

EIU Annuitant Association Board Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, March 11, 2021

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

Call to Order

President Richard Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were approved. (Messer/Ryan)

Treasurer's Report

Margaret Messer reported the balance as of March 11, 2021 as \$6,287.50. After discussion of income and disbursements, the Treasurer's report was approved. (Ryan/Long)

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – John Ryan reported that we have seven new members and two renewals for a total of 618 members in our association. Margaret Messer watched the SUAA webinar. There were lots of ideas provided. Based on her assessment, we are doing a great job.

Communication Committee – Wendy Long reported a spring newsletter will be produced. She will start working on it in late April. She has updated the EIUAA website with some information.

Legislative Committee – Rich Wandling reported in Jeff Lynch's absence. Rich attended the "Pensions at Risk" on-line seminar. This seminar was better quality than the previous seminar. It was suggested, that maybe we should send the link out to the listserv. Eric Meniere spoke and relative to the State of Illinois and US constitutions, he was optimistic we will weather this storm. He doesn't think our insurance will be taken away, however costs and deductibles could be increased. Also, taxing our state pension is a possibility, but unlikely.

Scholarship Committee – Nancy Dole reported that the deadline to apply for the EIUAA scholarship is March 15. The committee and on-campus group will start reviewing the applications once the deadline has passed.

Events Committee – Marita Metzke reported on other options for the speaker series. The annual luncheon is postponed until more information on COVID restrictions are available.

Nominations Committee – John Ryan reported that we still need a President Elect. Board members terms were discussed.

July 15, 2021 Chapter Meeting – Rich Wandling suggested holding off any planning until the May board meeting due to the continual changing COVID restrictions. The board agreed with Rich's suggestion. Since, we have reached a different audience using Zoom for our past chapter meetings, we might try a hybrid (both Zoom and in-person) meeting style for future chapter meetings.

Facebook Committee Update – Rich Wandling, Wendy Long, Marita Metzke, John Ryan and Lisa Dallas met. The Facebook would run through EIU UMAC. Dominique Viuma gave two options; one public and another with more control. Rich will set up a meeting to move forward. They will seek Dominique's help with set-up and EIU logo, etc.

Other Business - There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05. (Ryan/Long)

Respectfully,

Nancy Dole
Secretary, EIUAA