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CHARLESTON, IL--The State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) "continues to be deeply concerned about underfunding of the retirement system," according to George Cooper, president of the Eastern Illinois University chapter of the organization.

Cooper, of Charleston, said "the state through the years has been appropriating substantially less than its share of the funding, and at present is not appropriating enough money to cover annual expenses."

"The failure," Cooper said, "jeopardizes the future of the retirement system and that makes it of special concern to current employees as well as those who have already retired."

The system is funded both by the state and by university and community college employees.

The underfunding problem was one of the topics discussed at the fall meeting of SUAA directors and committee chairpersons at the University of Illinois.

Cooper has announced appointment of the following committees:

Finance: Larry Ringenberg, Julia Kilpatrick; Insurance: William Miner, Dalias Price; Legislative: Rudolph Anfinson, Lavern Hamand, John Pauley; Membership: Edith Witters; Public Relations: Logan Cobb, Helen Butcher, Ken Hesler; Planning/Research: Verne Kniskern.