

**EIU Annuitants Association, Board Meeting  
Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, Neal Welcome Center**

Present: Peter Andrews, Lisa Dallas, Steve Lane, Gloria Leitschuh (remotely), Amy Lynch, Marita Metzke, Billie Rawlings, Kathy Reed, Nora Pat Small, Rich Wandling

Absent: Cathy Englekes, Wendy Long

**1. Call to Order**

President Rich Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**2. Welcoming New Board Members:** Introduction of members new to the board.

**3.. Minutes of Nov. 10, 2022, Board Meeting:** Small moved and Metzke seconded a motion to approve. Unanimously approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** The transition of treasurers is progressing. Lynch is officially treasurer now, Wandling prepared the report. The end of year report for 2022 shows a beginning balance of \$4303.16 in January, 2022 and a balance of \$3791.91 at the end of December, 2022. EIUA had a good cushion going into 2022 and finished the year in good shape. Andrews moved and Rawlings seconded a motion to approve. Unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's annual report is due in the SUAA office by Feb. 23, 2023. Wandling prepared it. Messer (previous treasurer) would establish an auditing committee. Wandling requested Small and Lynch to participate as committee members. They agreed.

Lynch will be away the month of February. Wandling and Lynch currently have checking account privileges, Ryan has been removed. Lynch will work with First Mid to acquire electronic access.

**5. Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Long emailed information including membership held steady at 564 with 2 members passing and 2 joining in December, 2022. Discussion included updating the EIUA brochure. Volunteers to work on the project include: Long, Dallas and Wandling. Other discussions included opportunities to distribute brochures/cards and possible contact with Lake Land.

**B. Communications:** Long emailed information including that ITS performs probes for inactive email accounts and has deleted approximately 80 accounts. Long compared the addresses to her list and discovered 17 still have addresses but they do not have current

SUAA membership. The Facebook group needs to work on posting again since the holidays are over.

**C. Legislative:** Wandling circulated a copy of the letter that Dole/EIUAA received from Gov. Pritzker in response to the letter we sent outlining our insurance concerns. John Marlin (U of I AA president) and Wandling had a telephone conversation. Discussion included establishing a group with chapters regarding SUAA participation in insurance selection. And on January 24, SUAA Executive Director Brookhart and a group of Central Illinois chapter representatives met in Champaign to discuss legislative strategies regarding TRAIL MAPD issues. We were represented. Bringing items to legislative members could open a pension risk. Some interest was expressed in examining the procurement act for relevancy to CMS and health insurance, the flexibility regarding lowest bidder and the decision to choose a single provider. CMS used a point system that included factors for timely distribution of information and included the federal star system. This topic needs to remain current as time will pass and the insurance process will occur again. Annuitants need to have an opportunity for choice, perhaps including regional choice factors. SUAA President Brookhart and the chapter representatives group will be examining the issues and possibilities.

**D. Scholarships:** Small is the new chair of the committee, she will meet with Dole tomorrow to receive important information. The committee has sent an announcement in January and will again in February. They need to get a post on Facebook. (Long, Ryan and Wandling are handling Facebook)

**E. Events:** Rawlings stated based on the survey sent last year, the committee is unsure of interest in the spring luncheon. Suggestions included hosting a reception for speaker events and promoting the social aspect, perhaps an October date for ice cream social and speaker.

**F. Nominations:** No report, no positions to fill at this time.

## **6. TRAIL MAPD Issues follow-up**

See Legislative Section above.

**7. Speaker for February 23 Chapter Meeting:** Wandling and Small had previous discussion regarding possible speakers. Board members offered additional suggestions. The main concern is to have a speaker who can touch on topics of interest to annuitants/members. Discussion resulted with Wandling to contact Angela Griffin of Coles Together.

**8. Speaker Series Planning:** Rawlings is working on. We have not historically had good annuitant turnout, majority of attendees are students receiving extra credit to attend. Perhaps we need to consider a different location for the events.

**9. Honoraria for Speakers – policy:** EIUAA needs to have guidelines. An adhoc committee consisting of Metzke, Wandling, and Lynch will review the history of amounts/details of payments made for speakers. Metzke will convene the committee.

**10. Reviewing/updating Committee Memberships** We need to explore opportunities to get non-board members involved, expand committees. Various EIUAA members were recommended for involvement in the membership committee and the legislative committee. If board members would like to be involved in a committee, contact the chairperson.

**11. Reviewing EIUAA Website for suggestions, updates, etc.:** Long has been working with ITS and some changes have already been completed. Send a list/examples of improvements to Wandling, he will consolidate and email for board members for discussion.

**12. Other Business:** Rawlings will make arrangements for refreshments.

**13. Adjournment:** Lynch moved, Small seconded. Adjourned: 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Reed, EIUAA Secretary