

**EIU Annuitant Association Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 27, 2021**

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

**Call to Order**

President Richard Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Amended Meeting Minutes (Dominic Baima spelling correction) were approved. (Metzke/Ryan)

**Treasurer's Report**

Margaret Messer reported the balance as of May 26, 2021 was \$6,802.33. After discussion of income and disbursements, the Treasurer's report was approved. (Dole/Long) Margaret reported that May is when EIUAA makes donations. Discussion followed that our account balance is larger than usual. Since we could not meet in person, there were minimal expenses over the past year. Donations to the Scholarship Fund (\$3,000) and the SUAA Legal Fund (\$1,000) were approved. (Flynn/A. Lynch)

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee** - John Ryan reported that membership is staying steady at 617. New ways to reach recent retirees need to be found. Wendy received a new retiree list last year. She will request a new list again. John will send list of current members to the board. If we know anyone retired, but not a member, we should go ahead and reach out to them.

**Communication Committee** – Wendy Long reported that the newsletter is ready, but was holding off until our board meeting for any updates.

**Legislative Committee** – Richard Wandling reported that the legislative maps are changing. Gary Aylesworth reported on the Tier I and II issues.

**Scholarship Committee** – Nancy Dole announced Abbie Bonnstetter as the 2021-22 recipient of the EIU Annuitant Scholarship. She is the daughter of Mark Bonnstetter/Athletics. Abbie's career goal is to become a pediatric cardiologist. There were many qualified applicants this year.

**Events** – Marita Metzke reported that an ice cream social is being planned for September.

**Nominations Committee** – John Ryan reported that we will need a secretary next year. He will work on expiring terms for current board members, then try and find replacements. Margaret Messer and John Flynn will complete their second terms at the end of this year.

**Upcoming SUAA Annual Meeting** – Richard Wandling, Nancy Dole and Marita Metzke will attend the Zoom conference. Margaret Messer will send reimbursement for the registration fees.

**July 15, 2021 Chapter Meeting** – It was suggested to have a Zoom presenter. Katie Anselment is the first choice. Josh Norman is the backup.

**Annual Luncheon** – There was discussion regarding the annual luncheon and a possible replacement. In the past around 100 annuitants attended the luncheon. However, with COVID still circulating will

people want to attend. After some discussion of various options, it was decided to cancel any 2021 luncheon plans and work on a fall ice cream social with a very informal meeting.

**Facebook Updates** – Rich showed the “work in progress” Facebook page. Dominic Baima created a private/closed group. Comments will be filtered. There are four administrators; Wendy Long, Lisa Dallas, John Ryan and Richard Wandling. Members will need to be vetted and someone will need to monitor the Facebook page.

**Other Business** – Margaret Messer asked if the board would like her to secure the meeting dates for the next year. The board agreed for Margaret to work on meeting dates for the Neal Welcome Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Sincerely,

Nancy Dole  
Secretary, EIUAA