# EIU Annuitants Association Chapter Meeting Minutes Zoom Meeting Thursday, February 25, 2021

There were 22 members viewing on-line and one guest.

#### Call to Order

President Rich Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The November 12, 2020 meeting minutes were approved. (J. Lynch/Messer)

#### Treasurer's Report

Margaret Messer reported a balance of \$5,873.02 as of January 2021. After some discussion of income and disbursements, the Treasurer's report was approved. (Hanner/J.Lynch)

### **Committee Reports**

<u>Membership</u> – John Ryan reported that our membership has dropped from 667 to 617. The membership committee will work to recruit new members. Statewide the membership numbers are down also.

Scholarship – Nancy Dole reported that the deadline to apply for the EIUAA scholarship is March 15. Children or grandchildren of staff or retirees need to apply using the EIU Academic Works portal. Legislative – Jeffrey Lynch reported that the budget will be a flat budget which would be going backwards. The major change in Springfield is Madigan is no longer there. The usual drama of those choosing to run against Governor Pritzker will be starting soon.

<u>Communication & Newsletter</u> – Rich Wandling reported that the committee (Rich, Wendy Long and Lisa Dallas) met to create our Facebook page. They are working with UMAC at EIU. The newsletter is currently only being sent out electronically.

<u>Events</u> – Marita Metzke reported that the annual luncheon will not be held in April. However, they are discussing an early fall luncheon that might be outdoors. Due to COVID nothing is definite. Possibly, COVID restrictions will be relaxed by the fall. A survey might be sent out to the association asking for suggestions. The Speaker Series for March will feature Warbler Ridge. The meeting will be on Zoom. More information will be sent to the group through the list serve.

Nominations Committee – John Ryan reported candidates are needed to file board positions. Current board member terms have been extended one year due to Covid.

#### Program

President David Glassman spoke about COVID changes at EIU, increasing the enrollment momentum and the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM. (Lynch/Long)

Respectfully,

Nancy Dole/Secretary EIUAA