

**EIU Annuitants Association  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Neal Welcome Center  
October 6, 2016**

**Members Present:** Richard and Barb Funk, Nanci Newstrom, Jayne Ozier, Nancy Coutant, Gayle Strader, John Flynn, Mickey Carrell, Wanda Reid, Carol Helwig, John Ryan, Helen Gregg, Frank and Chris McCormick, John Schmitt, Bob Whittenbarger, Hank and Jill Nilsen, Dale Downs, Jeffrey Lynch, Mary Anne Hanner, Dan Carpenter, Cal Campbell, Barbara Krehbiel, Margaret Messer, Dale Wolf, Audrey and Thomas Edwards, Donald McKee, Kathy Reed, Margie Checkley, David Maurer, Marsha Figgins, Hank Davis, Vicki Hampton, John Best, Carlene and Alan Baharlou, Deanna Smith, Judy James, John Kilgore, Ewen Bryden, Nancy Dole, Brenda Crimmons, and Jeanne Goble.

**Welcome and President's Remarks:** President Hanner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She shared the following information with the members:

- a. The Commencement Office is seeking volunteers to help with Fall Commencement. Volunteers are needed to help with ticket distribution on Thursday, December 15 and Friday, December 16 and with the ceremonies on December 17.
- b. The flu shot clinic will be held in the MLK Union on Wednesday, October 12.
- c. The EIUA newsletter, New Horizons, will be sent via email and US mail very soon. Thanks to the Communications Committee for all of their hard work!

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 7, 2016 Chapter Meeting were approved as published (Davis/Hampton).

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Davis reported that the EIUA checking account has a balance of \$5200.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Membership- Chairperson Hanner shared that the Membership Committee has organized an information table at the EIU Flu Shot Clinic on October 12. The committee is sending a letter and

- brochure to the 1200 EIU employees as a means of recruiting additional members. EIUAA currently has 723 members.
- b. Scholarship - Chairperson Messer reported that there currently is \$22,000 in the corpus of the EIUAA scholarship. That is just \$3000 away from the goal of \$25,000, the amount needed to fully endow the scholarship. The application for the scholarship is available on the EIUAA webpage. The deadline for all applications is 3/1/17.

**Acknowledgements:** President Hanner thanked retiring board members Scott Crawford and Julie Sterling for their six years of dedicated service to EIUAA. She also thanked Dianna Ensign for her service to the board as a member and secretary but who has resigned her position due to illness. Finally, she thanked Hank Davis who has completed a two-year term as Board treasurer. President-Elect Messer thanked President Hanner for her exemplary service during the past year as Board President.

**Nominations and Elections:** The proposed slate of Board members was approved (Davis/Lynch). There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved. The following EIUAA members will begin a three-year appointment to the Board: Nancy Dole, Mary Anne Hanner, Gail Mason, and John Ryan.

The proposed slate of Board officers was approved (Davis/C. Baharlou). There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved: Jeffrey Lynch, President-Elect, Bob Whittenbarger, Treasurer, and Jill Nilsen, Secretary. Margaret Messer will become president and Mary Anne Hanner will assume the position of past president.

Marsha Figgins will serve out the remainder of Dianna Ensign's term that is set to expire at the end of 2017.

**Program:** President David Glassman spoke regarding the challenges facing EIU and the Vitalization Project that he introduced during his State of the University Speech in September.

The desired outcome of the project is an increased enrollment, without changing admission standards, by ensuring that Eastern provides

academic programs sought by students. Dr. Glassman mentioned the possibility of new programs in technology, business, healthcare, psychology, social work, and criminal justice. His plan is to make targeted investments both in the areas of study that students seek and marketing efforts to publicize those programs. He said the other three issues that are critical to students and their parents in making college admission decisions are very strong points of pride for us: Affordability - We are the third most affordable university in the state; Employability - we have a 90% placement rate; Safety - We have been named the second safest college in AMERICA!

The pool of high school students is decreasing. With the University of Illinois setting a goal of enrolling 100,000 students (all three campuses), the potential impact on our upcoming freshman classes is unknown. There also seems to be blurring of the historical missions of the regional schools, the land grant school, community colleges and privates colleges. Eastern need to identify the distinguishing factors that makes us unique from other institutions of higher education. Dr. Glassman concluded his remarks by affirming that Eastern Illinois University will be here in the future but may not look the same as it does today. He thanked EIUAA for its service to the university.

**Dates to Remember:** The next chapter meeting will be on February 23, 2017 at the Neal Welcome Center. The speaker will be Katie Anselment, Eastern's Legislative Liaison in Springfield. The annual EIUAA luncheon is scheduled for April 28, 2017 at the LifeSpan Center.

**Adjournment:** President Hanner expressed her gratitude to EIUAA for allowing her to serve as its president during the past year. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jill Nilsen  
Secretary