

EIU Annuitants Association Chapter Meeting Minutes

Recreation Center, Lantz Building

July 10, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Carpenter, Barb Funk, Vicki Hampton, Mary Anne Hanner, Bob Jorstad, Ellen Keiter, Frank McCormick, Jill Nilsen, Doug Sloat.

- I. **Call to Order:** President Nilsen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. **Presentation on Lincoln Log Cabin Volunteer Opportunities:** Jean Rinefort described her various activities as a volunteer at Lincoln Log Cabin. Lori Henderson, President of the Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation, encouraged persons interested in volunteering to contact EIU graduate assistant Rachael at Isff@lincolnlogcabin.org.
- III. **Approval of February 13, 2014 Chapter Meeting Minutes:** Frank McCormick briefly summarized the February 13, 2014 Chapter meeting minutes and reported that the Board approved the minutes at its March 6, 2014 meeting.
- IV. **Reports:**
 - A. **Membership:** Ellen Keiter reported that we currently have **720** members and that our goal is to increase our membership to **800**. She announced that she had brought EIUAA membership brochures to distribute to persons wishing to help us recruit additional members.
 - B. **Events:** Julie Sterling reported that this year's annual luncheon was well attended. Preparations for next year's luncheon are in progress.
 - C. **Communications:** Vicki Hampton reported that the September newsletter is under development. She encouraged annuitants to send her news items for inclusion in the next issue.
 - D. **Scholarship:** No report.

- E. Legislative:** Jill Nilsen reported that the spring legislative session was a quiet one. She added that Sue Kaufman and Hank Davis attended a meet and greet session for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner last spring. Jill herself attended a similar function for Dale Righter in May.
- F. Nominating:** Vicki Hampton reported that Hank Davis, John Flynn, and Dian Ensign will replace three current Board members who will be stepping down in 2015.
- G. Treasurer's Report:** Barb Funk reported that we currently have approximately \$2,000 in our treasury. The account is "building."

V. Old Business:

- A. SUAA Lawsuit and Fundraising Totals:** President Nilsen reported that she attended the SUAA annual conference in Springfield in June together with Julie Sterling, Barb Funk, and Frank McCormick. At that conference SUAA's attorneys estimated that it may be eighteen to thirty-six months before the pension lawsuit is heard by the Illinois Supreme Court. Jill noted that the Supreme Court's July 3 reversal of the trial court's dismissal of the Kanerva case (the lawsuit challenging SB 1313's imposition of monthly annuitant health care premiums) "expanded the definition of benefits." The Supreme Court's action returned the Kanerva case to the Sangamon County Circuit Court for action. Our health care premiums continue to be held in escrow by the state, but we will not learn for some time when or whether our premium payments will be refunded. To date, EIU donations to the SUAA Legal Fund total \$15,072. One hundred and forty-four donations have been made by EIUAA members. Additional contributions would be welcome.
- B. Survivor Benefits Liaison:** President Nilsen announced that Doug Sloat has agreed to serve as EIUAA's survivor benefits liaison.

VI. New Business:

- A. Presidential Search Advisory Committee:** President Nilsen reported that several months ago she wrote to Presidential Search Advisory Committee chair Joe Dively requesting that an EIU annuitant be appointed to serve as a representative of EIUAA on the Presidential Search Committee. Jill was

subsequently asked to serve in that capacity. She has accepted the invitation.

- B. Migration of Annuitants' E-Mail to a New System:** President Nilsen announced that in 2015, EIU annuitants' EIU e-mail will be migrated from the Zimbra platform to Microsoft's Office 365 platform. Our e-mail addresses will remain the same when we move to the new platform. We will have considerably larger storage capacity. Kathy Reed will explain the new system at our October 9 Chapter meeting. Vicki Hampton, who is currently participating in the Microsoft Office 365 test group, has agreed to offer us step-by-step instruction in the new system.
 - C. October Chapter Meeting:** Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for **October 9** at a venue to be determined.
 - D. Dave Maurer announced that the Neal Welcome Center needs volunteers.** Persons interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Nancy Zagta at Neal.
- VII. Adjournment:** President Nilsen adjourned the business meeting at 9:15, announcing that the business meeting would be followed by a presentation on physical fitness by a member of EIU's Department of Kinesiology.
- VIII. Exercise Program:**
- A. Presentation by Maranda Schaljo, Instructor in EIU's Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies:** After distributing several handouts, Mrs. Schaljo explained the importance of three "fitness components" – muscular strength and endurance, cardiorespiratory endurance, and flexibility. She then led her audience to an Aerobics Room, where she encouraged audience members to join her in performing a series of warmup exercises, followed by a whole-body sequence of additional exercises and yoga postures. Mrs. Schaljo's audience participated enthusiastically in the program. A good time was had by all.
 - B. Presentation by Sarah Dougherty, Lead Manager of EIU's Recreation Center:** Ms. Dougherty explained that all annuitants are welcome to use the facilities at the Recreation Center. Persons wishing to do so may elect either (1) to pay a fee of \$75 per semester (\$25 for the summer) to use the facility all day, at the times of their choice; or (2) to pay \$50 per semester (\$150 for the calendar year) to use

the facility before 3:00 p.m. or after 3:00 p.m. With either of these options, annuitants are entitled both to use the facility on their own and to register for any of the numerous exercise classes offered each semester. Following her presentation, Ms. Dougherty offered to lead interested members of her audience on a full tour of the Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank McCormick, Secretary