

EIU Annuitant Association Special Board Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
April 30, 2020

Members on-line: Rich Wandling, John Ryan, Nancy Dole, Margaret Messer, Wendy Long, John Flynn, Gary Aylesworth, and Marita Metzke

Call to Order

President Rich Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:02. The agenda was presented.

Approval of the Minutes

There was not a quorum at the last meeting on March 12, 2020 to approve the January 30, 2020 meeting minutes. There is a quorum today. The minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting were approved as published. (Flynn, Long) The minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting were approved as published. (Long, Aylesworth) Thank you Margaret for taking minutes at the March 12, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

After an explanation of income and disbursement, Margaret reported a checkbook balance of \$6,269.09 as of April 29, 2020. The report was approved for March and April. (Ryan/Dole) Margaret suggested the association send \$1,000 to the SUAA Legal fund and \$2,000 to the EIUAA Scholarship fund. The request was approved. (Flynn/Ryan)

Committee Reports

1. *Membership Report* – There are 656 current members in EIUAA. A little over a year ago, there were 715. The committee will be making contact with those who have lapsed. New membership recruitment will be necessary. John will check on posting in the University Newsletter. Wendy will contact President Glassman, to see if anything will be planned for this year's retirees.
2. *Communication Report* – The newsletter was only available on line, as there was no way to get to the EIU mailroom, since the campus is closed.
3. *Legislative Report* – Rich gave a report in Jeff's absence. Not much to report as the General Assembly is dormant during the Governor's Executive Order to "Shelter in Place".
4. *Scholarship Report* – Chyna Edwards was selected as the recipient. Nancy has emailed the recipient and other applicants. She will contact Brad Greene, EIU Foundations to verify, that Chyna has accepted the award. An announcement may be sent to the list serv, in lieu of the announcement at the annual luncheon. Nancy suggested, that if there is not a possibility of a fall luncheon, maybe some board members could take Chyna out to lunch. The certificate could be presented at that time and a picture could be taken with the plaque.
5. *Events Report* – Considering the demographic of our membership, it would not be safe to hold Chapter meetings. It was suggested that chapter meetings and the luncheon be put on sabbatical until the pandemic has calmed down. Rich suggested a possibility of webinars in place of chapter meetings. This would be a way to keep the group engaged. He has participated in a few with some of his other organizations. Rich will see what is required for creating and facilitating a webinars. The group was in agreement that the luncheon be placed on sabbatical.

Strategies to Continue Through the COVID19 Pandemic and the Need for Additional Board Members

Jeff Lynch has moved to Decatur. Ron Wohlstein, John Flynn and Margaret Messer will be leaving the board at the end of 2020. Possible plans would be to continue for another year with the current slate of officers. Rich will look into the by-laws to see if there is any direction regarding this possibility. The Nominations Committee (Rich, John Ryan and Wendy) will look at the old lists of possible board members.

Other Business

If we proceed with webinars, the speaker will need to be paid an honorarium. Rich and Wendy will create a newsletter to send out to the listserv. Marita asked about a Facebook page for EIUAA. If one is created there will need to be controls put in place. There would also need to be two administrators. It would need to be a closed group and used for ongoing communication, not discussion. Rich, John Ryan and Wendy will look into the creation.

The next board meeting will be on May 28, 2020. The meeting could be via Zoom again, depending on the current state of the pandemic. Rich will let the board know the format of the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM. (Ryan/Long)

Respectfully,

Nancy Dole
Secretary