

EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
September 7, 2017

Members Present: John Flynn, Mary Anne Hanner, Margaret Messer, Marsha Figgins, Jeff Lynch, Nancy Dole, John Ryan, Jill Nilsen, Hank Davis, Vicki Hampton, Gail Mason, Bob Whittenbarger

Guests Present: John Best

I. Call to Order

President Messer called the meeting to order at 9:03.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the June 1, 2017 Board meeting were approved (Whittenbarger/Hampton).

III. Treasurer's Report

Bob Whittenbarger presented the treasurer's report. The current checkbook balance is \$5718.98. Outstanding checks equal \$2000 resulting in an actual balance of \$3718.98. The treasurer's report was approved (Hanner/Figgins).

IV. Committee Reports

a. Communications Committee

Vicki Hampton announced that the newsletter would be ready to be emailed/mailed by mid-October. Written committee reports for the newsletter are due September 30. Vicki asked the board members to bring any written files/reports on a flash drive to the 11/30 board meeting so that she can back them up on the external hard drive.

b. Events Committee

Marsha Figgins told the board that the new provost could not speak at the October meeting. After discussion, the board agreed to invite Granville Colvin to speak on financial planning, tax liabilities and security. It was suggested EIUAA could partner with Lifespan center in offering a series of workshops on estate planning by our July speaker, Kay Dent.

c. Legislative Committee

Jill Nilsen reported that the legislature passed a school funding bill for K – 12. The bill included the ability for individuals to donate to scholarships for private schools and receive tax breaks for their donations. The governor signed the bill into law. The Governor's veto of the budget bill, including funding for higher education, was overridden by the General Assembly.

d. Membership Committee

Mary Anne Hanner said the Membership Committee would meet after the EIUAA Board meeting today to plan the recruitment activities for 2017-2018. Those are likely to include recruiting at the Flu Shot Clinic, on campus during SURS counseling, and at the EIU retirement dinner. She continues to send letters to members whose dues have lapsed. Forty-three letters were sent in August. Since the June Board meeting, 11 new members have joined EIUAA. One was a current employee who selected payroll deduction. One new member selected SURS dues deduction. Two current members switched to SURS dues deduction. Sadly, EIUAA lost six members since June: June Johnson of Kennewick WA, Karl Nielson of Westfield IL, Charles Ramsey formerly of Charleston, Joan Laible of Miramar FL, Wilbert Homann and Alan Baharlou of Charleston. The total membership by EIUAA records is 738. SUAA records show 724. Mary Anne will continue to work on finding the discrepancies.

e. Scholarship Committee

Nancy Dole reported that the scholarship is approximately \$2000 short of being fully endowed (\$25,000). The board discussed asking the membership to help support the scholarship through donations.

f. Nominations Committee

Hank Davis and Marsha Figgins are not renewing their positions on the Board. John Flynn and Margaret Messer have completed their first three-year term and have agreed to a second three-year appointment. Jeff Lynch has approached Linda Barter and Ron Wohlstein as potential board members to fill the two empty slots. If either Linda or Ron declines, Andy McNitt's name was mentioned as an alternative. Gail Mason volunteered to chair the Events Committee. Bob Whittenbarger and Jill Nilsen agreed to continue in their roles of treasurer and secretary. John Ryan accepted the position of President-Elect. The slate will be presented to the membership via the listserv and formal voting will take place at the October chapter meeting.

V. Old Business

The board agreed that the July chapter meeting was very successful. There was discussion on speakers/topics for future chapter meeting and Gail Mason agreed to research possible entertainment for the spring luncheon. Mary Anne Hanner will contact EIU about the dates for the flu clinic dates

VI. New Business

The board approved a monetary request for \$50 to co-sponsor an Academy of Lifelong Learning event at Tarble Arts Center on September 21 (Davis/Lynch). A motion to contribute \$250 to the EIUAA Scholarship Fund in memory of all members who passed away this past year passed (Davis/Hanner). John Ryan suggested that EIUAA could sponsor a panel on the pension situation in Illinois and offered to contact three speakers. Discussion of dates and times ensued. Mid October to mid November in late afternoon was determined to be the best options. Jill Nilsen reminded the board that the SUAA fall meeting was scheduled on October 24. Jeff Lynch, Mary Anne Hanner, Margaret Messer, and Jill plan to attend. The next chapter meeting is October 5th and John Flynn volunteered to set up the room the day before.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 (Davis/Hampton).

Jill Nilsen
Secretary

Committees met immediately following the Board meeting.

2017 – 2018 Dates to Remember

October 5	Chapter Meeting
November 30	Board Meeting
January 25	Board Meeting
February 22	Chapter Meeting
March 8	Board Meeting
April 27	Annual Luncheon/Scholarship Presentation