

AEA Retired Board Meeting
 May 8, 2012 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

AEA Headquarters, 345 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ

Attendance. Present: Somo, Bing, Horwin, Stephenson, K. Campbell, Moy, Aber, Austin, Barlow, Boswell, J. Campbell, Freed, Linder, Matteson, Mehok, Michels, Putman, Ramos, Rosen, Sain, Coleman, Joseph, Sommers, Hendrickson, Goodluck Absent: Aicone, Ramage-White

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	Pres. Somo called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. She welcomed everyone to the last meeting before summer break of June, July and August. She mentioned the illness of long-time AEA and AEA-Retired member, Diane Jacquette.
2. Agenda	Moved/2 nd by Freed/Sain to approve today's agenda. PASSED
3. Minutes	Moved/2 nd Freed/Linder approval of Minutes for March 13, 2012, AEA Retired Executive Board Meeting. PASSED
4. Financials	Treasurer, Jean Stephenson led a discussion of healthy status of AEA-Retired financials. \$6K was budgeted for the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting in April. We spent \$4200.00, including the cost of housing for AEA delegates. Chapters donated \$575 to our partnership, Communities in Schools Arizona. This sum includes donations from the following: chapter chair member donations; half of Quilt Raffle income, and our monthly Executive Board Half-back raffle.
5. Membership	<p>Shirley Boswell reported that we now have 2,048 members; 29 honorary members (ninety+ years old) 1,391 members use "dues deduct" to pay dues.</p> <p>Membership Drive Outcomes at AEA Delegate Assembly: 13 NEA Retired Life Members 8 AEA Retired Members (9/1/2012)</p> <p>AEA Retired Membership Outreach Committee had three drawings for prizes of: \$100 for NEA Life Member was won by Missy Urlaub; \$50 for AEA Retired was won by Alice Casperson and \$50 for Kathy Carney. Gift cards will be presented to 10 local active presidents for turning in the names of 2011- 12 retirees. Gift cards presented so far:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mindy Whalen Washington District Elementary Association 2. Lucy Messing Tucson Education Association <p>Chocolate candy bars and bookmarks were given to 3 recruiters.</p>
6. Officer's Reports	<p>A. President Somo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Congratulations & welcome to our newly-elected Board members Barbara Matteson & Nancy Putman, and our returning board member Steve Linder. ii. AEA-Retired raised \$3,715 for the NEA Fund at our Annual Meeting on April 27! The following amounts were credited to our RA delegates by our members: Julie \$885; Frank \$515; John \$440; Barbara \$435; Linda \$420. The result is that all of us will arrive at the RA in DC with at least 2.5 times the recommended NEA minimum of \$185 . iii. AEA-Retired raised \$4,000.00 for the AEA Fund at the Delegate Assembly. iv. The NEA Retired Annual Meeting is set for June 27-29 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, DC. Those Board members and Committee Chairs wishing to attend need to give Linda their names. Since flights and hotel are much more expensive this year, you will probably not be fully funded, but we will divide the money available by the number of members who wish to attend. Those wishing to attend need to register online for the Conference through the NEA Retired website, then call the hotel to make a reservation, and make your plane reservation. Motion was made and 2nd by K. Campbell/Ramos to fully fund officers and divide the remainder of funds budgeted among executive board members, chapter and committee chairs who wish to attend. PASSED

