

**EIU Annuitant Association
Chapter Meeting Minutes (Zoom)
Thursday, November 12, 2020**

Attendees

There were eighteen members and one guest logged on to the Zoom meeting.

President

President Rich Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2020 Meeting

Meeting minutes were approved. (Lynch/Ryan)

Treasurer's Report

Margaret Messer reported a balance of \$5,328.61. After discussion regarding the disbursements, the report was approved. (Schmitt/Lynch)

Membership Report

John Ryan reported that membership is down from 667 at the start of the year to 639. The same reduction is happening at the state level. Staff and retirees are not joining and several memberships have lapsed. We will continue to send communications, in order to keep and retain our members.

Nominations Report

John Ryan reported the President elect is vacant. We need a board member who will be willing to accept this position. Amy Lynch has agreed to fill the vacancy left when Ron Wohlstein leaves the board. Amy Lynch was approved as a board member. (Wohlstein/Long)

Scholarship Report

Nancy Dole reported that Chyna Edwards was selected as the 20-21 EIUAA scholarship recipient. The scholarship corpus is large enough for a \$1,000 scholarship and that donations and memorials are always welcome. With additional contributions, hopefully one day we can award two \$1,000 scholarships.

Legislative Report

Jeffrey Lynch reported that the legislature had not met since spring due to COVID-19 but was now meeting in Chicago where they can maintain safe distances in such a large body. They await the Governor's budget. Jockeying for the Republican gubernatorial primary has begun. Due to lost revenue in the state and enrollment declines, Higher Education will no doubt continue to suffer. Whether the federal government will come through with funding for the states and at what levels remains to be seen.

Communications and Newsletter Report

Wendy Long reported that no newsletter has been published for some time due to COVID. She will work on getting one together.

Events Report

Rich Wandling reported that we are planning another presenter for our February chapter meeting, which will be virtual in view of the pandemic, and that one possibility would be President Glassman. This would be an opportunity to follow up on questions such as those from this meeting on EIU and pandemic matters.

Constitutional Amendment Vote

An amendment to the EIUAA constitution was proposed to extend board member terms by one year due to COVID-19 pandemic. The amendment was approved. (Weidner/Long)

Program

Beth Heldebrant, Booth Library presented on EIU's participation in the National Endowment for the Arts, Big Read Midwest Program. The featured book is "An American Sunrise", by Joy Harjo.

Meeting adjourned 9:48 am.

Nancy Dole/Secretary, EIUAA