

TCAA Executive committee Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019 at 10 A.M.

Present: Tom Bondi, Carol Bibly, Mary Jeans, presiding, Jens Nielsen and Connie Allekian

1. Membership: extensive discussion regarding the need to increase the membership which remains at about 157 members. Ideas for increasing membership included:

- determine if all members receive SUAA mailings regarding updates on events in Springfield.
- could a newsletter be submitted to the membership which is parallel to the legislative sessions in Springfield informing membership of issues being addressed which impact on retirees and pension systems to increase relevance of membership to all.
- could a history of the pension crisis be developed so members of SURS are informed of the facts surrounding the development of the enormous deficit r/t required state contributions to the pension funds. Perhaps Linda Brookhart and/or De DeGrado could provide details as to the historical developments in the legislature - taking "pension holidays"
- set up a meeting with Joliet Jr. college annuitants group to share ideas about retaining and increasing membership. Mary Jeans will contact their president to set up such a meeting in March.
- our committee should think, individually and collectively, about how we can increase the interactions between annuitants and current employees of Triton College.

2. Newsletter: Mary asked the committee members to determine what kind of articles could be included in the next newsletter. Carol suggested that any articles be submitted to Bob Anthony before the end of March when Bob will be publishing the newsletter.

3. Spring Luncheon: Mary Jeans reported that Linda Brookhart has agreed to be our speaker. Jens reported that he has arranged for a buffet luncheon to be served at Triton on April 16, 2019. The fee is set at \$14. Mary Jeans said she has been contacted by former Triton President, Brent Knight, who is interested in addressing the TCAA group. She has arranged that he will be our speaker at the Fall luncheon.

4. Legislative Action; Carol commented that there are numerous legislators newly elected to serve in Springfield. She volunteered to try and put together a list of the new members and their legislative districts to be published in the newsletter so that TCAA members will become familiar with their legislators and to encourage the membership to be in touch with their legislators. Discussed what we should put forward to make us relevant to the people who are part of SURS but have not joined SUAA/TCAA. The committee needs to explore this issue in more depth.

5. Insurance benefits for retirees: Questioned what information Bob Witherspoon had regarding insurance programs available. No one seems to know what he was going to give to Eleanore.

6. Raffle: Mary had a drawing of the several forms that had been filled out at the Faculty workshop session. Liz Brindise won the raffle drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Allekian