

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

**December 10, 2015**

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

Board Members Absent: Scott Crawford and Doug Sloat.

**Guests:** John Best, John Kilgore, Gail Mason, Jeffrey Lynch, Nancy Dole, Lora Green, Roan Kopel, Sue Kaufman, Bob Whittenbarger.

**I. Call to Order:** President Hampton called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

President Hampton thanked Mac Corley and Barbara Funk for their service on the board.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** October 8, 2015, minutes were approved as read (Flynn, Davis).

**III. Treasurer' Report:** Treasurer's Report filed. Cash balance as of November 30, 2015, \$5,779.35.

Discussion ensued regarding the absence of the treasurer in April. It was decided that Ms. Sterling will make the deposits, since most will be for the luncheon. And, she will also track attendees who register for the luncheon. Motion made to add Julie Sterling as signatory for checking account to assist President Hanner and Treasurer, Hank Davis (Hanner, Messer). Motion passed.

**IV: Committee Reports**

A. Communications - Vicki Hampton  
Fall newsletter went out slowly, but went out nonetheless. Postcards went out to nonmembers in lieu of a printed newsletter for the second time, and no negative feedback was received from nonmembers.

We are gladly receiving more articles of interest from members.

Spring newsletter will go out in March in order to have luncheon reservation sheet.

President Hampton asked for committee reports by end of February.

B. Events - Julie Sterling

Panther Catering prices went up a little. For Chapter meetings, Ms. Sterling asked that we change from Danish to scones; three gallons of coffee were sufficient. The donation cup we put on the table usually covers at least the delivery charge of the refreshments.

Martin's IGA will be preparing the meal for the spring luncheon. Since Ms. Sterling has been approached for gluten and dairy free food, it was suggested we provide ham that is both gluten and dairy free. The charge to members for last year's luncheon was \$9.50, and everyone agreed that the price remain the same. The menu will be ham and roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, and corn. A meatless lasagna will be provided for a few, and they will be served first.

Ideas were requested for entertainment. Gail Mason suggested we tap into Eastern's Communications Department speech team, and she will look into it and get back to Ms. Sterling by the January 28 Board meeting.

President Elect Hanner will invite EIU President Glassman as a special guest at our luncheon, and will ask President Glassman to give us a five-minute update on Eastern.

Reservation deadline for the luncheon will be April 15.

C. Legislative - Jill Nilsen

We are now six months into the year with no budget. Another three million is being released by legislature, but none for education. Ms. Nilsen thanked Jeffrey Lynch, Sue Kaufman, Gail Mason, and Hank Davis for serving as committee members.

Ms. Nilsen reported that there is some chatter about change in health care benefits and taxing of retirement benefits over \$50,000, and there has been absolutely, no movement on MAP awards.

D. Membership - Mary Anne Hanner

Ms. Hanner thanked John Best for joining John Flynn and Jone Zieren on the Membership Committee. We have 738 members, and six members have been lost. At the flu shot clinic we recruited six new members, and corrected one member's email. We will do this again.

SUAA brochures will be distributed to all current employees at EIU.

We have the sixth largest association in the state.

A member was concerned about how to contact anyone on the board because the newsletter only has email addresses and not all members have email accounts. Discussion ensued on how we might rectify this problem.

E. Nominations -Mary Anne Hanner

This chairpersonship will be passed to Margaret Messer as President Elect. John Best has been asked to track some of the information for the president. Ms. Hanner suggested all committee chairpersons assign specific responsibilities to its members.

F. Scholarship - Margaret Messer

EIU Annuitant's Association Scholarship application is on our website. The application will be put into the local newspaper, EIU newspaper and newsletter, and listserv. Ms. Messer thanked Nancy Dole for accepting appointment to the Scholarship Committee.

Mac Corley asked if more money needs to be put into the scholarship now. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

President Hampton stated that this money could also be used for other things, and some may be needed to support the SUAA legislation.

**IV. Old Business**

A. SUAA fall meeting

It was reported that they expect no budget action until after January.

- B. EIU Classical Music Artist Series Fund  
Jeffrey Lynch reported we have \$5,000 to spend, but had nothing else to report.

**V. New Business**

- A. Mary Anne Hanner - next year  
President-elect Hanner requested that committee members be invited to all Board meetings, and asked for suggestions for guest speakers.  
Feb 25 - open for suggestions  
Apr 29 luncheon - EIU President Glassman will be invited and asked for short update.  
July 8 meeting - Several annuitants are members of the Memoir Writing Group, possibly meet with them at Booth Library.  
October 6 meeting - ask President Glassman to come back and speak, again.

B. Committee meetings

President Hampton adjourned the meeting at 10:30.