

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes of February 13, 2018

1. Call to Order at 10:15 by President Horwin

**Board members** in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steven Ramos, Susie Sommer, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. **Chapter Chairs;** Rob Johan, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen. **Members;** Aurora Aber, Norma Jimenez, Jean Stephenson, Maria Vinales, Jan Nichols, Jeanne Erickson, Ellen Shamah, Howard Johnson, Sharon Mines. **Staff;** Margaret Sleeper **Guests;**

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (C. Wittig/Zuniga) **Approved**
3. Approval of the minutes of December, 2017 (Somo/Matteson) **Approved**
4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2177 members with 1608 using dues deduct. We have 58 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)
5. Membership Co-Chair Putman asked the Board about contacting potential members this past month. Putman shared relative to an Adopt-A-School program which the committee is developing. Guidelines will be presented at the March meeting.  
She also asked the Board to look for the AEA-Retired ad that will be in the next edition of the Advocate.  
A suggestion was made that Board members get involved in writing a grant.
6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$104,982
Liabilities	\$ 28,980
Equity	\$ 76,002

(See written report for more information.)  
Linder then presented the proposed 2018-2019 Budget. Discussion, suggested changes and approval will occur at the March meeting. Questions by the Board were answered by Treasurer Linder.  
  
Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (K. Freed/Austin)  
**Passed**
7. New Business Item-The Documents Committee presented six (6) additions to the AEA-Retired Board Policy. Each was moved by Chair K. Freed on behalf of the committee and discussed separately.
  1. The President of AEA-Retired shall be funded to attend the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting at AEA-Retired expense. **Passed**

2. AEA-Retired Executive Board Meetings shall take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, September thru May, at the AEA Headquarters, unless otherwise determined by the President. **Passed**
3. Contact information for Board Members, Committee Chairs and Chapter Chairs shall be distributed to the Board and Chairs. This information shall also be posted on the website, unless an individual requests that their contact information not be published. **Passed**
4. A list of committee chairs, committee members and the calendar shall be presented to the AEA-Retired Board for its approval no later than the first Executive Board Meeting of the school year. **Passed**
5. Reimbursement for hotel rooms for local conferences and Board Meetings shall be determined annually by the Budget Committee. **Passed**
6. The Budget Committee shall be comprised of the AEA-Retired Officers and appointees by the President. **Passed**

8. Officers' Report

**President Horwin**-thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work.

Updated the Board on the New Educator Project. Kyrene will begin next week.

Horwin asked that the Board contribute to an AEA-Retired "Basket" to be given away at the Summit. She will match up to \$300. \$345 was raised.

She again noted that AEA-Retired needs to file for Grants for next year.

Horwin has been asked to present with Eskelsen-Garcia and Pringle at The Summit.

She made Chapter Chairs aware that the stone phones have been uploaded.

The Board was reminded of the L.O.V.E. Rally on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

(See printed report for more information.)

**Vice-President Austin**-Reported on the preparations for the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting. She noted that President Horwin has invited former AEA and NEA President Van Roekel to be the keynote speaker. Austin shared that registration has increased to \$40 and that it will include both lunch on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. The social format for AEA-Retired at Delegate Assembly will remain unchanged. You will still be able to have lunch on Saturday for \$5 in the caucus room if you decide not to attend the Awards Luncheon.

**Secretary K. Freed**-shared that he had prepared tax receipts for those who had donated to the Kinnaman Fund. These were distributed.

**Liaison Sleeper**-indicated that bargaining with AEASO has been reopened. Also, AEA is working on a 2 year budget with the knowledge that next year they will receive 13 UNISERV Grants. Sleeper also made us aware that due to the current law suit relative to Fair Share, the Grants availability may change due to the possible loss of members in the affected states. She further shared that the new security system at AEA Headquarters has been installed and is operational.

**AEA Director Barlow**-shared the difficulty he had obtaining the Fund Council membership. (Appreciation was indicated by the Board) He also mentioned that the AEA Board was given the AEA Membership to date Dashboard. Significant time was spent at the most recent AEA Board meeting discussing membership and the impact of those choosing to return to work. President Thomas will bring a proposed solution to the Board in March. At this time, the Fund Council has not determined when a recommendation will come in the Governor's race. A Fund Council Meeting has been added in March to further the discussion.

(A written report is included.)

**Past-President Somo**-As an editor of the Conduit she shared that the next edition, and last for the year, of the Conduit would be 8 pages in length. Consequently, not all of the submitted articles will be able to be included.

**Awards Chair C. Wittig**-announced that Suzan Austin is the 2018 winner of the Les Reynolds Award.

9. ASRS

Ramos reported that the legislature is working to change the EORP such that the PBI that is included will not bankrupt the system. S.C.R. 1010, if passed by the Legislature, will ask voters to amend the EORP and the CORP so that these plans can be adjusted so that they can become more sustainable.

