

## SUAA Board Meeting, 10 a.m., June 5, 2025 (via zoom)

Members present: Dallinger, Barker, Richmond, Ramsey, Werling, Blackledge, Brewer, Cole, Pano, Farr, McLean.

The meeting was called to order by President Farr. Cole reviewed the WIU website. Discussion followed.

The minutes were reviewed and approved. Dallinger/McLean.

Brewer reviewed the treasurer's report. Approved Pano/McLean.

Blackledge gave the report of those who have passed away since our last meeting. They were Marian Swisher, Pamela Terry, Gary Powell, and Wendell Howe.

Farr reported the chapter membership as 459 members.

Social – no report.

SURS update – no report.

Pano reported on legislative issues. The State budget has been passed as presented. There was new income from sin taxes and sweep monies and undocumented health care. Federal government funds are questionable. Tier II pension retirement funds are still questionable. Higher education will receive a 3% raise in state funding. There will be an increase in the MAP funding for minority faculty at state universities. The bill to allow junior colleges to offer a four-year degree was not allowed. WIU was the most underfunded of all 12 state universities in a proposed formula. Federal work study program was eliminated. Pell grants may be eliminated. International student numbers are lower than expected.

Farr referred to a letter concerning the foundation from Bryan Soady. Farr was requested to reply.

Networking – no report.

Technology – no report.

The July meeting will be cancelled.