NIU Annuitants Association Meeting

March 20, 2024

Present: Toni Tollerud, Mike Peddle, Clair Williams, Ferald Bryan, Mike Fortner, Deborah Haliczer, Andy Small, Steven Johnson, Terry Borg, Holly Nicholson, Pat Vary, Matt Streb, (ex-officio) Diane Jahns, Steve Cunningham, Paul Stoddard (virtual), Chris Doe (ex-officio)

11:01 called to order

Minutes from December

Holly Nicholson motion to approve, Pat Vary seconded, carried.

Minutes March 2024 special election results – Clair Williams motion to approve, Diane Jahns seconded, carried.

Agenda

Clair Williams brought up that the December minutes should be noted and the approval of the March 2024 special meeting electing new officers. Suggestion was accepted and added to the agenda and Clair Williams motioned to approve amended agenda, Pat Vary seconded, carried.

President’s Report

Toni talked about the shift in officers, which was needed due to the illness of one officer. A special electronic election was held with the following changes: Terry Borg was elected Vice-President, Paul Stoddard was elected Treasurer and Cynthia Nelson was elected at a Board Member. This result enabled Paul Stoddard to be named on the bank account and to conduct the duties of treasurer.

Treasurers Report

Mike Peddle motion to approve, Clair Williams seconded. Terry Borg asked about printing expense for the fall newsletter, what is the amount for as we thought it was sent electronically. There is a group that does not have email. Paul noted the breakdown. Carried.

Projected Budget

* Paul Stoddard presented a projection budget. Currently we are spending more in our budget than we are bringing in. Clair Williams objected to the analysis of the chapter's cash position as of the end of December 2024 a budget.  The bylaws call for the Audit & Finance Committee to prepare a cash forecast which can be referenced by board members when making decisions on expenditures.  This portion of the report should be classified as a cash forecast.
* It was suggested that we extend an offer to those who attend the annual luncheon and ask those who wish to make a donation toward the lunch. The charge is around $18 per person. This may allow us to recoup some revenue. Consensus was secured.

President’s Report (resumed from earlier)

* Toni reported on a meeting she had with John Heckmann, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and Campus Services, and Laura Lundelius, Director of Campus Services, regarding the fee for parking passes. In conjunction with price increases for all other groups on campus, it was negotiated that the retired NIU members would have their parking fees increased from the current rate to $13 this year and up to $15 next term. Mike Peddle motioned with info on statistics, Mike Fortner seconded, carried.
* Toni commented on the June annual meeting luncheon. Terry Stark has offered the same price as it was last year. The date will be June 26. Toni would also like to make this a recruitment opportunity. Mike Peddle suggested inviting the SUAA Executive Director. Andy Small will follow up on this task.
* Toni commented about those that will be at the end of their second term. Anyone having suggestions for who might be recruited to serve on the board should speak to Terry Borg ASAP.

SUAA Report/Membership – Steve Cunningham

Steve is finishing up his final year as President of SUAA. He talked very positively about the new Director, Brian Soady and how he is shaking things up at SUAA. Membership in SUAA is still the major concern and goal.

Vice President Report – Terry Borg

Terry spoke about potential board members and annual award recommendations. Any suggestions should be sent to Terry.

Social Meeting discussion

Update on Bylaws

* Mike Peddle motion to approve all changes for Articles presented, Andy seconded. Discussion took place. Carried.
* Articles III and IV – Mike Peddle turned over to Clair Williams to present. Andy asked if these need to be approved today and Mike Peddle said he’d like some of it to be approved today (listen to recording as I lost some of the chatter and the motion is rather involved). Mike Fortner motion, Clair Williams seconded. Carried.
* Ad hoc committee will meet again and discuss the item regarding reducing the board, as well as there are a few other items that need to be discussed yet.

Committee Reports

Audit/Finance – Mike Fortner

The audit was completed, albeit late. The audit was good.

Benefits Committee – Terry Borg

Terry reported on information from the Benefits Committee Meeting

Communication/Website

Our website needs to be updated more regularly

Education – Deborah Haliczer

Legislative – was sent by Jim Lockard earlier

Membership – Andy Small

Andy talked about our need to push our own membership. WE currently have the highest membership, even more than University of Illinois. Now the task is to keep this.

Parking – Ferald Bryan

Political Awareness – Mike Peddle

Travel – Steven Johnson (get copy of upcoming trips from Steven)

Social – Pat Vary

Scholarship – Clair Williams

Clair gave his written report.

SUAA Foundation – Paul Stoddard had nothing to report

Adjourn – Clair Williams motion to adjourn at 1:24pm, Pat Vary seconded, carried.