

SUAA LEGISLATIVE GOALS 07-08

The SUAA Board of Directors met October 10, 2007 in Urbana. Representatives from throughout the state attended. The agenda included approval of SUAA's legislative goals with a general focus on maintaining the integrity of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) for present and future annuitants and survivors. The goals are:

- 1) Develop SUAA positions on budgetary reform and/or revenue enhancement proposals that might be considered in the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.
- 2) Maintain health benefits offered through the state employees group health plan and the college insurance plan.
- 3) Continue to monitor progress of current WEP/GPO repeal legislation. Issue Legislative Alerts, as appropriate.
- 4) Monitor the implementation of the GASB 45 accounting guidelines in the discussion of pension and health benefits issues in the General Assembly or by the Governor or other members of the executive branch.
- 5) Support SURS legislation to restore the two-year sick leave credit option for those retiring under the years of service option for members in universities and community colleges, the increase of the death benefit from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and other SURS legislative proposals.
- 6) Develop a legislative call to action network of Chapter Legislative Chairs who will advise chapter members when to contact their representatives concerning pending legislation.
- 7) Continue to review developments regarding the convocation of an Illinois Constitutional Convention.