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Adam Andrzejewski  
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Re: FOIA 17-448

Dear Mr. Andrzejewski:

I am responding to your request dated July 24, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in which you requested:

- “1. What type of entity is the IGPA? For example, is IGPA a nonprofit 501c3, or a corporation, or part of the University of Illinois (government) or their U of I foundation?
2. Where are the annual reporting documents for the IGPA? I can't find an IRS990 or any concrete affiliation through the U of I Foundation - except for the donation portion of the IGPA website. So then, are all of your finances reported through the government entity of the U of Illinois and IGPA is therefore a government entity? Please provide a link or email copies of annual reporting and financial statements.
3. Specifically how much does Jim Edgar make as a Senior Fellow? Is Edgar a government employee, or employee of a nonprofit, or employee of a private corporation, partnership or other type of entity? How much does Edgar's administrative assistant Sue Grace Rominger make at IGPA? Is there a list of organizational salaries posted?
4. Are all IGPA employees part of the SURS? What type of retirement plan is in force at IGPA?”

Section 1 does not compel a body to answer questions or create documents. Your letter is not a request for records and instead, is merely an inquiry that consists of questions you would like answered. Notwithstanding, the University has chosen to provide you with answers to the points of your request. By providing you with such answers, the University does not suggest or imply that future requests submitted in this form will be handled in the same way. The University reserves the right to respond to such future requests by providing documents that contain responsive information or by requiring that such requests be submitted in proper form. For future similar requests, we direct you to reach out to the Institute directly for the information.

Below is the information responsive to your request.

1. What type of entity is the IGPA? For example, is IGPA a nonprofit 501c3, or a corporation, or part of the University of Illinois (government) or their U of I foundation?

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs is a unit of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs in the University of Illinois System. Any gifts to IGPA are made to the U of I Foundation and distributed appropriately by the Foundation.

2. Where are the annual reporting documents for the IGPA? I can't find an IRS990 or any concrete affiliation through the U of I Foundation - except for the donation portion of the IGPA website. So then, are all of your finances reported through the government entity of the U of Illinois and IGPA is therefore a government entity? Please provide a link or email copies of annual reporting and financial statements.

IGPA's budget is allocated by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Any gifts to IGPA are made through the University of Illinois Foundation and accounted for by the Foundation.

3. Specifically how much does Jim Edgar make as a Senior Fellow? Is Edgar a government employee, or employee of a nonprofit, or employee of a private corporation, partnership or other type of entity? How much does Edgar's

administrative assistant Sue Grace Rominger make at IGPA? Is there a list of organizational salaries posted?

Former Governor Jim Edgar is a retired University employee, re-employed according to the university policy and conditions of state law and rules established by the State Universities Retirement System. His appointment is 35 percent time. His annual salary is \$62,796.47. Sue Grace Rominger is a full-time civil service employee of IGPA. Her annual salary is \$46,125.69. IGPA does not publish salaries for its personnel. They are publicly available through other university sources.

4. Are all IGPA employees part of the SURS? What type of retirement plan is in force at IGPA?

All IGPA personnel are employed by the University of Illinois and are, therefore, covered by the State Universities Retirement Systems various retirement plan options.

If you have questions, please contact 217-333-1086.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy  
Executive Director  
and Chief Records Officer