	<p>v. The Quality Education & Jobs Act petition gathering needs our help. Please take a few petitions today, and be sure to gather as many signatures as possible, and turn in to AEA by June 1st. You must get it notarized before turning in. Take petitions, instructions, and explanations with you. Sign sheet with serial numbers of petitions that you are taking.</p> <p>vi. AEA Regional Leadership Training – Do we want to have a presence at each region? Dates are: July 19-20, Mesa Marriott; July 23-24, Marriott University Park, Tucson; July 26-27 Cliff Castle, Camp Verde. Cost is \$90/person to register, but we will just ask for table space and continue to push for NEA LIFETIME PRE-RETIRED MEMBERSHIPS. VOLUNTEERS: MESA: SHIRLEY, JUDY, STEVE R. CAMP VERDE: TED, JUDY, NANCY TUCSON: AURORA, BARBARA SALLY</p> <p>It was recommended that a basket of goodies to raffle for each of the 3 teams be created.</p> <p>B. Frank Bing – Vice President Frank lobbied for more time next year at the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting to present information about The Fund. He believes that with more time for clear explanation, AEA-Retired members would be more apt to credit their donation to an elected delegate to the NEA-Representative Assembly.</p> <p>C. Janie Hydrick, candidate for AZ State Senate, was introduced by Julie Horwin. Janie is a 45-year veteran teacher, and member of AEA, NEA. She currently serves on the board of AEA & NEA, and would be a strong warrior for education if elected. Go to http://www.hydrickforaz.com for more information.</p> <p>D. AEA Board of Directors – Judy Moy 66 AEA-Retired delegates donated over \$4000.00 at the AEA Delegate Assembly.</p> <p>E. NEA Board of Directors – see attached report from Dr. Janie Hydrick.</p>										
<p>7. New Business</p>	<p>1. Proposed Meeting Dates for AEA-Retired Board 2012-2012</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>• September 11 & 12</td> <td>• February 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• October 9</td> <td>• March 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• November 13</td> <td>• April 26 Annual Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• December 11</td> <td>• April 26 – 27 AEA Delegate Assembly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• January 8, 2013</td> <td>• May 14</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved and 2nd by Moy/Linder to adopt the new calendar as above. PASSED</p> <p>2. Dues Assessment for Active members. It was suggested that Linda Somo ask for 4th option on the Every Member Option letter to AEA-Retired members: Add box to mark one dollar for an additional Assessment. (Addition to donation to the Fund, EIF, and Foundation.)</p> <p>3. Freed/Linder moved/2nd that one dollar of our \$5.00 AEA-Retired dues increase be contributed to AEA for a period of four years. PASSED</p>	• September 11 & 12	• February 12	• October 9	• March 12	• November 13	• April 26 Annual Meeting	• December 11	• April 26 – 27 AEA Delegate Assembly	• January 8, 2013	• May 14
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<p>8. Old Business</p>	<p>Steve Linder expressed continued concerns regarding the AEA Candidate Recommendation process. Because Doug Kilgore was in the room passing out Quality Education & Jobs Initiative petitions, he noted that the new process would be going forward as outlined last month. It promises to be both more streamlined, and more even-handed across the state, relative to questions asked, and comparative analysis.</p>										

9. Annual Meeting Report	<p>Suzan Austin thanked the leadership of AEA-Retired for putting forth excellent efforts to make the Annual Meeting successful. The AEA-Retired Annual Meeting held on Friday, April 27, 2012, set a new record with 115 registered. We had a record number of 74 delegates to the AEA Delegate Assembly. The speakers were each outstanding: AEA lobbyist Jennifer Loreda; Communities in Schools Director Linda Torkelson; ASRS Dir. Paul Mason; and former liaison to Rep. Gabby Giffords, Pam Simon, were informative and heartwarming. Connie Wittig was honored as the recipient of the Les Reynolds Distinguished Service Award. Each leader given a charge did a wonderful job. Counts for each of our events were as follows: Friday lunches served – 107 Friday Happy Hour/pizza – 75 Saturday caucus breakfast – 70 Saturday lunch – 45 Julie Horwin reported that evaluations were exceptional in their high ratings. Once again, no complaints, lots of joy about the menu, and speakers were each given average of 4.86 out of 5, with Pam Simon receiving average of 5.34 out of 5!</p>
10. Chapter Chair Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzan Austin – Suzan Austin extended an invitation to all members to come to the Greater Phoenix AEA-Retired Mixer on Mon., May 21. Besides social activities, there will be introductions to Facebook and Skype. Steve Ramos will do a Legislative wrap-up. • Barb Joseph - With an average of 10 members at each meeting, they are discussing current events, and health benefits. • Aurora Aber • Steve Ramos • Ted Coleman • Sally Rosen • Susie Sommer
11. ASRS	<p>Steve Ramos reported about meetings he attended. Several ASRS board members who are especially friendly toward AEA are retiring. He does not know method of replacing those members. He believes that the debate whether to change ASRS from defined benefit plan to defined contribution plan may occur again in 2013 legislature, and if more ideologues elected, it may be more difficult to fend off a change.</p>
12. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans	<p>John Campbell reported on the Congressional voting records of members of congress in regards to retiree issues. He also urged us to go to www.educationvotes.org and register. He indicated that Obama is not receiving the support from education activists and retired activists that he needs to stay in office and to support the Affordable Health Care Act.</p>
13. AZ IMPACT	<p>Ken Freed reported that the latest class of AZ IMPACT in Tucson will graduate this Friday, May 11. The Tucson mentors continue to meet with 4-year, 2-year, and 1st-year educators. Linda Somo noted that on August 5 ASU would have a large orientation for education students and she asked for volunteers to go with her to speak about AZ IMPACT.</p>
14. Half-Back Raffle	<p>AEA-Retired Half-back raffle was \$24 for Communities in Schools and \$24 for Barbara Joseph.</p>
15. Adjournment	<p>President Linda Somo adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM. Next meeting, September 11, AEA-Retired Board, and September 12, AEA-Retired Committee Day</p>

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin
AEA-Retired Recording Secretary