

EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
December 8, 2016

Board Members Present: John Flynn, Vicki Hampton, Mary Anne Hanner, Jeffrey Lynch, Margaret Messer, Julie Sterling, Robert Whittenbarger

Guests Present: John Best, Nancy Dole, Audrey Edwards, Marsha Figgins, John Kilgore, Gail Mason, John Ryan, Joan Zieren.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Hanner called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of our August 30, 2016 board meeting were approved by motion. (Whittenbarger/Hampton).
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** President Hanner presented the report in the absence of Treasurer Davis. The checkbook balance as of December 7, 2016 was \$5,432.35. There are no major expenditures predicted in the near future; Mary Anne explained the process of dues payments between EIUAA and SUAA. EIUAA receives \$5.00 per member. Audit procedures were discussed and will be conducted by an appointed Ad-hoc Audit Committee: Mary Anne Hanner, Margaret Messer, John Flynn, Barbara Funk and Robert Whittenbarger.
- IV. **President's Report:** Mary Anne gave a report of the progress and activities carried out by our Chapter during the last year under her excellent leadership. President Hanner's report will be available for review on our listserv later in December.
- V. **Committee Reports:** The following committee reports were presented:
 - A. Communications Committee, Vicki Hampton, Chair – Our newsletter, New Horizons are planned for March and November and are available through our listserv and on our web page. Vicki asked that committee chairs provide her an updated list of their committee members for the website. The monthly articles for the listserv are proving to be very informative to our membership; each Committee is asked to upload an article of interest in the following sequence: September, nominations; October, communications; November, membership; December, legislative; January, scholarship.
 - B. Events Committee, Julie Sterling, Chair – Options for entertainment at the Spring Luncheon as well as speakers for other Chapter meetings were discussed. Plans for the luncheon are in progress and the contract for the meals is in place. Julie has done an excellent job as chair of this committee and will assist Marsha Figgins as she accepts the role of leading this committee.
 - C. Legislative Committee, Jill Nilsen, Chair – Jill could not be present at the meeting but sent an email to Board members. The message regarding the veto session was read by President Mary Anne.

D. Membership Committee, Mary Anne Hanner, Chair - In November, the Membership Committee sent out almost 1200 letters/brochures to current EIU employees with a follow up message planned for the University Newsletter in January. EIUAA has 724 members, with 3 new ones yielded from the letters to employees.

E. Scholarship Committee, Margaret Messer, Chair – The Scholarship Committee has reviewed the list of available scholarships on the EIU website and confirmed that our Annuitants Scholarship is included. However, it is difficult for students to secure information about it via this venue so it is important that our membership be aware of the March 1 due date and inform qualified family members of the application which is available on our website. Brad Green, an employee of the EIU Foundation and a member of EIUAA will be asked to join the Scholarship Committee, which will be chaired by Nancy Dole in 2017.

VI. Old Business

President Mary Anne gave a brief report on the Fall State Universities Annuitants Association meeting which was held November 21 in Bloomington. She indicated that SUAA continues to work on our behalf with those in legislative roles in Springfield. Also, progress is being made in management of procedures within the SUAA office, particularly those regarding membership data.

VII. New Business

A discussion led by Mary Anne included ideas to improve EIUAA meetings, communication, and interaction with members as well as solicitation of options for programming in 2017.

Mary Anne acknowledged retiring Board members, Julie Sterling and Scott Crawford, with a small token of appreciation.

VIII. Adjournment

President Hanner adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Committees met immediately following the Board meeting.

2017 Dates to remember:

January 26	Board of Directors Meeting	NWC
February 23	Chapter Meeting	NWC
March 2	Board of Directors Meeting	NWC
April 28	Spring Luncheon/Scholarship Presentation at LifeSpan Center	
June 1	Board of Directors Meeting	NWC
July 13	Chapter Meeting	NWC
September 7	Board of Directors Meeting	NWC
October 5	Chapter Meeting	NWC
November 30	Board of Directors Meeting	NWC