Western Regional Leaders Conference Report

NEA-Retired had a high-profile presence at the Western Regional Leaders Conference, even though we only had a few retired members there.

Our table looked very attractive, thanks to the new table cover and all the handouts that were supplied for the purpose. Beside the pamphlets and brochures from NEA-Retired, I also had plenty of GPO/WEP packets provided by NEA GR. All of the handouts were very popular with the conference attendees, and drew many people to our table.

Frank Bing, AEA-Retired Vice President, was a co-presenter with the NEA Student President from Wyoming. Their session, which was well attended, informed active members about all of the programs that NEA-Retired and NEA Student associations have to offer our members, and how we support and complement active associations.

There were only three of us retirees who attended the caucus meeting on Saturday morning: Frank Bing, AZ; Letha Grace McCoy, TX; and myself. We covered the agenda items and reviewed the budget talking points. All three of us attended the Budget Hearing Sunday morning and submitted written requests for the increases that we are recommending. Moreover, Letha and I both gave oral testimony.

I want to thank Cynthia Beck for supplying all the materials that we (both Frank and I) used at the conference. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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