

**College of DuPage Annuitants Association
Officers & Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2018 – 2:00-4:00 pm – BIC 3422**

1. Call meeting to order (Bob Sobie)

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sobie at 2:03pm.

2. Roll call (Lynnette Arendt)

Bob Sobie, Sally Mullan, Lynnette Arendt, Annette Kerwin, Kim Pack, Val Follmann, and Prudy Widlak were present.

3. Minutes from last meeting (Lynnette Arendt) (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes from the meeting on November 8, 2017 were presented. Val noted a correction to the spelling of Leveille. Sally motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Val seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's report (John Kovach) (ACTION ITEM)

4.1. IRS Report.

In John's absence during this busy tax time as a CPA, Bob provided the treasurer's report. The account continues to remain steady and members had no questions for Bob. Kim moved to approve the treasurer's report; Sally seconded, and the report was unanimously accepted.

Bob also went on to announce that John had already filed the year end IRS Report to SUAA. (CDAA does not file taxes as it is handled through SUAA.)

5. President's report (Bob Sobie)

5.1. Aidos: The Foundation has determined that the Aidos by Pam Lowrie, John Wantz and their students will not be re-installed and the Foundation will return all donations; unfortunately, a few problems were reported by donors. Anyone who experiences a refund problem should contact the Foundation. Pam, meanwhile, continues to support the storage fees.

5.2. Should we push to be on campus more?

CDAA has pursued having an occasional presence on campus to assist current employees who have concerns or questions about retirement issues—with no success. Discussion revealed a decrease in the number of staff retirements and possibly less focus on the retirement process. Our group was in agreement about the importance of providing the information and assistance to pre-retirees and the idea of working more closely with HR might be a good route. Bob will check with HR and report back.

6 Vice President's report (Sally Mullan)

For her report Sally continued the discussion above related to the role of retiree groups in assisting current staff by suggesting we canvass other campuses to learn their strategies and exposures to pre-retirees. She offered to research other organizations about the matter.

7 Committee reports

7.1 Technology (Annette Kerwin)

New email system

Our current system is Dada, and Annette has investigated ConstantContact, MailChip, Gmail, TinyLetter, MadMinnie and GoDaddy. They all have similar features, but because MailChip has no fee for under 2000 members (well below our CDAA membership) and

12,000 emails monthly, she found it particularly interesting. She will contact Peggy McCarthy who has expertise on these systems. Annette and Bob also mentioned the idea of connecting through the SUAA system, but agreed that it wasn't viable for us.

7.2 Membership (Annette Kerwin)

Annette passed around a hard copy of what comes off the SUAA report for COD membership, showing ending totals for each month. Annette was asked by Val if she called to check if they were members of CDAA, and Bob mentioned that he created a letter about CDAA membership and offered to send it to the officers.

Annette felt attending the Benefits Fair in October was very successful in alerting employees to CDAA; however, according to the latest membership list, no significant impact was shown on membership.

7.3 Social (Kim Pack)

a. Breakfast

Our last breakfast event was at Maxfields Pancake House in Lombard. With a very positive reaction to the event last year, Kim was encouraged to inquire again about availability.

b. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is the first Friday in May, which is May 4 for this year. Coopers Corner on Roosevelt Road across from Cantigny in Winfield was highly recommended.

c. Annual Picnic

The picnic is scheduled for the week of August 5. Potential locations are Herrick Lake and Churchill Woods.

d. Future events?

Kim will look into available luncheon dates at Waterleaf. Wednesday and Thursdays the lunch menu is \$17 per person. Evening possibilities include a continental cuisine on Thursday nights and international cuisine on Friday nights.

7.4 Nominations (Val Follmann)

Elections for the President and Vice President positions occur at our annual meeting in May. Since no one has stepped up with an interest in either position, we are delighted to learn today that Bob and Sally will run again.

7.5 Communications (Mary Ann Hiller) Not available

7.6 Chatterbox (Kathryn Golden)

Kathy is waiting for a few more articles of news.

7.7 SUA ACTION (Bob Sobie)

Bob is the representative for our organization and things will be ramping up very soon for elections. As soon as SUAA sends out information to Bob he will be able to share it-- including the events and the legislative platform for SUAA.

8. Old business

In Memoriam: Sherry Henry in PE, Harriet Brown in Campus Services, Carter Carroll in History

9. **New business:** Bob will be traveling from 1/20-2/8 and may not be available by email or cell phone while in Puerto Rico.

10. **Next meeting is Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from 2-4pm in BIC3422.**

11. **Adjournment:** Sally moved, Annette seconded the motion & the meeting concluded at 3:38pm.

