

JJCAA Insurance Committee Minutes
By Sandy Hopper (December 14, 2009)

Members Present: John Peterson, Jerry Lewis, Walt Zaida, Sandy Hopper, Karen Erb, Chuck Kramer, Glenn Westin, Curt Hieggelke

Call to Order: John Peterson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the October 19th meeting was made by Walt Zaida and seconded by Curt Hieggelke. The motion carried.

CIPology: John referred four questions/scenarios to Pam Kogler from Central Management Services. Pam's responses, provided on page 357, were reviewed by the group. In addition, committee members reviewed FAQ's and their answers (page 358) as covered on the SURS web-site. Our questions/scenarios and Pam's answers will be posted on the JJCAA web site, and a link to the SURS web-site will also be provided.

Survivor and Cremation Workshop: John suggested that we arrange a survivor workshop for retirees and existing staff during the JJC staff development week period. This suggestion will be carried to the Executive Board for approval. Jerry Lewis cautioned that workshop presenters be representatives of the Cremation Society of Illinois, rather than from a specific funeral home. John will check on available dates for such a presentation.

Old/New Business: No old business.

- As a new discussion point, Walt asked about the danger of changes in insurance coverage ahead. Curt indicated that since community colleges are self-funded they are "in the black", whereas the universities are in a financial hole. On the dental premiums issue, ACSME cannot negotiate for retirees who are not a part of the bargaining unit. ACSME retirees are now being required to pay dental premiums.
- Curt suggested that a 2-tier system will probably not have an impact for 20-30 years. Additionally, it may or may not affect current employees. New hires are most likely to be affected.
- Jerry reported that the Pension Task Force report has gone to the governor, and the information is on the SUAA web-site.
- Jerry indicated that Renee Kozol doesn't believe passage of a 2-tier system will kill teacher recruitment in Illinois.

Motion to Adjourn: Jerry Lewis made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Karen Erb. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Thanks to Jerry for the refreshments!