

**EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center**

June 4, 2015

Board Members Present: Mac Corley, Scott Crawford, Hank Davis, Dianna Ensign, John Flynn, Barbara Funk, Vicki Hampton, Mary Anne Hanner, Margaret Messer, Jill Nilsen, Doug Sloat, Julie Sterling.

Board Members Absent: NONE

Guests Present: Jeff Lynch, Brad Green.

I. Call to order

President Vicki Hampton called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

March 5, 2015, Board Meeting minutes were approved as submitted (Hanner, Funk).

III. Treasurer's report

Hank Davis filed the Financial Report with the Board. Cash Balance as of May 31, 2015, was \$4,528.34. Revenue and expenses for the Annuitants' Luncheon were reported. Revenue received minus outflow of funds left a cost to EIUAA of \$98.75. Treasurer's Report was approved. (Corley, Hanner).

IV. Committee reports

a. Communications - Vicki Hampton

The Committee is currently working on the fall newsletter, and Audrey Edwards is planning a special topics article. The nonmember listserve is built with just a couple hundred names.

b. Events - Julie Sterling

EIUAA luncheon went well. As stated in the Treasurer's Report, the cost to EIUAA was less than \$100. Ms. Sterling asked for the Board's input for food and location for next year. President Hampton gave positive reasons to stay at the LifeSpan Center, and all agreed. Friday, April 29, 2016, was the decided date for our 2016 luncheon, with April 22 as the backup. A \$75 deposit will be made for rental of the LifeSpan Center. No deposit has been previously

required by Martin's IGA. Discussion ensued regarding providing a vegetarian meal to accommodate a few of our members, and it was suggested that specific veggie plates might be planned.

Refreshments were discussed for the July 9 Chapter Meeting at the Rec Center. Refreshments were also discussed for the October 8 Chapter Meeting, and it was decided that we stay with Panther Catering for this. \$23 was collected in our donation basket at our February 26 Chapter Meeting to help pay for the refreshments.

President Hampton explained that she is trying to get new EIU President David Glassman to attend our October meeting.

c. Legislative - Jill Nilsen

Committee members visited with Dale Ryder and Reggie Phillips. Both were very interesting meetings. The Committee's goal is to continue to meet with our legislators on a regular basis.

d. Membership - Mary Anne Hanner

EIUAA has 737 members. We have about 10 more members that SUAA doesn't have on their books, yet. Treasurer Davis explained the difference in numbers is the difference of whether the payment comes to us or goes directly to SUAA. We have 4 members who have passed since January. Ms. Hanner asked that we mention on our website how much better it is to have actual payroll deduction, and that if a member is an employee, the employee must upon retirement change the deduction over to SURS.

Mr. Davis suggested that Membership approach different committees on campus to recruit new members, i.e., Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, and others.

e. Nominations - Mary Anne Hanner

Margaret Messer has agreed to be on the 2015 slate for President Elect. Jeff Lynch and Bob Whittenbarger have agreed to join the Board of Directors. Ms. Hanner is continuing to make inquiries to recruit an additional Board member, and will ask Dianna Ensign and Hank Davis to continue in their positions as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

f. Scholarship - Margaret Messer

Brad Green, Director for Corporate and Foundation Relations, was our guest. We discussed the scholarship application and process and how to initiate more applicants. Mr. Green suggested making the scholarship available to freshmen through seniors (all undergrads). Another change would allow the award to be paid half fall term and half spring term. Notice of our scholarship will be on the EIU scholarship website and in the Faculty Newsletter. Other recommended changes are: Students must be enrolled as an undergraduate students at time of disbursement; an EIU annuitant sit on the selection committee, as well as one member from each academic area. It was suggest that the Scholarship Committee representative ask to give information as an agenda item at the Presidents Council. Ms. Hampton asked that the information on these changes be sent to her to send to our Board for a vote.

Ms. Messer also reported that the Foundation has 300 Burr Oak ornaments that will be given to the first 300 who make \$100 donations to the Foundation, and that the donation of \$100 can be made to the Annuitants Scholarship.

V. Old Business

a. June 16-17 SUAA Summer Meeting

Bylaw Revisions: Ms. Nilsen reported on the actual and extensive process to adopt the revised SUAA bylaws. Ms. Funk requested that we rely on our Legislative Committee to make decisions about this. Everyone agreed.

Meeting Attendees: EIUAA Board members attending the SUAA summer meeting on June 16-17 are Vicki Hampton (pending), Jill Nilsen, Mary Anne Hanner, Julie Sterling, and Hank Davis.

b. Fall 2015 Newsletter

Ms. Hampton reminded us of the \$1400 cost of mailing newsletters to mostly non-members and that, as agreed, hard copies of the fall newsletter will only be mailed to members who do not have email addresses. Postcards will be mailed to nonmembers (once), directing them to our website to read the newsletter.

c. External hard-drive

If we purchase with Foundation funds, it becomes EIU tagged property that must be checked out through the Foundation. A motion was made to purchase an external hard drive with our Association Monies (Nilsen, Sloat).

VI. New Business

a. FOIA Request for list of FY2015 retirees

We need a better way to contact new retirees. Ms. Hanner requested this information from the Benefits Office and was told to make an official FOIA request. Mr. Davis suggested FOIA be submitted with SURS who would have current information.

b. A consensus was made by the Board to purchase an EIU tie for President Glassman from our Annuitants Association.

Motion to adjourn (Corley, Sloat). President Hampton adjourned the meeting at 10:55.