

**College of DuPage Annuitants Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**July 16, 2014 4:00 PM – BIC 1607**

**I. Call to Order** – meeting called to order at 4:00pm

**II. Roll Call of Attendees**

Present: Sherwood Edwards, Peter Klassen, Meri Phillips, Steve Mansfield, Jackie Reuland, Joe Rorke, Russ Watson, Prudy Widlak

**III. Minutes of Last Meeting**

- A. Minutes of the April 16, 2014 Board Meeting were presented by Joe Rorke for approval. Motion to approve by Prudy Widlak, seconded by Meri Phillips. Motion approved unanimously.
- B. Joe also presented a draft of the minutes of the May 2, 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association. Board members reviewed, and it was agreed that Peter could post the draft copy on the website. These minutes will be presented for approval at the May 2015 meeting.

**IV. Reading of Communications**

- A. Prudy discussed her emails to Linda Sands-VanKirk, C.O.D.'s VP of HR, concerning the Regrets emails that go to college employees. Those emails will now be sent to [webmaster@codretirees.org](mailto:webmaster@codretirees.org); Alan and Peter will screen them for applicability to our members, as usual, and post.  
Peter raised the question about combining the Communications and Regrets email lists. The Board agreed, basing the decision on the survey at the spring luncheon.

**V. President's Report – Sherwood Edwards**

- A. Sherwood gave a short report on the SUAA Annual Meeting on June 18th, where By-Law changes were to be voted on. He expressed concern about officers being removed without due process, the fact that the Executive Director as treasurer would move the Association away from being member-driven to executive-driven, and with the regions that are being created. In addition, that the fracture between the north and south needs to be healed, from a moral perspective. The vote was 63, yes – 45, no. Sixty-four votes were needed to pass the measure.
- B. CDAA Voting Representatives were Sherwood Edwards, Prudy Widlak and Russ Watson. They were thanked for their service to our chapter. President Edwards expressed concern that Board members need to attend these meeting as voting members.
- C. Joe Rorke moved, Jackie Reuland seconded to approve Sherwood's and Russ's expenses for reimbursement. Motion approved unanimously.  
Sherwood asked the Board to approve his appointment to replace Joe Barillari with Russ Watson as an At-Large Director. Request was approved, unanimously.
- D. The Harper College chapter will host a presentation on SURS by Bill Mabe, Executive Director of SURS, on Mon, 7/21/14 at Noon in the Harper College Performing Arts Center. The Board was asked to attend and also go to a following meeting for chapters concerned with the recent SUAA actions. He would like the Board to be fully informed on the situation should we be asked to make any decisions concerning the situation.

**VI. Vice-President's Report – Prudy Widlak**

- A. Prudy reported that Kathryn Golden is willing to work on the newsletter or other communication tasks that are needed. Peter raised this issue of using the website and social media (Facebook and new Google discussion group). He distributed information concerning email options through our website. He has set up emails for each Board position and explained how to access them. Emails to these accounts will be forwarded to the current officers' email address.  
Meri expressed concern that there are about 115 members who will never have email, and it is our responsibility to maintain communications. She indicated that the type of newsletter we've had in the past is unwieldy to produce multiple times a year and suggested we put out one

newsletter, one back-to-back sheet. The college does allow us funds to copy and mail our newsletter.

After discussion it was decided that Prudy and Meri will work with Peter and Kathryn to create a communication system, with the concept of a mini-briefing type newsletter for those without email which will also be sent to the Communications list. Meri and Peter will demonstrate Facebook and the Google discussion group at the picnic.

**VII. Secretary's Report – Meri Phillips**

- A. Meri has been working with Kim Pack on arrangements for the picnic, since Kim is home-bound with a broken ankle. The picnic will be Thurs., Aug 7, 11:30-2 in TEC 1038. The price will be \$14 to accommodate free lunches for any newly retired employees. Meri has sent emails to all who have joined; all received the information at the reception or by mail shortly thereafter.
- B. The survey indicated that the attendees were pleased with the venue and the food. Most favored combining the Communications and Regrets email lists.
- C. Meri will work with Joe and Sherwood to transfer the bank signatures. Sherwood will then inform SUAA of the changes.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report –Joe Rorke**

Report was presented. The balance as of 6/30/14 was \$9,829.87. Prudy moved approval, seconded by Jackie. Motion approved, unanimously. It was agreed that the report not be published, but could be sent to any member if requested.

**IX. Committee Chair Reports**

**A. SUAA Exec Comm.– Steve Mansfield**

Steve expressed several concerns about the state association and believes the mission of the association has lost importance. Many members lobbying our 177 legislators has more impact than 2 or 3 people in Springfield. A parliamentarian was hired. There was no comment on future actions concerning the by-laws, though many delegates spoke about revisiting constitution changes.

CDA members

have <https://secure.petco.com/Secure/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSecure%2fYourAccount.aspx> contributed \$15,416 to the Legal Fund.

**B. Membership – Jackie Reuland**

Jackie indicated that we are currently at 458 members. The committee will be meeting soon. Russ distributed information about marketing ideas for our potential use. He will work further with the committee on how we can employ these “survey-type” messages to attract new members.

**C. Social Program – Kim Pack**

Kim was not able to attend. See VII, A above about picnic details.

**X. Old Business**

None

**XI. New Business**

- A. Future Meetings will be held in IC 2618 on Wednesdays at 4:00pm
  - Oct. 15, 2014
  - Jan. 21, 2015
  - Apr. 15, 2015
  - July 15, 2015

**XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm