

EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes

Neal Welcome Center

January 29, 2015

Board Members Present: Mac Corley, Dianna Ensign, John Flynn, Barbara Funk, Vicki Hampton, MaryAnne Hanner, Julie Sterling.

Board Members Absent: Scott Crawford, Hank Davis, Jill Nilsen, Doug Sloat.

Guest Present: Margaret Messer.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Vicki Hampton called the meeting to order at 9:05.
- II. **Approval of December 11, 2014, Board Meeting Minutes.**
December 11, 2014, minutes were approved with correction of title from “Chapter Meeting Minutes” to “Board Meeting Minutes.” (Hanner/Corley).
- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** Barbara Funk explained the annual financial report filed with SUAA. The report shows overall what was received and paid out for the year January 1, 2014 to Dec 31, 2014. It was discussed that SUAA handles tax filing for the Chapters as a service to its members. The December 31, 2014, checking balance is \$3,591.10.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Communications:** Vicki Hampton reported that when the committee met last September, a concern was discussed regarding the cost of postage to mail newsletters for lack of email addresses. It was suggested that we could possibly send a postcard to nonmembers at a significantly reduced cost. The EIU Print Center suggested that condensing the newsletter to four pages would also reduce cost. Discussion ensued regarding post cards sent to nonmembers that would explain the high cost of mailing the newsletter and directing them to our website. To reduce the size of the newsletter, it was suggested that obituaries not give biographical information—only name, date, and department.

A motion was made and passed to send postcards to nonmembers directing them to our website to read the newsletter, as well as an invitation to join EIUAA. (Flynn/Ensign)

B. Events: Julie Sterling will send out an email to the Board asking for help to set up chairs and take down tables at the Neal Center meeting room at 2:00 on February 25 for the Chapter Meeting on February 26. Refreshments for the Chapter Meeting will be run through the Foundation, and EIUAA will reimburse the Foundation for the costs. A basket will be placed on the refreshment table for donations to help defray the costs to EIUAA.

Luncheon: Ms. Sterling reminded the Board that our annual luncheon will April 24, 2015, and everything set. Entertainment will be provided by Richard Rossi. Reservations with checks will be sent to the Alumni Office. The Spring Newsletter sent out at the beginning of March will have the reservation form. Spouses will be encouraged to join us.

C. Legislative: Vicki Hampton reported for Jill Nilsen that the SUAA Committee has now met three times regarding SUAA bylaw changes. Communication will be made to Chapters with discussion at the State meeting in June.

D. Membership: MaryAnne Hanner explained that our membership of 727 members does agree with what SUAA has listed for us--as well as 3 members who have dropped. Ms. Hanner will contact the 3 dropped members regarding reinstatement.

The Board was reminded that if a member brings a nonmember who signs up, both names will be put into a drawing for a free lunch.

E. Nominations: The Nominations Committee support that Margaret Messer be nominated to our Board to fill the final vacancy. Voting will be at our Feb 26 Chapter Meeting. The Board agreed with Margaret Messer's nomination.

F. Scholarship: Vicki Hampton provided the Board with selection committee criteria for the Annuitants' Scholarship. John Flynn expressed his concern that only juniors and seniors are considered because of the lateness of awarding the scholarship to seniors with regard to federal aid received. If federal aid is received by the student, and financial need has been met, the student will be over awarded, and federal aid will be reduced—no actual cash to the student. Mr. Flynn suggested that the scholarship be awarded to sophomores and juniors during spring term with the scholarship effective for the following fall and spring semesters as an equal split. Margaret Messer also suggested award application and

announcement be in the spring semester with actual payment for a fall semester/spring semester split. Vicki Hampton suggested application deadline be early spring, and that the committee get information out to annuitants that this scholarship is available to their grandchildren (as well as their children). Ms. Hampton asked that revised criteria for this scholarship be presented at the next Board meeting for a vote.

V. Old Business:

A. Feb 26 Chapter Meeting Setup: already covered.

B. Presidential Search Advisory Committee: MaryAnn Hanner reported her views that the finalists were all well qualified, and all had very good ideas for recruiting to EIU. Candidates will be interviewed on campus January 19-26. A new EIU president is planned be announced in February.

C. Email Conversation: Vicki Hampton reported that she did receive an email the last time the EIU email system was down. Annuitants were not, however, on the notification list. Ms. Hampton contacted Cay Kolling (IT Department) to request that annuitants be placed on the call list for down time for Panthermail.

VI New Business: Vicki Hampton will give a presentation to Board of Trustees at their meeting next Tuesday, probably around 2:00 regarding EIUAA.

VII Adjournment: President Hampton adjourned the meeting at 10:40.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianna Ensign, Secretary