

## **JJCAA Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes**

April 23, 2012 by Karen Erb

Members Present: John Peterson, John Corradetti, Karen Erb, Curt Hieggelke, Jim Morris, Pat Neff, Mel Oetter, Jerry Zeborowski, Walt Zaida

Guests Present: Debbie Hallie, Amy Kittle, Pam Motyka, Marcia McCormick

**Call to Order:** The meeting was held at North Campus and called to order at 12:31 p.m.

**Welcome to guests:** John Peterson welcomed current employees from North Campus and City Center. Guests and committee members gave self-introductions.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Walt Zaida and seconded by Jerry Zeborowski.

**Schedule of Meetings:** John gave the future committee meeting dates of June 18, August 13, October 22, and December 10, 2012. The meetings will be held in T Building at 12:30 p.m.

### **Illinois Blue Cross/Blue Shield Supplemental Health**

**Insurance:** John Corradetti gave information from a United American Insurance representative. A dependent's cost is approximately \$400/month. There is not a discount for annuitants even if employee goes through SUAA. Curt advised looking at terms prior to 60 years old. Arthritis patient under age of 60 was declined. John Peterson advised present employees to take CIP at retirement when asked if they want to enroll in it. If not taken at time of retirement, employee cannot get back on it. But if taken at retirement, employee can then shop and keep or change to other insurance (unless spouse has it).

**SUAA Regional Meeting @ Moraine Valley CC, April 13, 2012:**  
Presentation at the meeting covered issues such:

### **Medicare and the Affordable Care Act**

John Peterson noted the following points:

- If the Affordable Care Act is rejected, seniors will lose a lot.
- Insurance coverage could be cancelled by errors found on paperwork if the Patient Bill of Rights is not in effect.
- Closing the Coverage Gap (donut hole) will shrink 25% by 2020.
- The 80/20 Rule which requires 80 cents of your premium dollar must be spent on your health care or improvements to care.
- The Affordable Care Act – 2014 Insurance Exchange.

### **More on the Affordable Care Act-- Curt**

Curt talked about the Chicago Tribune article “Many Seniors Unaware of Benefits now at Risk.”

### **Peterson's Musings**

- **CIP:** Scenario 1: State of Illinois is trying to get out of CIP payments (25%). If college has to pay, it will come out of negotiated contracts and therefore the employee salaries.
- **CIP:** Scenario 2: State of Illinois could dump CIP into the Health Exchange (Affordable Care Act). The State would no longer be involved in CIP.

### **Pensions**

There is controversy over the pension clause in the Illinois Constitution which says membership in a pension system “*shall not be diminished or impaired.*” Senate President Cullerton says if an agreement is reached, the contract can be broken. Protection is not guaranteed. Paul Green, presenter at the 4/13/12 SUAA Regional Meeting at Moraine Valley, suggests a compromise. Debbie Hallie asked why this was not taken to court. It was, but everyone has insurance now and one-half of what was paid in has not been invested.

### **Ralph Martire's Progressive Tax Plan**

Ralph Martire (an assistant professor at Roosevelt University) - the adoption of a progressive state income tax.

**Summary: *Fiscal Sustainability & Retirement Security in IL* by Rich & Brown**

John talked about the summary in the article “Reworking (SURS).” Presidents like this because it gets us out of debt. See [igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/SURS-Paper.pdf](http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/SURS-Paper.pdf) for entire paper.

**SUAA Legislative Platform 2012**

Joining SUAA for \$32/year is encouraged to support the 2012 legislative action plan.

**HJRCA 5 (now 49) (House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment)**

The House passed HJRCA#5 and it is now in the Senate which is not good news. Curt noted that a pension holiday should always be by majority. The Constitutional Amendment affects current employees. Members were encouraged to call their Senator to vote No. If there is any movement on the bill, call today. Ask for a hearing and discussion on it. They have 3/5's vote. When calling or e-mailing, identify yourself as living in their district. We have to keep visible. Senator Pat Maguire was a former employee at JJC.

**5. City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) Health Insurance**

CCC has no program for retirees and wants to get into CIP.

**6. Old and New Business**

John Peterson suggested that pages 502, 503, and 504 of the handout “Analysis of Tables” by Jane Guagliardo regarding CCC, CIP and TRIP insurance comparisons be read and digested individually. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Peterson will retire from the insurance committee, JJCAA, and SUAA by June 2013.**

John Peterson gave his “official” notice of retirement from the Insurance committee by June 2013. Someone is needed to take his place as chair of the committee.

**7.Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Curt Hieggelke and seconded by Mel Oetter. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.