

EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
March 8, 2018

Members Present: John Flynn, Margaret Messer, Jeff Lynch, John Ryan, Mary Anne Hanner, Jill Nilsen, Vicki Hampton, Gail Mason, Bob Whittenbarger, Linda Barter, Ron Wohlstein

I. Call to Order

President Jeff Lynch called the meeting to order at 9:00.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2018 Board meeting were approved (Hanner/Hampton).

III. Treasurer's Report

Bob Whittenbarger presented the treasurer's report. The current checkbook balance is \$5955.93. The treasurer's report was approved (Ryan/Hanner). It was moved to donate \$1000 to the EIUAA Scholarship fund, \$1000 to the SUAA legal fund, and \$1000 to SUAAAction (Nilsen/Hampton). The motion was approved. Margaret reminded the board that, although the Board moved to donate \$250 to the scholarship in memory of deceased members in 2017, that money was never transferred. Margaret and Bob summarized the audit report.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Communications Committee

Vicki Hampton reported the spring newsletter will be published during the week of 3/12, and thanked the board members for submitting their reports in a timely manner. Both Vicki and Jon Kilgore will complete their terms of service on the Communications Committee at the end of the calendar year. Jeff will recruit replacement volunteers via the listserv and the luncheon.

b. Events Committee

Gail Mason thanked Margaret for all of her help in planning the luncheon. She will pick up registration forms and checks at Brainard House. Repeated reminders will be sent to the membership via the listserv.

c. Legislative Committee

Pensions, universities consolidating/closing, and system wide enrollments are being discussed in Springfield by legislators and the Governor. Chris Miller, one of the Republican candidates for the 110th House seat, has not shown up for three debates with his opponent, Terry Davis. They will debate in Oakland on March 15. SUAA will support attendance at Senator Righter's fundraiser. John Ryan, Mary Anne, and Jill will attend.

d. Membership Committee

Mary Anne reported that she updated the database program to better align with SUAA's database. She provided a comprehensive membership report at the February Chapter meeting. Forty members have allowed their memberships to lapse. She will send a list of the lapsed members to the Board and asked that Board members personally ask the lapsed member to rejoin using payroll deduction. She will also send the entire membership list to the Board. A member asking for information regarding survivor benefits contacted Mary Anne. She suggested that the Board might consider reinstating the role of Survivor Benefit Liaison. This will be further discussed at the next Board meeting.

e. Scholarship Committee

Margaret Messer reported that the number of applications for the scholarship is not known because of the change in the application procedures. The review committee has been selected and will complete their work electronically.

V. Old Business

- Jim Painter was our speaker for the February 22 Chapter meeting and did a great job. Jeff will ask the membership for suggestions as to how the EIUAA Board can better serve the membership and for suggestions for program speakers

VI. New Business

The role of the board members at the luncheon was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00(Hampton/Wohlstein).

Jill Nilsen
Secretary

2018 Dates to Remember:

April 27	Annual Luncheon/Scholarship Presentation
May 31	Board Meeting
July 12	Chapter Meeting
September 6	Board Meeting
October 4	Chapter Meeting
November 29	Board Meeting