

EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2023, Neal Welcome Center

Present: Steve Lane, Gloria Leitschuh, Margaret Messer, Marita Metzke, Billie Rawlings, Kathy Reed, Nora Pat Small, Rich Wandling

Absent: Lisa Dallas, Cathy Englekes, Wendy Long, Amy Lynch

(Long and Lynch were going to participate electronically but connections were not available.)

1. Call to Order

President Rich Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

2. Minutes of March 23, 2023 Board Meeting – The minutes needed approval due to a lack of a quorum at the May 25th board meeting. Steve Lane made the motion for approval with Billie Rawlings offering the second. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Affirmation of electronic voting results on funding for EIUAA Social – Board members voted electronically whether to support providing the necessary funding for the Fall EIUAA Social. The vote total was 9-yes and 0-no. Nora Pat Small moved to affirm the electronic voting results. Gloria Leitschuh seconded. The voting results were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report – The report shows a beginning balance for August of \$5507.95. The ending balance for August on 8/31/23 was \$5694.25. The association began the year with a little over \$4000 and now has a balance nearing \$6000. Marita Metzker moved and Gloria Leitschuh seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. It was unanimously approved.

5. Committee Reports

a. Membership – Wendy Long

As Wendy is in Arizona, Rich reported more chapters are working on boosting membership. Four board members attended a zoom presentation on membership hosted by SUAA. We need to work on recruiting current employees, including all

employees, not simply faculty. We also need to work with administration and get Jay Gattrell involved. The postcard needs to be finished. Lisa Dallas, Wendy Long and Rich Wandling will work on it.

b. Communications & Newsletter –Wendy Long

Rich sent some updates to Wendy, including eliminating the section that listed donors to the scholarship. The listing on the website wasn't current. In the future the donors will be acknowledged through the newsletter. Rich will work with Wendy to expand the verbiage on joining and reasons to join.

c. Legislative-Rich Wandling

Rich reported the chapter meeting for October 25th was discussed at the last executive committee meeting. Katie Ansulment was the top choice for speaker. Rich has contacted her office, but has not yet received a response.

d. Scholarship – Nora Pat Small

Nora Pat reported they need to organize how to reach out to potential donors and how to donate. Perhaps donating could become part of the annual renewal process, support the scholarship when renewing annual EIUAA membership. On Giving Tuesday, Facebook could be used to facilitate donations, also EIU Support Day could be used. The newsletter could include a section on donating and contain a hot link. The recent scholarship recipient and his parent have been invited to the fall chapter meeting (October 25). The scholarship chair receives a report annually from the Foundation, regarding the total available in the account.

e. Events— Billie Rawlings and Gloria Leitschuh

Gloria reported she had good luck getting donations for door prizes for the Fall EIUAA Social event. Signs and notices were placed at Jackson Ave Coffee and the Charleston Country Club. Gloria purchased name tags and EIUAA signs. She spent \$191 on the generic EIUAA signs, they are 3-ft by 4-ft, for which she will be reimbursed. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The Country Club is donating 4 free rounds of golf for the winner of the putting contest. At the event Rich will talk about EIUAA, including thanking the EIU Foundation and EIUAA for the food. The President's Office has donated t-shirts, coozie, and a prize of lunch with the EIU president. Charleston Country Club has also donated a \$50 certificate for the dining room.

Membership forms will be available at the registration table. Billie will arrive early to assist with registration. Margaret will arrive at 3:30 to help with decorations.

The speaker series need to progress.

f. Nominations—Rich Wandling

The nominations committee (Nora Pat, Wendy and Rich) need to work on nominations. Amy Lynch is willing to stay on as a board member, but not as an officer.

g. Executive Committee – Rich Wandling

The Executive Committee (Rich Wandling, Nora Pat Small, Kathy Reed, Amy Lynch) met to discuss the upcoming social and potential speakers for the October chapter meeting. Possibilities included Katie Anselment, CAN and health for older people.

6. Committee Memberships

Updates as needed.

Margaret Messer is no longer on the scholarship committee, she will be available should the committee need assistance.

7. Voting Delegates for Fall SUAA Meeting (October 25, Normal)

Nora Pat Small volunteered to attend. The meeting will be held at the Alumni Center at Illinois State University.

8. Final planning for September 14 EIUAA Social at Charleston Country Club

This topic was covered during the events committee update.

9. Annual contributions: SUAA Legal Fund and EIUAA Scholarship Fund

EIUAA typically donates \$1000 to the SUAA Legal Fund and \$1000 to the EIUAA scholarship fund. Nora Pat Small moved to approve those contributions, Steve Lane seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

In the future, we may want to make a donation to the SUAA Foundation.

10. Planning for October 5 chapter meeting

Covered in previous topics.

11. Recruitment Strategies

- a. Highlights from September 6 SUAA Zoom session for chapter officers/membership chairs – members that attended the session shared some of the ideas and projects other universities have successfully used

12. EIUAA Website Review/Updates

Ongoing process, some updates were discussed during coverage of committee reports.

13. Other Business

It's time to set the meeting schedule for 2024. Nora Pat Small will coordinate with Billie Rawlings (Events) and Margaret and meet with Nancy (Foundation) to set the dates.

14. Adjournment

Marita Metzke made the motion to adjourn. Steve Lane seconded, meeting adjourned at 10:29.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Reed – EIUAA Secretary