The Foundation cannot subsidize or pay the dues of members who are having difficulty; this would be considered “self-dealing,” which is not permitted.

IV. New Business. Report from SUAA Executive Director. Executive Director Linda Brookhart reviewed SUAA’s “Higher Education Creates Jobs” Education Campaign, which was funded in part with a Foundation donation but has been continued with SUAA funds. Brookhart reported that SUAA now has a new database and a new website that includes links to the Foundation. The new website would allow the Foundation to distribute an electronic newsletter. Chapters are encouraged to provide information on the new website in their chapter newsletters. Williamson distributed a template showing how this could be publicized.

V. Informational Reports.

A. Informational presentation on Social Security. J. Cook reported that the Foundation is funding the cost of a lunch and presentation on June 21st (second day of the SUAA meeting) on Social Security issues. Reservations are required.

B. Coordination with State SUAA Office. Discussion focused on the cost of the support that SUAA is providing, and the specific services that SUAA is providing. The Foundation now has a donation link on the SUAA websites, and donations are handled by SUAA and then sent on to the Foundation. The bill for services received from SUAA does not specify what is done. A. Medenwald suggested that the Foundation might be able to handle some of these activities on a volunteer basis. Members expressed a desire for the Executive Committee to get more information on what SUAA is currently doing for the Foundation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Hayler, Acting Secretary.