

**EIU Annuitants Association, Board Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2022, Neal Welcome Center**

Present: Nancy Dole, Rich Wandling, John Ryan, Marita Metzke, Nora Pat Small, Kathy Reed, Peter Andrews, Billie Rawlings and Margaret Messer.

Absent: Wendy Long, Amy Lynch, Lisa Dallas, Gary Aylesworth

1. Call to Order

President Nancy Dole called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Minutes of Jan. 27, 2021, Board Meeting; Reed moved and Small seconded a motion to approve. Unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Wandling reported the organization has \$4,794.67 in the bank. **Andrews moved and Metzke seconded a motion to accept Wandling's report. Unanimously approved.**

4. Committee Reports:

A. Membership: Ryan reported EIUAA's membership is down four members in February. We began the month with 586 members and ended the month with 582. Four members were deceased.

B. Communications: Long was not able to join the meeting. Dole said Long needs articles for the spring newsletter. Wandling discussed getting more posts on the EIUAA Facebook page.

C. Legislative: Wandling said the Legislature will adjourn in early April so they can campaign for the late June primary. A major discussion has been how much of the federal COVID funds to use to retire pension debt.

D. Scholarships: Dole said three students have applied for EIUAA's scholarship. The committee will select someone after the meeting. Dole asked the board if it wanted to raise the scholarship from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The current pay out is set for \$1,396. The board discussed putting the \$396 in the scholarship corpus. The board agreed to roll the \$396 into the corpus and keep the scholarship at \$1,000 for now.

E. Events: Metzke asked if the board and members still want to have an annual luncheon. She suggested surveying the membership to see what they want from EIUAA. Small said people are still very worried about COVID. The board discussed possible sites for a luncheon. Metzke said she would work with Long on surveying membership.

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

6. Committee positions: Dole asked the board if they want to begin having committee meetings after board meetings. She asked committee chairs if they needed members. She also discussed having someone write articles on members for the newsletter and coming up with fun articles for the newsletter.

7. Speaker Series: The Board discussed the series and who to invite to speak at the July chapter meeting. Wandling suggested inviting EIU lobbyist Katie Anselment to address the chapter meeting. Small said she would like to hear a speaker on climate change. Wandling said Sara Mummel can speak on recycling strategies.

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: Board members were encouraged to recruit and view the membership list the secretary was sending out.

11. Annuitant Volunteer Team: Wandling suggested getting a team together to volunteer at the food pantry. Metzke suggested getting a list of duties for volunteers to avoid heavy lifting. It was suggested to put something in the newsletter. Dole pointed out that Neal Welcome Center needs volunteers. Rawlings said volunteers are needed at commencement, too.

Adjourned: 10:33 a.m. (Andrews/Small)

Respectively submitted,

John Ryan, EIUAA secretary