Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans
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The Alliance met on January 5th to review our yearly report regarding our activities during 2008. We also approved a request to continue our grant for Joan Servis, our part time executive director.

The 2009 Alliance Legislative Conference will be held in Washington, DC June 15-18. This is a change because we, the Alliance, feel it important to provide insight for our leaders in congress a positive light rather than in a reactionary mode. The national Alliance recognizes that we have been trained to react rather than propose and it feels the time is right to propose positions before lines are drawn. The feeling is largely based on the new U.S. president and his mantra of time to change.

I will be attending and hope to bring to you ideas we can use in our positions.

The Arizona Alliance will begin examining how to get our members involved more than just our executive board doing everything. Like NEA, AEA and AEA-Retired, a few do the work for many. Our desire is to involve members so there is a tie in for them. We are looking at fund raiser activities so our treasury is solid, rather than fluid. If you have ideas contact Frank Bing or myself.

Respectfully submitted,
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