

**EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Neal Welcome Center**  
**January 26, 2017**

**Members Present:** John Flynn, Mary Anne Hanner, Margaret Messer, Marsha Figgins, Jeff Lynch, Nancy Dole, John Ryan, Jill Nilsen

**Members Absent:** Hank Davis, Vicki Hampton, Gail Mason, Bob Whittenbarger

**Guests Present:** None

**I. Call to Order**

President Messer called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the December 8, 2016 Board meeting were unanimously approved as published (Hanner/Dole).

**III. Treasurer's Report/Audit Report**

Mary Anne presented the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer Bob Whittenbarger. The current balance in the checkbook is \$5883.13.

Mary Anne presented the Audit Report on behalf of the Audit Committee (John Flynn, Mary Anne Hanner, Bob Whittenbarger, and Margaret Messer). The Ad Hoc Audit Committee met on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Neal Welcome Center to verify the EIUAA 2016 income and expenses. The Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the income and expenses of the Association for the time period of January through December 2016. All EIUAA income and expense records are consistent with the bank statements from First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust in Charleston, Illinois. Going forth, it is the committee's recommendation that the EIUAA President and Treasurer form an Ad Hoc Audit Committee no later than the last meeting of each year to review all financial accounts prior to the first Board meeting of the new year. The Ad Hoc Audit Committee thanks outgoing Treasurer, Hank Davis, for his service to EIUAA and for submission of the accurate Checkbook and Annual Report. This report allowed

the audit to proceed smoothly and in a timely manner. The documents used for this report are on file at Neal Welcome Center and may be viewed upon request.

The Treasurer's Report and Audit report were unanimously accepted (Flynn/Lynch).

#### **IV. President's Report**

President Messer thanked all board members for the work they do to benefit EIUAA.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **a. Communications Committee**

Margaret presented the Communications Committee report on behalf of Vicki Hampton. Committee chairs are asked to submit the names of their committee members so that the website can be updated. Each committee is asked to submit a committee report for the spring newsletter. The deadline for submission is February 6.

##### **b. Events Committee**

Marsha Figgins reminded the Board that the annual luncheon would be held on April 28. Martins IGA will provide similar food as last year. The committee recommends increasing the cost of the luncheon from \$9.50 to \$10.00. A motion was made to approve the increase (Lynch/Dole) and was passed unanimously. There was discussion about researching an alternative menu and vendor for the 2018 luncheon. A barbershop quartet has been asked to provide the entertainment.

Kay Dent, an attorney from Paris, will be the speaker at the July chapter meeting. Her talk will focus on estate and end of life planning followed by a question and answer session.

##### **c. Legislative Committee**

Jill Nilsen talked about the Governor's State of the State address that was delivered on January 25<sup>th</sup> and on the

status of the FY17 budget negotiations. Although there is movement in the Senate to pass a budget proposal with bipartisan support, it is not clear that such a budget would be passed in the House or accepted by the Governor. She also reminded the Board of the presentation, "Higher Education: Collateral Damage in the Budget Battle", to be presented by the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. The presentation will be held on February 2 from 9 – 11 in the Buzzard Auditorium. Mary Anne volunteered to help with the registration process.

d. Membership Committee

Mary Anne presented the report from the Membership Committee. The current membership total is 725. The committee met on November 30 and discussed various membership initiatives. The Committee decided to pursue three initiatives:

1. Membership recruitment mailing sent to EIU employees yielded 7 new members. The Committee will speak to acquaintances that they know, who should have received the mailing, to get a sense of why folks did not respond.

2. Set up a recruitment table on days when SURS representatives are on campus. Hopefully we would be able to locate near the room where SURS is meeting with employees. SURS will be on campus on Tuesday, March 7. If we are able to set that up, we will be asking for volunteers to assist by taking a shift at the table. We are not yet sure of the times of the SURS appointments.

3. Host an informal gathering in the Union for EIU employees to inform them of work and advocacy of EIUAA. We would serve light refreshments.

We are also going to recruit additional members to our committee and plan to post a request for volunteers on the listserv.

e. Scholarship Committee

The application for the Annuitants Scholarship is available on the EIUAA website. It has been advertised through the EIU Newsletter, the EIUAA list serve, and a news release

submitted to newspapers. The application deadline is March 1.

f. **Nominations Committee**

The Nomination Committee will be seeking individuals to fill four board member slots and the position of President-Elect. All positions will begin January 1, 2018.

**VI. Old Business**

Margaret shared the news of the Foundation awards bestowed upon Mary Anne and Jill and congratulated them!

**VII. New Business**

The Board talked about ways to more effectively interact with the Alumni Board and the Foundation Board. Mary Anne will talk with Steve Rich from Alumni Services and Jill will talk with Jonathan McKenzie from the EIU Foundation.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 (Ryan/Figgins).

Committees met immediately following the Board meeting.

2017 Dates to Remember

February 23	Chapter Meeting
March 2	Board Meeting
April 28	Annual Luncheon/Scholarship Presentation
June 1	Board Meeting
July 13	Chapter Meeting
September 7	Board Meeting
October 5	Chapter Meeting
November 30	Board Meeting