

EIU Annuitants Association Board Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
Thursday, November 17, 2021

Members present: Rich Wandling, John Ryan, Nancy Dole, Margaret Messer, Wendy Long
Gary Aylesworth, and Marita Metzke

Call to Order

President Rich Wandling called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Presentation by Aaron Alison, Duo Multifactor Authentication for Annuitants

Aaron Alison presented information regarding an extra step that will soon be required when using your EIU e-mail account. The roll out should start mid-December for EIU. The new authentication process should help alleviate hackers trying break into your email.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes were approved for the September 9, 2021 board meeting. (Ryan/Long)

Treasurer's Report

Margaret Messer reported a balance of \$3,810.52. After some discussion of income and disbursements, the report was approved. (Ryan/ Metzke)

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – John Ryan reported SUAA membership is down. EIU membership is down also. We have gone from a high of 637 to 600 currently. Gary Aylesworth spoke about issues for the Tier II group of current employees.

Communication Committee – Wendy Long is working on getting information together for the fall newsletter. Items for the newsletter should be sent to Wendy.

Legislative Committee – Rich reported in Jeff Lynch's absence. SUAA has suggested that we be more engaged to our politicians. Rich also reported information on redistricting that was obtained at the Fall SUAA meeting.

Scholarship Committee – Nancy Dole reported this is a down time. She reminded us that March 15 is the annual scholarship application deadline.

Events – The Spring Luncheon is still up in the air with COVID still active. There was some discussion about the Speaker Series. Gary Aylesworth has extensive knowledge of the situation with Tier II and could be a possible speaker. There was some discussion of having a hybrid or Facebook Live Chapter meeting. It would need to be discussed with ITS. Our next chapter meeting is Thursday February 24. Possible speakers could be Katie Anselment or President Glassman. Rich will contact them.

Report on SUAA House of Delegate Meeting

Rich, John Ryan and Nancy attended the hybrid meeting via Zoom. There were 80 delegates attending (58 Zoom and 22 in-person). There were quite a few technology issues with the hybrid meeting. The Zoom group would have trouble hearing the in-person speaker and the in-person group would not be able to hear a Zoom speaker. Following are some of the topics covered at the meeting. The SUAA budget is sound. Our pensions are good for now, but we need to watch them in the future. Suggestions for recruiting were given. (Our chapter is currently using all of the suggested recruiting methods.) We

need to be more engaged with our politicians. Higher education needs to be attending legislator events. Tier II information will be put on the SUAA website. Video of the speakers will be available on the SUAA website, also.

Board Officers for 2022

John Ryan volunteered to be the secretary. Rich volunteered to be the treasurer. Margaret's term will end in January after the audit is completed. We do not have a president elect.

Open Board Seat for 2022

There is an open seat on the Board of Directors. Nancy will contact Billie Rawlings. She has indicated interest. Nora Pat Small, Peter Andrews and Kathy Reed will fill the other open seats.

Facebook Group

Rich needs an updated member list for use in accepting requests to the closed group. Rich, Wendy and John are the only members who may post to the EIUAA Facebook page.

Thanking Outgoing Board Members

Rich thanked our outgoing board members John Flynn, Jeff Lynch, Margaret Messer (two terms each) and Bev Cruse (one term). Their time and effort spent while on the board were very much appreciated.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. (Ryan/Messer)

Respectfully,

Nancy Dole
Secretary
EIUAA