

**Eastern Illinois University Annuitant Association
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
October 4, 2018**

Registered Attendees

40 members: Pam Atteberry, Sally Bock, Nancy Dole, Jill Nilsen, Jone Zieren, Richard Funk, Barb Funk, Chris McCormick, Frank McCormick, Hank Nilsen, Ron Wohlstein, Norma Taylor, Ann Roley, David Maurer, Jeff Lynch, Marilyn Coles, Vicki Hampton, Dale Downs, Sam Taber, Don McKee, June Giffin, Charles Titus, Tom Edwards, Audrey Edwards, John Kilgore, Linda Barter, Randi Bohannon, Marita Metzke, Rich Wandling, Jan Stevens, Scott Stevens, Blair Lord, Dan Carpenter, Bev Cruse, Jayne Ozier, Wendy Long, Christi Donsbach, Helen Gregg, John Flynn, Bob Whittenbarger

Welcome and President's Report

President Jeffrey Lynch called the meeting to order at 9:30. Following an opening joke, he shared good news regarding the Fall enrollment numbers. Overall enrollment is up 7.1% over Fall, 2017, and freshman numbers increased by 24.5%. Transfer students and graduate students also increased from last year. Jeff also acknowledged the outgoing board members and thanked them for their service: Vicki Hampton, Jill Nilsen, and Bob Whittenbarger.

Approval of the Minutes

The chapter minutes of July 12, 2018 were approved as presented (Downs/Maurer).

Treasurer's Report

Bob Whittenbarger presented the treasurer's report. The current balance in the checking account is \$6195.94. EIUAA transferred \$118.50 to the EIU Foundation to supplement the cost of the two \$500 scholarships given in the Spring .

Committee Reports

Communications and Newsletter: Vicki Hampton reported the Fall newsletter will be published before the end of October. As of this Fall, only 125 printed newsletters will be mailed. All others will be delivered electronically. She thanked her committee members Audrey Edwards and John Kilgore. Vicki will leave the board after six years as serving as communications chair. She urged the members to stay vigilant and thanked them for allowing her to serve.

Membership: Jone Zieren presented the membership report on behalf of Mary Ann Hanner. EIUAA membership is holding steady at 715 members. Lapsed membership continues to be the most significant issue in maintaining our membership. More of the members are switching to SURS dues deductions. That is a great solution to this problem. The Membership Committee will continue to recruit

members when SURS counselors are at EIU, during the EIU Flu Shot Clinic on October 23, and at the EIU Retirement Dinner. Members were encouraged to send the name and contact information of any retiring EIU employees to annuitants@eiu.edu and they will be contacted. Please consider joining this great committee. Contact Mary Ann Hanner if you are interested in assisting EIUAA maintain and grow our membership.

Nominations: Jeff Lynch presented the nominations report on behalf of John Ryan. The following names were submitted to assume the three open positions on the board beginning January 1, 2019: Bev Cruse, Wendy Long, and Rich Wandling. The slate of board members was approved (Hampton/Maurer). Jeff presented the board officers for 2019: John Ryan, president; Linda Barter, president elect; Jeff Lynch, past president; Nancy Dole, secretary; Margaret Messer, treasurer.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The business meeting adjourned at 9:50

Jill Nilsen, Secretary

Katie Anselment, EIU's Director of Constituent Relations, provided an update about the Illinois General Assembly's activities in the area of higher education and responded to questions from the membership.