

EIU Annuitant Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
January 30, 2020

Members Present: Rich Wandling, John Ryan, Nancy Dole, Margaret Messer, Ron Wohlstein, John Flynn, Gary Aylesworth, Lisa Dallas

Guests: Jill Nilsen/liaison for the EIU Foundation Board

1. Call to Order

President Rich Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:01AM. The agenda was presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The meeting minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting were approved as published.
(Ryan/Wohlstein)

3. Treasurer's Report

After an explanation of income and disbursement, Margaret Messer reported a checkbook balance of \$5,702.56 on December 31, 2019. The 2019 yearly report was presented also. Due to the type of worksheet that is currently being used by the treasurer, all information on income and disbursements is available to members. Motion to accept the report was approved.
(Dole/Ryan)

4. Committee Reports

- a. *Membership Report* - John Ryan reported membership was 667, as of the end of 2019. John will meet with Mary Anne Hanner to get more information on his duties. The web forms have not been updated yet.
- b. *Legislative Report* – Discussion of State of the State message and pensions are on the agenda again.
- c. *Scholarship Report* – A message is being sent to the List Serv notifying members that the scholarship application deadline in March 15 and applications are filed on-line through the EIU Foundation.

5. Other Business

- a. Discussed possible presenters for the February 27 chapter meeting. Possibilities are Charleston Chamber, along with some local businesses, Katie Anselment – legislative liaison, and Angie Griffin on LSC business closure and the sale of Lender's Bagels. It was decided that Katie Anselment will be the first choice. We can contact the others for future chapter meetings.
- b. Discussed possible topics for the Spring 2020 Speaker Series. Possible topics/speakers are legalization of marijuana (not sure the direction to go for speaker), those mentioned for chapter meetings could also be possible speaker series options and the graduated income tax. March and May are the months for the speaker series.

- c. The Annual Luncheon is April 24th, at the Wesley United Methodist Church. We need an event chair. Rich will ask Marita, if she would be willing to chair. It was mentioned, that Marita could be too busy with her full-time job. Once a chair is found, we will move forward on the other decisions. Lisa volunteered to be on the committee and the rest of us will help. Margaret and Nancy have helped with the luncheons in the past.
- d. We received a request for our membership information, so a request for scholarship funding could be sent. We will not give out our members information. We discussed possible messages on the List Serv. There may be a new update regarding these types of requests in our Policies and By-laws. This will need to be looked into.
- e. Discussed ways to push information out to current employees to increase our membership. In the past, mailers were sent, but there was not much return for what was invested. A possibility could be information in the EIU Newsletter, with a link to a PDF. John Ryan, Lisa, Wendy, Rich and John Flynn are on the committee to work on pushing out information to current employees.
- f. Jill Nilsen was introduced, as the new liaison from the EIU Foundation.
- g. Rich suggested we look at our current committee members. Committee chairs should thank those who are leaving the committee and work toward finding their replacements. When the new committee is formed, then the web should be updated.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15AM. (Ryan/Long)