

EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
November 30, 2017

Members Present: John Flynn, Margaret Messer, Jeff Lynch, Nancy Dole, John Ryan, Jill Nilsen, Vicki Hampton, Gail Mason, Bob Whittenbarger

Guests Present: John Best, John Kilgore

I. Call to Order

President Margaret Messer called the meeting to order at 9:00.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the September 7, 2017 Board meeting were approved (Whittenbarger/Ryan).

III. Treasurer's Report

Bob Whittenbarger presented the treasurer's report. The current checkbook balance is \$5,273.84. The treasurer's report was approved (Lynch/Ryan).

IV. Committee Reports

a. Communications Committee

Vicki Hampton shared that the new format of the newsletter is much easier to read and navigate. The website has been migrated to the new EIU template. Margaret thanked Vicki and her committee for all of their work.

b. Events Committee

Margaret thanked Marsha (in absentia) for all of her work and welcomed Gail Mason as the new chair of the committee. Gail outlined several options for the spring luncheon entertainment, including a theatre group from CHS. Several individuals who were contacted had to decline the invitation because of scheduling issues.

c. Legislative Committee

Jill Nilsen reported that HB 4103 filed by Representative Dan Brady, was assigned to the House Rules Committee on October 12 and has not moved to the House floor. This bill, if enacted, would ask IBHE to identify academic Centers of Excellence on public higher education campuses. Ostensibly, this could lead to state funding for higher education being done by program, not by campus. Shirley Bell is running for Rep. Phillips house seat on the Democratic ticket and Chris Miller and Terry Davis are running on the Republican ticket.

d. Membership Committee

John Flynn reported on behalf of Mary Anne Hanner that the Membership Committee would meet after the EIUAA Board meeting on January 25 to consider additional recruitment activities. Current EIUAA membership is 727. Three new members were recruited at the SURS counseling but two members passed in October and November. Letters were sent to 53 members whose membership lapsed or graced (dues past due) in September and October.

e. Scholarship Committee

Nancy Dole reported that the scholarship is now fully endowed! The current balance is \$26,600.

V. Old Business

Granville Colvin was a good speaker at our last chapter meeting. The November pension panel was a successful event and generated lots of publicity for EIUAA. Kudos to John Ryan for making this happen! John suggested that Charlie Wheeler would be another good speaker. Gail, Margaret, and Jeff will discuss program ideas for 2018.

VI. New Business

John Kilgore discussed a panel presentation for new retirees being planned by UPI on January 18th. Last year Mary Anne Hanner attended the event and provided attendees membership forms. John asked the board if EIUAA would like to co-sponsor this event. John excused himself and a lively discussion ensued. The conclusion was that co-sponsorship could lead to the perception that retired faculty were more important to EIUAA than other members. EIUAA represents all EIU retirees, faculty, staff and administration. The membership committee is also very proactive in recruiting new members at a variety of campus activities. The question was posed "Should EIUAA cosponsor the UPI recruitment event on January 18?" (Nilsen/Flynn). The result was 7 nays and 1 abstention. Jill will work with Margaret in crafting a response to John. The board did support having a presence at the presentation, similar to last year.

Jim Painter will be the speaker at the February 22 chapter meeting. His presentation will be "Let's Eat Mindfully". The board endorsed providing Jim with \$100 honorarium. EIU Foundation will pay up to \$150 for refreshments.

Margaret indicated that it was time to appoint an audit committee. Bob Whittengbarger, John Flynn, John Best, and Margaret were appointed to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Jill Nilsen
Secretary

Committees met immediately following the Board meeting.

2018 Dates to Remember

January 25	Board Meeting
February 22	Chapter Meeting
March 8	Board Meeting
April 27	Annual Luncheon/Scholarship Presentation
May 31	Board Meeting
July 12	Chapter Meeting
September 6	Board Meeting
October 4	Chapter Meeting
November 29	Board Meeting