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April 18, 2018 – 2:00-4:00 pm – BIC 3422

1. Call meeting to order (Bob Sobie)
The meeting was called to order by President Bob Sobie at 2:03pm.
2. Roll call (Lynnette Arendt)
Bob Sobie, Sally Mullan, John Kovach, Lynnette Arendt, Annette Kerwin, Kim Pack, Val Follmann, and guests Peter Klassen and Peggy McCarthy were present.
3. Minutes from last meeting (Lynnette Arendt) (ACTION ITEM)
Minutes from the meeting on January 17, 2018 were presented. Sally motioned to approve them as written and John seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's report (John Kovach) (ACTION ITEM)
John provided copies of the treasurer's report. The account continues to remain steady--with the last deposit from the Waterleaf event bringing the balance to \$10,615.29. With a healthy treasury amount, there was a question about the possibility of reducing the membership fee, but the group decided to hold the discussion for a different time. Sally moved to approve the treasurer's report, Kim seconded, and the report was unanimously accepted.
5. President's report (Bob Sobie)
 - 5.1. March 29 ICAIA Retirement Talk
Bob spoke to the group
 - 5.2. April 3 Aurora Area Retired Teachers Association Meeting
Bob attended the Aurora Area luncheon meeting with his neighbor. About 90 were in attendance and it included TRS and SURS members, most of whom were retirees from elementary or junior high positions. He was very impressed with the size of the group attending the event.
 - 5.3. June 21 & 22 SUAA Meeting in Springfield – Who's Attending?
Sally may attend.
 - 5.4. Possible meeting with Faculty Association Leadership
There are 5 FT automotive instructors at COD, which is the department where Bob taught. He would like to discuss with them the possibility of sponsoring a room for our use periodically.
6. Vice President's report (Sally Mullan)
Sally had just returned from her mother-in-law's funeral in Indiana. She did want to report about her investigation of room use by retirees at other schools. She had contacted people she had worked with and learned that NIU does not recognize retiree groups and charges them for room use.
7. Committee reports
 - 7.1. Technology (Annette Kerwin, Sally Mullan, Peggy McCarthy, & Bob Sobie)
 - a. New email system and website
Peter has been diligently working on the CDAA technology committee for 17 years and has now turned the position over to Annette Kerwin. Annette then recruited Peggy McCarthy for her expertise. Peggy researched the best websites for non-profits and decided that the WIX website with G suite for office tools of email and photos would be a good choice to work

together online. She created the website in one hour which can be redirected from the old site at a cost similar to what we had. The old website had 325 hits per month, and the cost to redirect would be about \$15. She will also look to see what is available for the name.

b. When do we close our Facebook account?

Peter indicated there are about 200 people connected by Facebook friends and felt it provided a different delivery to membership. Alan Lanning and Peter have administered it for years.

7.2. Membership report (Annette Kerwin)

The last membership list grew from 431 to 440. Annette has been consistently contacting people to keep it updated. While COD has had only minor growth, Bob pointed out that SUAA has actually lost about 2000 members.

7.3. Social (Kim Pack)

a. March 8, Breakfast At Maxfield's.

25 people attended and expressed enjoyment of the location, food and comradery.

b. April 4, Lunch at Waterleaf

This luncheon was attended by 47. The courses were prepared and delivered by students in the culinary program, delighting both the students and their customers. It was a huge success.

c. May 4, Annual Meeting at Cooper's Corner

There are currently almost 20 people attending with responses still coming. Bob will send an envelope of information to people without email and Val volunteered to take minutes at the meeting in Lynnette's absence.

d. August 9, Annual Picnic at Herrick Lake

e. Future events? Possible summer Waterleaf lunch? Possible dinner? There was also encouragement for activities not including food, such as the Drury Lane and a Kane County Cougar game!

7.4. Nominations (Val Follmann)

a. President and Vice President nomination

Bob Sobie and Sally Mullen will continue with their work as President and VP.

b. June 28 Luncheon at Oscar Swan

Val will again organize the luncheon at Oscar Swan—a very successful and well-attended event in the past.

7.5. Communications (Mary Ann Hiller) not in attendance

7.6. Chatterbox (Kathryn Golden)

Kathy is waiting and wanting more information and stories from members.

7.7. SUA ACTION (Bob Sobie)

a. Call for donations

8. Old business.

No old business was introduced.

9. New Business

No new business was introduced.

10. Next meeting July 18, 2018 from 2-4pm in BIC 3422.

11. Adjournment: Annette motioned, Val seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.