

EIU Annuitant Association Board Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2021

Members Present: Richard Wandling, John Ryan, Nancy Dole, Margaret Messer, Wendy Long, Jeff Lynch, John Flynn, Gary Aylesworth, and Marita Metzke

Call to Order

President Richard Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were approved. (Messer/Metzke)

Treasurer's Report

Margaret Messer stated that the yearly audit was completed by the review committee. Discussion followed regarding the income and disbursements from 2020. The Annual Report has been completed and filed with SUAA. The balance as of the January 27, 2021 was \$5,556.17. The Treasurer's report was approved. (Dole/Long)

Committee Reports

Membership – John Ryan reported that membership at the beginning of December was 624 and has dropped down to 618. He gets no response when contacting lapsed members. Members are not renewing or have passed away. We started 2020 with 667 members. We need new members. Due to the pandemic, we are not allowed to contact staff in person, as we have in the past. John plans to reach out to his committee and see what new ideas can be generated to recruit new members.

Communication – Wendy Long reported she now has access to the web page, so she can now update information. However, she is limited to how much can be changed. After some discussion about the web page and corrections needed, it was decided that we would start a single email thread with updates. Possibly including SUAA updates on our page was also discussed. Additional discussion followed as to what should be shared with everyone (our page is assessable to everyone) versus what should be shared with members only. The Facebook group needs to meet. Wendy, John, Rich and Lisa will meet by next week (February 5).

Legislative – Jeffrey Lynch stated that Madigan is no longer Speaker of the House. The federal government does not want to help states cover COVID expenses, so our pensions will probably be discussed again. Luckily, SUAA has two great attorneys, who work very hard to maintain our pensions. The pressure on higher education will be great this year.

Scholarship – Nancy Dole reported that the deadline to apply for the EIUAA Scholarship is March 15. Encourage those that are eligible to apply. The application is on-line through the EIU Academic Works Scholarship portal. It was suggested putting an announcement in the University Newsletter.

Events – Rich Wandling reported that the committee members are Margaret Messer and Marita Metzke. They plan to bring back the Speaker Series. The series will be March and April. A possible speaker could be Sarah Livesay, Warbler Ridge. Marita will work to get a speaker.

Nominations – Rich Wandling reported that we still need a President Elect. He will contact Lisa Dallas and Amy Lynch.

Annual Luncheon

The Annual Luncheon has been postponed due to COVID. Different options were discussed. A fall outdoor event was mentioned; however, some members might not be able to navigate an outdoor function. Location will be key. The Wesleyan Methodist Church has been our location for the Annual Spring Luncheon. Currently, they are not taking reservations. With the current COVID situation, meeting in large groups is uncertain.

Other Business

None

Meeting Adjourned (Ryan/Lynch)

Nancy Dole, Secretary/EIUAA