

**NIUAA Annual Meeting Minutes  
DeKalb Public Library  
June 5, 2019**

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Lynn Neeley opened the meeting at 3:31 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Amended to add Introductions after the approval of minutes. Motion made to accept the agenda as amended by Clair Williams, seconded by Norden Gilbert, and carried.

**Approval of Minutes from June 2018 Meeting Minutes:** (Lynn Neeley noted that the original ones were draft and were available online.) Motion to accept minutes were made by Michael Peddle, seconded by Carol Zar, and carried. Final minutes will be posted on the NIU Annuitants Association website.

**Introductions:** Lynn Neeley, President, asked officers, chairs and board members that were present to stand and be recognized.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report made by Clair Williams on behalf of Al Mueller  
Report covers two years ending December 31, 2018. Membership dues are reported when received by SUAA and can vary. Received \$4,976 which was close to previous years. A donation of \$500 was made to the Scholarship fund. University support of activities have been on decline and NIUAA has been conscious of that decline. There was improved interest income by approving CD at varied times, called laddering. NIUAA currently holds three CDs.

**Committee Reports**

**Audit:** Report made by Clair Williams  
The Audit Committee met on February 21, 2018 to review 2017 and 2018. The reports of December 31, 2018 and 2017 fairly reflected activity. Committee consists of Linda Holderman, Sara Lamberty, and Clair Williams.

**Culture & Travel:** Report made by Steve Johnson  
Upcoming trips: November 13 trip to see Hamilton. November 30 is Chicago Shopping trip. Open to suggestions on other trips. Thanks to NIU Transportation for the use of the busses.

**SURS Board:** Report submitted by John Engstrom who was at a SURS meeting  
John's last meeting is this week while he's at the SURS meeting. John has enjoyed his time in the role. Lynn Neeley highlighted a few items. The SURS Board will be reorganizing. Three of the new board members have been appointed. Six of the 11 board members will be new. The SURS Board will set the implementation dates for buyouts. Discussion will be held with the contribution plans.

**Scholarship:** Report made by Clair Williams

By March 28, the scholarship funds received totaled \$54,000 which provided funds for the establishment of the \$50,000 endowment and a distribution of \$2,000. Future donations will be added to the endowment. Donations received so far were just over 100. Members are grateful to Deborah Haliczzer, Joe Grush, Norden Gilbert for their work on this important venture.

**Revisions of By-Laws:** Report made by Lynn Neeley

Motion was made to adopt revised by-laws by Clair Williams, seconded by Larry Sill, and open for discussion.

Lynn Neeley went through the revisions.

Discussion ensued regarding the distribution as listed in V.4.c. – electronic distribution and publication on the website and there was concern about not having it available in paper form so it was suggested to also add available by request.

Elizabeth Bass moved that Article V. 4. b. be: ‘After acceptance by the board, the committee report should be distributed electronically to members, posted on the website, and available in print by request and be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.’, seconded by Carol Zar, and carried.

Moved approval of the set of amendments as revised by Michael Peddle, seconded by Larry Sill, and carried.

Note that a summary of the report and a notification that a report will be available upon request will be communicated in the newsletter.

**Election of Officers and Directors:** Deborah Haliczzer presented the slate of nominees.

**Background of Nominees:** We had four officer positions and five director positions. Deborah Haliczzer gave a synopsis of the slate of candidates.

**Officers:** Lynn Neeley, Past President; Andy Small, Vice President; Al Mueller, Treasurer; Deborah Haliczzer, President as presented by Lynn Neeley

**Directors:** Michael Fortner, John Hulseberg, Sabrina Hammond, Carole Minor, Toni Tollerud

**Vote on Slate of Nominees:** Motion made to accept the slate of nominees by Michael Peddle, seconded by Jeanette Biava, and carried with one abstention. All nominees were approved.

**Appreciation Award:** Steven Johnson presented the awards this year. Clair Williams was the recipient.

### **Presentations**

**Tom Demmer, 90<sup>th</sup> District:** Tom spoke as he represents part of DeKalb County. Tom has been in the legislature since 2013.

**Jeff Keicher, 70<sup>th</sup> District:** Jeff took office when Robert Pritchard retired. Jeff explained his background. Jeff is an NIU alum.

Both took questions from the members that were present.

**Catherine Squires, Vice President, University Advancement/NIU Foundation:** Catherine acknowledged the work that Clair Williams, Norden Gilbert, Deborah Haliczzer, Joe Grush, and Lynn Neeley did on creating the endowed scholarship and to Judy Schneider who was the staff that worked with the committee. Catherine thanked everyone for the continued partnership.

**Matthew (Matt) Streb, Chief of Staff, President Office:** Matt is the Liaison to the President for NIUAA. Matt thanked Tom Demmer and Jeff Keicher for their support of NIU. Matt explained that enrollment is starting to level out and the budget increase is a plus but there's a way to go.

**Concluding Remarks:** Lynn Neeley gave a few short remarks. Deborah Haliczzer thanked those that were finishing up their terms on the board as well as thanking Lynn for her time as President.

**Attendance:** Count was 66 in attendance

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Clair Williams, seconded by Norden Gilbert, carried and adjourned at 5:02pm.

*Respectively submitted by Christina Doe, Secretary, NIUAA Board*