

Minutes for Illinois Council-AAUP

April 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

Roosevelt University, 18 S. Michigan, Chicago, Ill

Present: Jerry Kendall, President, Peter Kirstein, Vice-president, Ken Andersen, treasurer, John Wilson, Peter Insley, Michael Harkins, Leo Welch, Kurt Fielding, Elizabeth Hoppe, Lee Maltby, secretary. Fashionably late and welcome attendee Gary Rhoades, general secretary of AAUP.

1. Welcome from Jerry Kendall at 9:30 and thanks to Roosevelt University.
2. Minutes from the fall meeting, September 20, 2008 were approved.
3. Officers' report—Jerry Kendall deferred to speak until Committee A issues are raised.

Treasurer Ken Andersen submitted financial report, technically tentative, as budget year does not end until June 30. Ken focused on a few changes in costs, including website. There were calls for more work to be done on said website. Current balance is healthy, yet some called for funds to be used on chapter development, or perhaps on other events 'more glitzy.' Ken reminded council that the budget needs to be spent, as too high a balance might draw attention from the IRS. Ken also proposed a budget for the coming year that would re-focus some of the priorities of the council—specifically, more money for chapter development. The finance report was approved by the council.

Secretary Lee Maltby reported that National now has an email service that will allow the council to terminate its contract with Topica. Lee will seek to obtain a refund from Topica. (Lee also reported that his BSW program is now CSWE accredited.)

4. Website—discussed during Ken's presentation.
5. Elections and bylaws—Lee reported that somehow the council got 'out of sync' per the terms of officers as required by the bylaws. After some discussion it was moved by Kurt Field, seconded, and approved that the president and vice-president would be elected for one year, and then submit themselves to a grueling re-election campaign in 2010. The current treasurer and secretary will be re-nominated for two year terms, which will end in 2012.
6. Election slate for this year: Michael Harkins (Harper College) for president, Peter Kirstein (St. Xavier University) for vp, Ken Andersen (UIUC) for treasurers and Lee Maltby (St. Augustine College) for secretary. Mssrs. Harkins and Kirstein will stand for one year with a new election in 2010. Ken and Lee's terms are for two years. New state council members include: Lisa Higgins from College of DuPage, Elizabeth Hoppe from Lewis University, Patrick Ryan Williams from the Field Museum, Todd

Price from National-Louis. In order to stagger the terms of office, 3 or 4 of the new council members will have a 3 year term, and one will have a 2 year term.
(Correction: all will have 3 year terms per the bylaws. Lee Maltby)

7. Attendance at annual convention: Michael Harkins, Ken Andersen, Leo Welch, Lee Maltby. Lee will take care of the registration for delegate voting. John Wilson will also attend as a non-voting delegate. Ken A. reminded people of the importance in registering early, esp. to participate in Lobby Day.
8. Summer Institute—all new council members were recommended to attend the Institute this summer which will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, July 23-26.
9. Midwest Coalition on Human Rights. John W. recommended that we join forces with them. John will send info on the Coalition to the council. John also reported we might participate in a conference at NEIU and help form a chapter there. Leo W. mentioned the value of working together with other groups such as NEA, IFT, esp. as that related to work with the Illinois legislature.
10. SURMAC resolution was presented by Ken A. After some discussion related to the language, it was adopted by the council. The first resolution was deleted and then adopted with changes on 4/18/09. Once changes have been made by Ken, he will forward to Lee so that national can email the resolution to the Illinois membership.
11. Committee Reports, starting with 'A.'
College of DuPage—still up in the air for several reasons, esp. upcoming election of board members. IL-AAUP will strategize and coordinate with Lisa Higgins at COD. Motion was made and approved to re-send letter to COD board members. John W. will re-edit letter to address actions since initial letter was first sent.

Jerry raised concerns re: issues at UI-Springfield, Eureka College, Rosalind Franklin. Questions were voiced as to how council can better coordinate activities with National to support Illinois institutions that are having problems. There is a real stress between the resources of IL-AAUP and current needs. Jerry stated that we need to know more and wondered what is our proper 'realm?' As IL-AAUP has opened doors with our activism, do we need a conversation about the role of committees, esp. A? All voiced agreement that we need better communication with national.

Jerry K. reported new chapters at the Art Institute and Field Museum. He expressed The hope that a chapter could be formed at COD. Michael Harkins reported working on chapters at Harper College, Concordia University, and Elmhurst College. Michael suggested some form of 'quarterly outreach' to institutions, esp. those downstate. Jerry K. also reported a new chapter forming at Augustana.

12. Governmental relations—Leo W. reported that the AFT and AAUP will work together to promote mutual concerns. Ken A. voiced the hope that perhaps the Yeshiva ruling might be overturned at the Congressional level.

13. Women and Minorities—Elizabeth Hoppe agreed to chair this committee once elected to the state council.
14. Illinois Academe—kudos to John Wilson and contributors. (Note: in late May the council was informed that Illinois Academe had been selected as best tabloid newsletter by national!)
15. Thanks to Roosevelt University and Sharon Grant for allowing IL-AAUP use of the beautiful space overlooking Millenium Park.
16. Peter Kirstein—moved that the council recognize Jerry Kendall for his service to IL-AAUP. In a serendipitous event, Gary Rhoades walked in and presented a certificate on behalf of the council for Jerry K.'s service. All were pleasantly pleased!

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Maltby, secretary

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Business Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2009, 2:30 p.m.

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1. President Jerry Kendall opened the business meeting following an excellent discussion of faculty issues at College of DuPage (Lisa Higgins), National-Louis (Todd Price), Lewis University (Elizabeth Hoppe), and the Field Museum (Patrick Williams), and comments by vice-president Peter Kirstein.
2. Jerry then presented the slate of officers and council members and called for a vote.

Officers: Michael Harkins, president (for one year)
Peter Kirstein, vice-president (for one year)
Ken Andersen, treasurer, for two year term
Lee Maltby, secretary, for two year term

New council members: Lisa Higgins, COD
Elizabeth Hoppe, Lewis University
Patrick Williams, Field Museum
Todd Price, National-Louis

Nominations were moved, seconded, and approved.

3. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Maltby, Secretary