

**Eastern Illinois University Annuitant Association
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Neal Welcome Center
October 5, 2017**

Attendees Present

35 attendees: Jill and Hank Nilsen, Richard and Barbara Funk, Carol Helwig, Steve Lane, John Ryan, John Kilgore, Tom Edwards, Blair Lord, Jayne Ozier, John Best, John Flynn, Dan Carpenter, Sam Taber, Terry Weidner, Judy James, Marge Checkley, Nancy Dole, Jeffrey Lynch, Hank Davis, Nanci Newstrom, Doreen Nelms, Helen Gregg, Vicki Hampton, Jone Zieren, Margaret Messer, Marsha Figgins, Brenda Wilson, Hannah Eads, Bob Wittenberger, Jan Stevens, Marilyn Coles, Mary Anne Hanner, Chris and Frank McCormick

Welcome and President's Report

President Margaret Messer called the meeting to order at 9:05. She welcomed the annuitants to the final chapter meeting of the year and welcomed the incoming president Jeff Lynch. She called on Terry Weidner to provide an interesting EIU trivia question.

Approval of the Minutes

The chapter minutes of July 13, 2017 were approved as amended (T Weidner/H. Davis).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Whittenbarger presented the treasurer's report. The current balance in the checking account is \$5115.22. The report was approved (H. Davis/J. Zieren).

Committee Reports

Communications and Newsletter: Vicki Hampton reported the annuitant's website has been reformatted to comply with the new EIU template. The Fall newsletter will be posted on the website and members will receive a notification via the list serve when it is posted. The communications committee would welcome help in reviewing obituaries so that deceased members can be recognized in the newsletter. Events: Steve Lane and Bob Whittenbarger proposed EIUAA partner with a student group to sponsor a Red Cross blood drive sometime in Spring 2018. There would be no monetary contribution but 6 – 8 volunteers would be needed. There was a general consensus to move forward with this event. John Ryan announced that a panel discussion has been scheduled on November 1, 4-5:30 in the MLK Union on the topic of "State of the State: Higher Education, Pensions, and Politics". Speakers will be Madeleine Doubek of the Better Government Association and Richard Wandling, EIU's Political Science Department Chair.

Membership: Mary Anne Hanner reported the Membership Committee will continue the recruitment activities of 2017 in 2018. Those are recruiting when SURS counselors are on campus, at the Flu Shot Clinic, and at the EIU Retirement

Dinner. The committee will continue the “Free Lunch” drawing for new members who attend a meeting. The best recruiters are our members. If you know an annuitant who is not a member or a newly retired person, please invite them to join EIUAA!

Thanks again to everyone who has switched to dues deduction from their SURS annuity. That is SO very helpful to EIUAA and reduces our workload in tracking membership. Since the July meeting, we gained 8 new members and one former member re-joined. We have lost 8 members: June Johnson of Kennewick WA, Karl Nielson of Westfield IL, Charles Ramsey formerly of Charleston, Joan Laible of Miramar FL, Wilbert Homann, Alan Baharlou, and Evelyn Helton of Charleston, and Robert Strong of Mattoon. The total membership by EIUAA records is 737.

Scholarship: Nancy Dole shared that Allison Endsley was the 2017 recipient of the EIUAA Scholarship. The application deadline for the 2018 Scholarship is March 1, 2018. The scholarship is eligible to a child or a grandchild of a current or retired EIU employee. Nancy reported that the Executive Board voted to donate \$250 to the scholarship in memory of all deceased members this past year and urged members to donate to the scholarship so that the corpus reaches the \$25,000 endowment level. In memory of deceased member Alan Baharlou, Mary Anne Hanner read a letter, written by Alan at the time the scholarship was first developed, praising the establishment and impact of the EIUAA scholarship fund.

Nomination: President-Elect Jeff Lynch presented the following slate:

Slate of Officers

President Elect: John Ryan (3 year term through Past President)

Board Members (to serve 2018 – 2020)

Linda Barter

Ron Wohlstein

John Flynn

Margaret Messer

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved as presented (B Funk/H. Davis). The officer and board members will assume their responsibilities January 1, 2018.

Old Business

Mary Anne Hanner thanked Margaret Messer for her service as president. Margaret thanked Marcia Figgins, who has resigned from the Executive Committee, for her service on the board and for her work as chair of the Events Committee.

New Business

No new business was introduced.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43.

Jill Nilsen, Secretary

Mr. Granville Colvin, Financial advisor from Edward Jones, presented a program on Financial Planning, Tax Liabilities, and Security.

Dates to Remember:

Flu Shots: October 11, 9 – 4, MLK Union Walkway

Pension Panel: November 1, 4-5:30, Charleston-Mattoon Room

2018 Chapter meeting dates: February 22, July 12, October 4

Spring Luncheon: April 27, 2018

Blood Drive: Date to be determined