(See written report for more information.)

10. Political Action

Messing reminded the Board about the L.O.V.E. Rally, organized by AZ Schools Now, scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. She asked all to attend and wear red. AEA-Retired continues to be concerned about an early recommendation in the Governor's race.

(See written report for more information.)

11. M.O.R.E.

Calhoun reported that the Leadership Convocation will include a reception from 5-7p.m. at the Wyndham Gardens in Phoenix, on Feb. 26, and a workshop, from 9a.m.-2p.m. on Feb. 27 at AEA Headquarters. This will be followed by a debriefing on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 50 people registered. A phone conference will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> to finalize arrangements.

12. Chapter Chair Reports

**West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)**- The chapter met on Thursday February 1, 2018, at 10:00am at Biscuits, 19420 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. Glendale, with Charlie Gray from Arizona Foster Care Review, as the speaker. **The Next meeting will be Thursday, April 5, 2018, at the same location.**

**Mesa (Hydrick)**-The **Next meeting is March 7** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the MPS Building, at 10:45. The speaker will be David Schapira, candidate for Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction and former AEA member.

**Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)**-The chapter met on January 15, at Denny's Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd., with Steve Ramos speaking about pensions and the Arizona State Retirement System. **The next meeting will be February 19.**

**Tucson (Matteson)**-The **Next meeting is February 20, 2018**, at the Tucson E.A. office at 10:00a.m. The agenda includes a report by those that attended the AEA-Retired Lobby Day and a presentation by Mark Clark, President and CEO of Pima Council on Aging. He will review some of the programs available and share what happens as funding is cut.

**Phoenix (Smith)**-The Phoenix chapter met at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, on January 16 at 10:30a.m. The speaker was GG George, a local historian, preservationist, activist and author. She shared historic events over the 20<sup>th</sup> century and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. **The Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20**, at Beatitudes, with Charlie Gray from the Foster Care Review Board speaking.

**Southeast Arizona (Rosen)**-The **Next meeting will be in March**, during spring break, in Sierra Vista. The chapter met in Hereford, at the Pizzeria Mimosa, with 13 attendees in January.

**Yavapai (Johan)**-The Yavapai chapter's **Next meeting will be Thursday, February 11**, at the Prescott Family Diner in Prescott. At the January meeting the 7 attendees received an update from the January AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting. An election of chapter officers, as well as a presentation by Steve Ramos will take place at the April meeting. Johan announced that Robo calls will begin as soon as the membership list is received and updated.

**Flagstaff (Roach)**-The **Next meeting is March 6** at 10:a.m, at the Flagstaff Federated Church. The February meeting was canceled due to illness.

**Albuquerque (Barlow)**-The fledgling Albuquerque chapter is beginning to form.

### 13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans- Somo sent out a flier informing the AEA-Retired about the labor rally at the capitol.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig's written report was shared with the group, with specific information on the L.O.V.E. Rally, "house meetings," and the determination of AIN priorities.

(See written report L. Wittig included in the packet.)

C. Arizona School Counselors-Cicero shared that the counselors will continue lobbying the legislature. She indicated that a main thrust of the counselors (and other "non-teachers") is to convince the Legislature to change the definition of teachers to include **all** of those who are working with our students.

### 14. Elections

Zuniga presented a written report that indicated that 89 members had registered for the Annual Meeting. Four (4) Board Members, Austin, K. Freed, Somo, and Stephenson, volunteered to be alternates to avoid the time and expense of an election. Janie Hydrick is nominated for vice-president and Rick Baucom, Rose Biggs-Dickerson, Anna Cicero, Julie Cozad, Debbie Cross, Ellie Feldner, Kirk Hinsey, Lucinda Michels, Steve Ramos, Sally Rosen, Susan Sommer, Kate Ward, Larry Wittig and Juan Zuniga have filed to fill the at-large seats on the Board for next year. All terms are 3 years.

15. Fundraising

M. Freed passed out packets of Tickets asking each Board member to sell or purchase the 30 tickets in their packet. This year the tickets indicate their cost with the best price being 30 for \$30. One can also purchase tickets for \$2, \$5, and \$9.

16. Half-back Raffle of \$31 was won by Barlow.

17. Adjournment at 2:15. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

**\*\*Notes \*\***

At 12:35 a recess of 15 minutes was taken so that Board members could get their lunch for a working lunch. After adjournment, the Political Action and Awards Committee met.

**THANKS** to Sally, Nancy/Ann, Marion/Barbara, Janie, Rob, Michele, and Susie for submitting their chapter chair reports in writing.