

EIU Annuitants Association, Board Meeting Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, via Zoom

Present: Nancy Dole, Rich Wandling, John Ryan, Marita Metzke, Nora Pat Small, Kathy Reed, Gary Aylesworth, Lisa Dallas, Peter Andrews, Amy Lynch, Billie Rawlings.

Absent: Wendy Long

1. Call to Order

President Nancy Dole called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Minutes of Nov. 18, 2021, Board Meeting; Ayelsworth moved and Metzke seconded a motion to approve. Unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Wandling reported the organization has \$4,303.16 in the bank. He elaborated on the line items in the report. He thanked past treasurer Margaret Messer for her help in getting him oriented as treasurer. **Small moved and Andrews seconded a motion to accept Wandling's report. Unanimously approved.**

4. Audit of EIUAA account: Wandling reported that the annual audit is under way. It is an internal audit and must be submitted to the state by mid-February.

5. Committee Reports:

A. Membership: Ryan reported EIUAA's membership is down 20 members in 2021. We began the year with 618 members and ended the year with 588. He said 23 members died, 35 memberships lapsed or were canceled, 18 new members joined and 15 renewed their memberships.

B. Communications: Long was not able to join the meeting. Wandling discussed EIUAA's new Facebook group.

C. Legislative: Wandling reported that the GOP's Ken Griffin is working on a slate to challenge Gov. Pritzker's Democrats in 2022. He said the battle of the billionaires should be interesting to watch. Because of the election year, the Legislature is trying to end its session early to make more time to campaign. Because of that EIU lobbyist Katie Anselment and President Glassman will not be able to be EIUAA's chapter meeting speakers Feb. 24.

D. Scholarships: Dole said the deadline for students to apply for scholarships is March 15. She encouraged the board to reach out to fellow EIU retirees and employees with siblings and grandchildren to have them apply for EIUAA's \$1,000 scholarship.

E. Events: Metzke reported that an ice cream social was held in the fall but attendance was low, because of COVID. A tentative date of April 29 has been set for the annual

luncheon. Dole suggested putting off the luncheon because of COVID and wait for later in year. Members agreed.

F. Nominations: Wandling said EIUAA needs a president-elect, which would come from board members.

6. Committee positions that need to be filled. Dole asked the board to join a committee.

7. February Chapter Meeting: Dole said the meeting is set for 9 a.m. Feb. 24 in the Neal Welcome Center. However, in the past year, we had zoom chapter meetings. Josh Norman from Enrollment Management and Beth Gillespie or someone from the Food Bank on campus will speak. We are requesting canned goods. The Board decided to make the chapter meeting remotely via Zoom.

8. Annual Luncheon: Dole said perhaps the luncheon could be held in summer. Metzke asked the board to come up with ideas on what kind of outing we could hold in the summer.

9: Speaker Series: Ryan gave a brief history of the speaker series. Dole suggested getting someone to speak on joining Medicare. Wandling suggested someone speaking on climate change. Metzke mentioned Ryan Burge who does research on changing religious trends and politics.

10: Recruiting: Ryan discussed what EIUAA has done in past to recruit new members. Wandling suggested going through SURS to reach current employees. Others made suggestions. Dole suggested reaching out to friends and acquaintances. Reed suggested placing pamphlets in the Benefits Office.

11. Other business: Wandling said it was great to see 11 members at a board meeting.

Adjourned: 10:21 a.m. (Small/Andrews)

Respectively submitted,

John Ryan, EIUAA secretary