

**EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
May 31, 2018**

Members Present: John Flynn, Margaret Messer, Jeff Lynch, John Ryan, Mary Anne Hanner, Jill Nilsen, Vicki Hampton, Gail Mason, Linda Barter, Nancy Dole

Visitor: John Best

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2018 Board meeting were approved (Hampton/Hanner).

III. Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Communications Committee

Vicki Hampton reported the fall newsletter will be published in October. Committee chair reports will be due the end of September. Vicki will send out the slate of officers and new board members to the membership in September

b. Events Committee

The Board discussed the spring luncheon. 95 meals were served and \$1020 were collected. Martin's IGA did a great job with the food. Bruce Guernsey did a great job with the poetry reading. The long tables seemed to work better than the round tables in terms of navigating the room. . Concern was expressed for those members who did not know about the luncheon because they do not use email. It was suggested that the Board consider sending the reservation form via first class mail next year. Gail announced that Jay Gattrell will be our speaker at the July 12th meeting. She will contact Linda Brookhart about speaking at the October meeting.

b. Legislative Committee

The FY2019 Budget bill passed the Illinois Senate 56 – 2. The budget bill now moves to the House for review and a vote. Higher education is slated to get a 2% increase. The proposed budget is balanced if the Thompson Center is sold and if retirees take advantage of a pension buyout. Details of the buyout process have yet to be outlined.

c. Membership Committee

Mary Anne reported that EIUAA membership is holding steady at around 715 members. Two members joined as a result of our attendance at the EIU Retirement Dinner. Membership forms were sent to three EIU retirees, who used payroll deduction while working, encouraging them to rejoin SUAA/EIUAA and to consider the SURS dues deduction. Additional messages will be sent to the listserve to encourage members to renew membership in a timely manner and to consider SURS dues deduction. This will assist EIUAA volunteers in more easily tracking membership. Mary Anne passed a list of graced and lapsed members and asked the board to personally contact any of the individuals and encourage them to re-join.

d. Scholarship Committee

Nancy reported that our two scholarship awardees were Emma Walker and Sara Bryden. Each received a \$500 scholarship. Money is needed from our Foundation account to supplement the interest from our endowment. Mary Anne moved to move up to \$300 from our EIUF account to supplement the awards.

V. Old Business

The next chapter meeting will be on July 12. Set up for the meeting will be on July 11 at 11:00 a.m. Linda Barter volunteered to be the survivor benefit liaison. Gail suggested that someone be identified as a backup for Linda. This will be discussed again at the September board meeting.

VI. New Business

Gail, John Ryan, and Margaret will attend the SUAA meeting in Springfield on June 21 and 22. They will be reimbursed for registration and hotel costs. The board discussed what should and should not be communicated to our members via the listserv. Vicki and Jill will develop draft guidelines for review at the September meeting. The Board brainstormed names of annuitants whom John Ryan might approach as possible board members. The slate will be presented to the membership at the October Chapter meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22(Dole/Hampton).

Jill Nilsen
Secretary

2018 Dates to Remember:

July 12	Chapter Meeting
September 6	Board Meeting
October 4	Chapter Meeting
November 29	Board Meeting