Northern Illinois University Annuitants Association

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Human Resources Building 178

President Jerry Meyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: John Engstrom, Jim Lockard, William Lundberg, Steven Johnson, Doug Moore, Linda Schwarz, Elaine Spencer, Jerry Meyer,

Guests: Deborah Haliczer, Director of Employee Relations, Human Resource Services.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for April 25, 2012, was submitted for approval. Motion was made by William Lundberg and seconded by Jim Lockard to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 11, 2012, were submitted for approval. Motion was made by William Lundberg and seconded by Elaine Spencer to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

President’s Remarks: Introduced Deborah Haliczer.

Remarks from Deborah Haliczer included the current political situation with possible legislation concerning SURNS and pension reform. She also gave an update on the Benefits Choice period.

Joint sponsorship on a seminar on Retirement Lifestyles. Discussion ensued. A joint planning committee of Deborah Haliczer and Jerry Myer was approved with a formal request to be presented at the 2012 annual meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Doug Moore distributed the Schedule of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, January 11, 2012 – April 25, 2012. Receipts came from SUAA dues and a small amount of interest income. Disbursements were for the SUAA Foundation, March 20th coffee hour, Geocoding membership list, and newsletter design. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. The motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

SURNS Board and SUAA Foundation: John Engstrom reminded board members that SURNS priority is to ensure funding of SURNS for the benefits of the members. The SURNS board passed a resolution against any reduction in benefits for members. Benefit payments are approximately $150 million per month in benefits.
Benefits: No report.

Legislative: Jim Lockard reported NIU President John Peters is the ‘senior’ president among Illinois State Universities. There is growing concern over SURS funding. The University of Illinois/IGPA proposal and the Governor’s proposal were discussed. No legislation has been introduced at this time.

SUAAction: No report.

Membership: No report.

Public Relations/Events: Steven Johnson reported that the next coffee hour is May 18th at Oak Crest Retirement Center. Attendance has been good at these coffee hours this year. NIUAA sponsored 12 trips in 2011 since the 2011 annual meeting and 9 trips so far in 2012 with a total of 406 attendees (both working and retired members of the NIUAA participate in these trips).

Communications: Jerry Meyer reminded everyone that there would be a newsletter in May for which committee chairs should provide information as usual.

Intergenerational Project: No report.

Old Business: Elaine Spencer, Ralph Wallis, Jim Lockard, and Jerry Meyer are the Nominating Committee and recommended the name of Clair Williams to be presented at the annual meeting for Board membership. Motion made by Bill Lundberg and seconded by Linda Schwarz. Motion carried. An individual is still needed for the Secretary position on the board.

New Business: Jerry Meyer thanked Elaine Spencer, Jim Lockard, Linda Schwarz and Steven Johnson for their work at the NIU Wellness Fair.

There was brief discussion about Certificates of Appreciation to be presented at the June annual meeting and an individual was named. In addition, future certificates may include NIU Parking Services, NIU Office of Campus Recreation and LA&S External Programming (for sponsorship of the NIU Lifelong Learning Institute).

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. The next NIUAA Board meeting will be July 11, 10 a.m.

Steven Johnson
Temporary Secretary for April 25, 2012