



AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting Tuesday Oct. 13, 2020

Attendees: Anna Cicero, Janice Dwosh, Howard Johnson, Julie Horwin, Steve Linder, Ken Freed , Patty Ann Bryant, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Julie Cozad, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Cindy Michels, Marshall Militano, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steve Ramos, Michele Smith, Linda Somo, Sandy Warns , Sally Rosen , Nancy Riley, Susie Sommer, Suzan Austin , Ellen Shamah , Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Danny Barlow , Aurora Aber , AEA Retired Liaison- Ellie Perez

Absences excused: Janie Hydrick, Juan Zuniga

Guest: Virginia Bargmann -- Washington Elementary School District. Recent retiree and new AEA-Retired member.

1. Call to Order by Vice President Anna Cicero at 9:35 am Please follow Zoom protocols today. Thanks for everyone's patience in this meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 motion by Ken Freed , seconded by Julie Cozad. Motion was approved with flexibility.

3. Approval of Minutes from Tues. Sept. 8, 2020 – Janice Dwosh. motion by Ken Freed , seconded by Julie Cozad. Motion was approved.

4. Financials –Howard Johnson. Financials moved to be approved by Sandy Warns, seconded by Larry Wittig. Motion approved. See attachments from 10/6/20 email for details of the financials. We are far under budget due to meetings virtually and not in person. We are four months along (should be around 33% but far below expenditures at this time).

5. Officers reports--- Updates from President Janie Hydrick by Anna Cicero

Please send in articles for NEA Today. Work on passing Prop 208 and other pro public education candidates

Anna Cicero - Vice President efforts have been in the following areas: literature passouts , writing a grant, working hard to fill in today, helping to get pro education school board members elected.

Julie Horwin -Past President NEA board meeting . worked to get \$4 million for the Invest in Ed campaign from NEA. Grants are open now, thanks to Anna for her assistance! New grants available (strategic partnerships).

AEA Board info -- Ken Freed & Luci Messing --

AEA board approved up to \$ 250,000 for Invest in Education. Check the report for more AEA board details.

AEA-Liaison-- Ellie Perez mail in the ballot right away. "Get out the vote" we need help to remind voters to vote for Prop. 208. Calls are needed right now before the election. Socially distanced still even on election day and night. Phone banks on Saturdays.

6. New Business --

Julie Horwin, Janie Hydrick, Steve Ramos, Linda Somo

Move to use \$5000 from the TEF Grant budget line (\$7,881.00) to support the matching grant from NPPC. (National Public Pension Coalition.) Trying to protect our pensions and improve public education in AZ. Ken Freed seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
Should we put in the budget for future years? Budget committee should be aware of this future need.

Shirley Boswell, Michele Smith, Nancy Putman

AEA Retired Membership Committee moves that the AEA Retired executive board funds a recruitment proposal by allowing the membership committee to fund the proposal with up to \$10,500 from unused funds from the 2019-2020 budget year. Motion passed. Membership committee will determine how to give incentives to new members. Possible \$50-\$70 check to new members if they join on ASRS payroll deduction, or one year membership is another alternative.

7 a. Membership – Shirley Boswell

AEA -Retired members total 2,144 Our membership is not growing as much as needed, due to losing some members to death and not getting the younger retirees to join right after retiring. We need to recruit more new members. 18 new members this month.

7b. Membership Outreach –

Nancy Putman, Shirley Boswell, Michele Smith Membership letters will be going out after the election for all recent AEA retirees. Please partner up for adopt-a-local teams. We will meet in committee to discuss new membership goals.

7.c. Political Advocacy/PAC report -- Luci Messing

It's election season. Still need everyone's support as much as possible. Please send a list of activities accomplished to Luci during the election cycle. Send feedback to Luci also. VOTE ASAP!
Luci is on the NEA Legislative committee now.

7d. Conduit the quarterly newsletter will be ready shortly for email and went to AEA for publishing soon. Print edition will be out in a few weeks.

7e. MORE Committee update--- Linda Somo, Susie Sommer

MORE virtual meeting was a success on Oct. 7th. Had over 100 registered, but only 60 attended. Fourteen different states were represented from NEA. Well received information and evaluations. Thanks to Julie Horwin and the MORE team! Thanks to Todd Crenshaw, Joe Thomas, Ellie Perez, and Steve Ramos.

7f. Audit Committee report -- Carmen Peters will meet face to face for final audit report forthcoming, move by Carmen for audit committee report for approval. Seconded by Larry Wittig. Motion approved. Virtual AEA audit committee meeting tomorrow.

8. Chapter reports-- Susie Sommer - good to see everyone at the Chapter meetings. Contact Susie Sommer for the Zoom links at least a week prior to the chapter meetings.

Chapters:

Glendale West Valley-- Susie S. (chairpersons listed below) join the Zoom meetings as available.

Mesa/E. Valley-- Janie H. (check with Ellie Shamah for future meeting info and times.

Greater Tucson -- Marion P.

Phoenix -- Michele S. Oct. 20th Lela Alston will speak at the next meeting

Scottsdale/ PV --Nancy R. and Ann M.

Southeast AZ -- Sally R.

Northern AZ -- Danny B. and Lenny R.

Kyrene -- Ellen Shamah Nov. 17th chapter meeting. Local attorney will be speaking on election law.

Yavapai -- looking for chairperson

Yuma -- looking for chairperson

9..Social justice committee --- Oct. 26th first book discussion Caste by Isabella Wilkerson, contact Ann Myers for more information.

10 Alliances and Coalitions --

AARA . report by Barbara M. -AARA -supports Prop 208. Need to pay dues \$1,450 for our membership fees to the alliance (AARA), check out the Seniors for Biden facebook

Larry W. -- AZ Interfaith Network -- Covid 19 and legislative interviews , chief organizer Jason Lowery, for Valley Interfaith Network.

Anna C. -- School Counselors -- building the pipeline of school counselors - working with Scottsdale parents

Steve Ramos -- ARSC Coalition is working on the draft for national pension coalition for the grant, planning for the upcoming legislative session

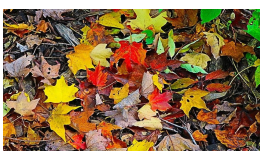
ASRS--Steve Ramos-- legislative committee meeting this week , dental / health care info coming out soon for open enrollment in the month of November. All meetings will be virtual for benefit information.

10. Adjournment of executive board meeting by Anna Cicero, Vice President at 12:20 p.m.

Next Executive board meeting is scheduled for Tues. Nov. 10th . Call for Agenda around Oct. 29th.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Dwosh 10/16/2020

Please stay safe, healthy and connected with family and friends!



Fall is finally here!