SUAA Business Report to all Chapters!

From Linda Brookhart, Executive Director
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To: all interested parties are the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee, Chapter Officers and SUAAction.

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This legislative session is filled with adverse legislative proposals. We have already witnessed legislation passing in 90 minutes that called for the pension board members to be ousted – those who were appointed by former Governor Blagojevich. Governor Quinn has 90 days to make his reappointments. In these 90 days, SUAA has the opportunity to elect two retirees to the SURS board. More information will be forth-coming. It takes 100 signatures on a petition for each retiree. SUAA will also be recommending certain people to the Governor as his appointees. Again, more information will be forth-coming.

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Terry Weidner, immediate past president and chair of the nominating committee is calling for **Nominees to the SUAA Executive Committee** – April 2009. This is an attachment to this email. Please read it thoroughly and send your nominations to the State Office by May 10th. Email or mail will be accepted for all nominations.

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RALLY SCHEDULE! No tents! No planned lunches! Lots of noise! Make appointments with your legislators or contact them at their district offices NOW!

State Capitol
April 22nd
10:30 a.m.
Lincoln Statute (in front of)
2nd Street

Some campuses do have busses coming; other rides are available on the SEIU (Service Employees International Union – contact Phil Martini at 312.735.3402.) Limited financial support is available from SUAA (mileage for full cars is reimbursed at $.30 per mile).

Attached is an information sheet. **2%** refers to proposals for the current employees to contribute **2%** more of their income to their pensions, which means a **2%** cut in take home pay; **2%** cut in contributions from the state to the current employees pensions.

If you can't attend the Rally, you can still contact your legislator and urge others in your chapter to do so too! The sheets will be available at the rally! Plus 2% stickers!

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Legislation will be popping out as soon as the legislators return from their spring break. It will be most important to have your Legislative Contact Persons reported to the State Office. It is imperative that this work! We need for people to step up! So if you haven’t identified at least two people from your chapters and each of your legislative districts, SUAA cannot raise but a whimper of a noise.   Our ability depends on your participation. This is **not** a rehearsal. This is **real**. Adverse legislation will be completely visible once the legislators settle in again on April 21st.

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The TIME to ACT is NOW!