

SUAA Board Meeting
December 4, 2025
Zoom Meeting

Those participating were Melz-Jennings, Richmond, Farr, Brewer, Dallinger, Ramsey, McLean, Blackledge, Pano, and Cole.

The meeting was called to order by President Melz-Jennings. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented. Dallinger/Farr Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Pano/McLean

The Survivor Assistance report was given by Blackledge with Dorris Derry and Vern S. Smith identified as having passed away since our last meeting.

Membership report was given by Farr with 449 members in our local chapter.

The Social Report was given by Dallinger. The Snow Bunny winter meeting will be held February 3 at Wesley United Methodist beginning at noon. The snow date will be February 10th. The menu will be the same as last year.

A Legislative report was given by Pano. He identified February 13 as the date the Illinois General Assembly will return to Springfield. The Governor will present the State of the State and 2026 Budget in February. Illinois State Elections will be held March 17. Neil Anderson is running for reelection. The Capital Fax newsletter was identified as having a negative report relating to WIU during the last several weeks. It discussed lower enrollment. There are three issues on the higher education agenda that may be voted on this spring. Issues are community colleges offering 4-year degrees in specific subjects, equality for funding for state universities and the Tier Two pension reform proposal.

There was no publications report.

The Foundation's new website was discussed.

McLean gave the Networking report. We are participating in a chat group with a Northern Illinois Chapter group.

Old Business included a discussion as to ways to increase membership and attendance at events. Will work with State SUAA new website when it goes live.

There was no technology report

There were no announcements identified.

New Business, Merrill Cole, UPI chapter president. The two percent funding increase for state universities may be reduced. WIU is asking for \$13 million to update the Quad Cities campus. The WIU president and provost have been given pay increases.

Adjournment – Pano/Blackledge

Respectfully submitted, Jacqlin Richmond, Secretary