

## NIU Annuitants Association

March 25, 2023

### Call to Order

Andrew Small called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Paul Stoddard, seconded by Toni Tollerud, and carried.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the December 7 minutes was made by Mike Peddle and seconded by Terry Borg and carried.

### President's Report

- The 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Annuitant's Association's celebration will be in June. The Founders of the Association will be recognized.

### Board Liaison Matt Streb

- Governor Pritzker's budget is very strong for higher education. The largest single year increase in two decades.
- NIU 's enrollment is down.
- The NIU School of Nursing building was sold to DeKalb School District. The School of Nursing will be housed in the Monsanto Building until a new building is ready.
- The RFP for Annie Glidden neighborhood is requesting two acres in the neighborhood to build a community center.
- NIU is working with DeKalb trying to bring Metra to DeKalb. The relationship between the city and NIU is strong. NIU is the only Illinois university that does not have an Amtrak.
- Health Building will go where Lincoln Hall is. In the end of design phase. 78 million dollars. The building will be 1/3 smaller and will be a destination for students.
- Jerry Blazey is retiring at the end of June, Matt Strebe will chair search.

### Treasurer's Report Linda Holderman

Linda wants to step down as treasurer. Andy thanked Linda for her service as Treasurer.

### Annual Audit

- Motion to accept the annual audit was made by Michael Peddle and seconded by Toni Tollerud. Motion passed.

### Benefits Terry Borg

- Liz Guess will serve as the interim Chief HR Officer. She will not be a candidate.
- State of Illinois stopping emergency COVID orders.
- Operating Staff and Supportive Professional Staff committee forming task force.

- Andy coordinated efforts with the Professional Development Committee for the Wellness Fair. Terry and Deb will meet.

Communications          Diane Johns

- Items are due to Diane at the end of March.
- Chris and Holly are working together to see what is missing on the web page.

Education and Professional Development

- No report

Legislative

- No report.
- Andy will reach out to Jim Lockard to see if he is still interested in serving.

Parking Committee

- Warnings will be issued for the first ten days of classes.
- Only stay in parking space for seven days. People parking at NIU while on trips did not come up. Will bring this up at the March 16 meeting.

Political Awareness      Michael Peddle

- Encourage people to educate themselves for the local elections.

Public Relations

- No report.

Social Committee          Cynthia Nelson

- Looked into booking Farandas for the Annual Meeting. Talk about the Annual Meeting under New Business.
- Having a coffee to build camaraderie with new members.
- Might have a social at Oak Crest for annuitants.

Scholarship Committee

- Raised another \$5,000.00.
- 306 gifts in 4 ½ years.
- Paul Stoddard and Michael Peddle seconded the motion that the Association donate \$500.00 to the scholarship fund. Motion passed.

Membership Report

- Spouses can sign up to be members of the Annuitants Association.
- The first step in the annual election cycle is the nomination process.
  
- The individuals nominated for election at the June meeting are as follows:

President: Toni Tollerud

Vice President: Paul Stoddard

Treasurer: Cynthia Nelson

Director at Large: Rhonda Robinson, Patricia Vary,  
and Clair Williams

Names will be put in a nomination packet and information will be shared in the Spring newsletter.

#### SUAA Foundation

- No report
  
- NIU has forty members less than UIC. Only down 100 members.

#### New Business

- The Annual Meeting will celebrate the 35-years. Andy Small moved and Paul Stoddard seconded to move the Annual Meeting to June 21, 2023, Motion carried.
- The meeting will be held in the Holmes Student Center.
- SUAA will meet on June 28, 2023.

Michael Peddle moved and Paul Stoddard seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m.