Annual Meeting Committee Report
May 13, 2010

Our AEA-Retired Annual Meeting on April 22, 2010 was a rewarding and successful event. The theme Red, White, Blue & Vote led to the great patriot center pieces. Thanks to those who took care of that part of the meeting. Julie Howin had a wonderful tribute for Marion Pickens. The rest of you are to be recommended highly for all that you did to help make this a smooth running Annual Meeting.

A big thank you to all of you who donated items for the NEA Fundraiser and who brought door prizes. This could not have been achieved without the workers who set up the items and drew the names of the lucky winners.

The NEA Fundraiser set a new record. All of you dug down again and raised a very good amount in about 20 minutes for Penny Kotterman's campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction. You are awesome.

The caucus meetings led by our President and AEA Director Linda Somo were very interesting especially with all the candidates stopping by to say a few words. The rented portable sound system made for better hearing and allowed for others to speak more easily. As President Somo stated that is something to do another year.

The weather was unusually cool for that time of year. We made out all right with jackets. The biggest difference was that fewer bottles of water and sodas were drunk. The rest of our beverages and food amounts came out just about on target. We continue to improve on our purchasing each year by keeping records of what we buy and use.

Annual Meeting luncheon attendees and guests - 71
Thursday happy hour – 41
Friday caucus breakfast – 42
Friday patio lunch – 44
Friday happy hour – 36 It was hard to get a count of the actives as they came and went.
Saturday caucus breakfast – 39
Our numbers are about the same as the past two years.

Suzan and I really enjoy being your hostess and working with all of you. Next year Suzan Austin will be chairing this Annual Meeting with the help of Cindy Michels.

Suzan Austin and AnnJi Craig-Wooten, Annual Meeting Co-Chairman

Fellow members,
I will end my time as Chairman and Co-chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee. Family and community issues call me in Safford. I have learned so many things since given the challenge of taking our Annual Meeting a step further. I never knew I could help our organization in this way. Best of all, these past three years I have had the help of Suzan Austin. She is a jewel and the Annual Meeting Committee is in good leadership hands. Suzan will now have the challenge of preparing the Annual Meeting for the ever growing number of attendees. It has been fun, but tiring. Thanks for letting me learn and serve in this capacity.
Cheers,
AnnJi