

**EIU Annuitants Association, Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, Neal Welcome Center**

Present: Nancy Dole, Peter Andrews, Rich Wandling, John Ryan, Marita Metzke, Nora Pat Small, Wendy Long, Billie Rawlings, Lisa Dallas and Amy Lynch.

Absent: Gary Aylesworth Kathy Reed

1. Call to Order

President Nancy Dole called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Minutes of May 26, 2022, Board Meeting; Small moved and Rawlings seconded a motion to approve. Unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Wandling reported the balance \$3,160.76. **Andrews moved and Metzke seconded a motion to accept the treasurer's report.**

Wandling said the board usually donates \$1,000 to the SIUAA Legal Fund and \$2,000 to the EIUAA scholarship fund.

4. Committee Reports:

Membership: Ryan reported EIUAA's membership is at 573, but there were five lapsed members. He said he will mail reminders to those five and most will rejoin. Board members discussed getting materials out to newly retired employees to possibly get them to join.

B. Communications: Long said that Christy Kilgore is willing to put out a more polished version of the EIUAA recruitment letter to retirees. She also can put out an email for the newsletter so people can click on it and pull up the newsletter. It can then be posted on Facebook.

C. Legislative: Wandling discussed the state will be dropping United Healthcare as a supplement to Medicare Advantage plan and will accept Aetna PPO only. Aetna does not serve Carle Hospital. He said a final decision will be made soon and the decision has become controversial. Wandling said EIUAA should contact its state senator and representative to let them know its position. After the election, Senator Chapin Rose will be our state senator. He suggested he be invited to speak to our group.

D. Scholarships: Dole said fall is a dead time for the committee and there's nothing to report.

E. Events: Metzke said she has a list of speaker names for the speaker series. The board discussed dates. The list of speakers thus far includes Kevin Anderson (American politics, critical race theory), Ryan Birch (religion and politics) and Mona Davenport

(inclusion). Dallas suggested Donna Coonce of Five Feline Farm can speak on bee keeping. The board discussed other possible speakers. Wandling suggested inviting Rose to speak at the Oct. 6 chapter meeting. He will contact him. Plan B could be Provost Jay Gatrell. For the speaker series, the board suggested holding it on Oct. 26. Wandling suggested statehouse reporter Brandon Moore as a backup.

F. Nominations: Wandling said two board members are term limited at the end of the year – Nancy Dole and John Ryan. Gary Aylesworth also has moved to Chicago and resigned. The committee suggested asking Margaret Messer and Julie Sterling to serve once again. He has several others to ask. Dallas and Metzke’s terms are expiring, but Wandling hopes they will serve another term.

He also reported the board will need a president and a president-elect.

5. Dates for 2023 meetings: Dole said she will set them in consultation with the Foundation.

6. Updating EIUAA Web page: Dole said the board should look over the page. It needs to be updated. She fears it has reverted to an older version. She suggested a committee review it and make recommendations. Long said the EIU staff limits what EIUAA can do to the site so we have to go through them.

7. Other action: Metzke reported that U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis has reintroduced a bill to allow government pensioners to receive their full Social Security benefits instead of them being reduced because they have a government pension. She suggested posting this information and getting the word out.

Adjourned: 10:34 a.m. (Metzke/Small)

Respectively submitted,

John Ryan, EIUAA secretary