

EIU Annuitants Association Chapter Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2021

There were 20 members and one guest participating in the Zoom meeting.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The February 25, 2021 chapter meeting minutes were approved. (Ryan/Messer)

Treasurer's Report

Margaret Messer reported a balance on July 13, 2021 of \$4,350.41. After some discussion of income and disbursements, the Treasurer's report was approved. (Ryan/Long)

Committee Reports

Membership – John Ryan reported there are currently 610 members. Membership letters were emailed to the recent 54 retirees.

Scholarship - Nancy Dole reported Abigail Bonnstetter is the 2021-22 recipient of the EIUAA scholarship. She will receive a \$1000 scholarship. There were many worthy applicants, again this year. The chapter made a \$2,000 donation to our scholarship fund. The corpus is growing and the committee hopes one day to award a \$2,000 scholarship. Continued donations will be required to meet this goal. Donations are greatly appreciated. SUAA also has scholarships for students and staff (attend workshops, etc.). This could be used as an additional recruiting tool to increase staff membership. The scholarship committee will push this information out when it is available next year.

Legislative – Jeff Lynch could not attend the meeting. Our speaker is Katie Anselment, she will present what is happening currently, in Springfield.

Communications & Newsletter Committee – Wendy Long reported that the newsletter has been emailed. If you missed the email, the newsletter is on the EIUAA website. Facebook is progressing and hopefully will be up and running in the next few weeks. She will continue to send out emails, so information will be available in both forms (email and Facebook).

Events – Margaret Messer reported plans for an October 7th, Ice Cream Social. It will be held in the Buzzard Atrium from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. The committee is hopeful for a Spring 2022 Luncheon.

Nominations – John Ryan reported no updates.

SUAA Annual Meeting – Rich Wandling reported that the annual meeting was held over Zoom.

Rich Wandling, Marita Metzke and Nancy Dole viewed the meeting. Information received at the meeting was discussed. Some items of importance are membership and the pension. The state membership is stabilizing, it had been decreasing. One of the speakers was Aaron Maduff, attorney with Maduff & Maduff, LLC. He represents SUAA. One of his main points was the pension clause can only be eliminated, **if we let it. We must be vigilant.**

Program – Katie Anselment, Government Relations Director for EIU, gave a very enlightening and informative presentation on the legislature in Springfield.

Other Business – There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM. (Ozier/Schmidt)

Respectfully,

Nancy Dole
Secretary, EIUAA