

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes of March 12, 2019

1. Call to Order at 10:02 by President Horwin

**Board members** in attendance; Julie Horwin, Janie Hydrick, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Marilyn Freed, Kirk Hinsey, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Cindy Michels, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Steven Ramos, Susie Sommer, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. **Chapter Chairs**; Rob Johan, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen. **Members**; Aurora Aber, Susan Austin, John Campbell, Janice Dwosh, Marshal Militano, Paula Mueller, Jan Nichols, Nancy Putman, RaeAnn Rumery, Jean Stephenson, Sandy Warns. **Staff**; Margaret Sleeper, Chris Mayer. **Guests**;

Guests were welcomed by President Horwin.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (M. Freed/Hydrick)

**Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of February 12, 2019 (K. Freed/Hydrick)

**Approved**

4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2191 members with 1600 using dues deduct. We have 69 new members this year. The committee will continue to move forward with plans to recruit the ESP.

(See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Outreach Co-chair Putman shared that they will be shaping a program to recruit the ESP. Next month the sign-up for working at the membership booth will be circulated. Continue to work on the Adopt-A-Local program. Remind actives that AEA-Retired is available to put on pre-retirement workshops.

6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$114,311
Liabilities	\$ 25,846
Equity	\$ 88,465

(See written report for more information.)

Linder shared information about the specific lines of the budget and compared the budgeted with the actual expenses. He also noted that the eNews website line and the Legislative/Political Action line have been over expended

Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (K. Freed/Zuniga)

**Passed**

Treasurer Linder moved for the committee the passage of the 2019-2020 budget. After discussion, it was moved that \$500 dollars be added to the Legislative/Political Action line and a corresponding increase of \$500 be added to income line of Fundraising. (M. Freed/Messing)

**Passed**

The 2019-2020 Budget was then voted on as amended.

## Passed

7. Elections Chair Zuniga announced that there have been 87 Pledge-to-Serve nominations for the Delegate Assembly received prior to the deadline for submission. Also, 1 person has been nominated for secretary and 9 have been nominated for the 6 at-large seats on the Board.

(See printed report for more information.)

8. New Business Item-None

9. Officers' Report

**President Horwin**-provided a written report detailing 8 items. Additionally she spoke about the retired and active members being polled in regards to their pension through the ARSC coalition. Also Horwin explained about the cost of The Awards Luncheon at Delegate Assembly and offered those in attendance the opportunity to participate at a reduced price.

**Vice-President Hydrick**- explained that the AARA is the retired branch of the AFL/CIO. Luncheon for Women in Organized Labor which will be held at the AEA office. Hydrick then shared a booklet published by the Arizona Center for Economic Progress (Lujan) that compares each LD to the state and to each other economically.

**Secretary K. Freed**-in his capacity as Documents Chair reviewed the Constitutional change that is going to be voted on at Annual Meeting to make certain that all understood the changes.

**Liaison Sleeper**-Not in attendance

**AEA Alternate Director Messing**-shared that there had been no AEA Board Meeting since our last meeting and that the next meeting is at the end of the month.

10. ASRS

Chair Ramos shared that his written report is what appears in the current Conduit. Also he noted that the Elected Officials Retirement Plan, which was converted to a Defined Contribution Plan 2013, is being funded by the General Fund at \$5M per year for 30 years. Currently there is a bill in the legislature to raise the amount to \$8M per year for 30 years.

11. Political Action

Chair Messing presented a written report of "The Good, The Bad, and The Frustrating" when it comes to legislation that has been passed or appears likely to pass.

She indicated that we should sign up for "The Civic Engagement Beyond Voting" publication that comes out each Sunday.

Also, Messing shared that there are currently approximately 7900 classrooms in Arizona being staffed by uncertified individuals.

(See printed report for more information.)

12. Chapter Chair Reports

**West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)**-The meeting is held at Biscuits Café, 19420 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Ave., Glendale. **The next meeting is Thursday April 4, 2019** at 10:00a.m.

**Mesa (Hydrick)**-The **Next meeting is May 8, 2019** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the MPS Building, 10:45, with lunch at 11:00. The guests will be Mesa School Board Members Marcie Hutchinson and Kiana Sears. In March a high school student, a home school student and an ASU student from March for Our Lives presented. This group is introducing legislation to address student safety and mental health. This legislation is about “investing in students.” This bill is being co-sponsored by 6 Democrats and 8 Republicans.

**Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)**-The **next meeting will be on Apr. 15** at the Denny’s Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. at 11:00 a.m. with Craig Harris, Arizona Republic journalist, speaking about his series on charter schools. Jane Chavers, from the Musical Instrument Museum, spoke in Feb. about the museum and volunteer opportunities. This chapter supports the Justa Center and the Kinnaman Fund. All are welcome to attend.

**Kyrene/Tempe/Chandler (Shamah)**-The **next meeting will be on April 3** at the Hillside Café in Ahwatukee on Warner and 48<sup>th</sup> St. The guest speakers will be members of the school boards from Kyrene and Tempe Union. They will form a panel to answer questions from those in attendance. Also, 3 state legislators from the area are invited to attend.

Active, as well as retired members are invited to attend.

**Tucson (K. Freed)**-The **Next meeting is March 19** at the Southern Region Office at 10:00 a.m. when we will be hearing from Dawn Penich-Thacker, the Communication Director for Save Our Schools Arizona. Sharon Megdal, an elected Board member from the CAP, spoke last month and gave us some insight into the changes in Arizona’s water policy.

**Phoenix (K. Freed)**-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, in Elaine’s Dining Room on **March 19th at 10:30**. Lunch is \$10 including the tip. We will have a speaker from the Outlaw Dirty Money Campaign speak to the group.

**Southeast Arizona (Rosen)**-The **next meeting will be on Monday, March 18**, at 5:30p.m. at La Casita Restaurant in Sierra Vista.

**Yavapai (Johan)**-The **next meeting is on March 14**, at 11:15 at Augie’s in Prescott.

**Flagstaff (K. Freed)**-The chapter meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, with the **next meeting, on April 16 at 10:00**, in the Flagstaff Federated Church basement room. In March we discussed helping FEA recruit members, The M.O.R.E. Project, the Retiree Luncheon in May and had a report from Sue Strobel on gun violence. There were updates on RedforEd, Betsy DeVos, Legislative bills and RTS.

### 13. Alliances and Coalitions

- A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-Hydrick asked that as individuals we join the National Alliance for Retired Americans. She will provide membership forms in April.
- B. Arizona Interfaith Network-No Report
- C. Arizona School Counselors-No Report

### 14. Annual Meeting (Austin)

Austin shared that 64 of the 87 delegates have already registered. Asked Board Members to bring a wrapped prize worth \$5-\$10 and an unwrapped item for the PAC Fundraiser worth \$10 or more. Paul Matson will again give us an ASRS update and Luci Messing will provide a legislative update/

### 15. M.O.R.E. (Austin)

Austin shared that the M.O.R.E. Mixer in Tucson has been cancelled and that all from the south may attend the Mixer at AEA headquarters on Feb. 21 from 10-3. She thanked those that called for the event. Also, Austin is compiling a list of chapter chair meetings and chair names.

16. Fundraising (M. Freed)

M. Freed introduced the Quilt Artist, Paula Mueller. Together they displayed the magnificent quilt that will be raffled off at Delegate Assembly as Mueller shared its theme, "School Days." Freed also reminded people to sell raffle tickets.

17. M.O.R.E. (Somo)

Somo thanked the committee for stepping up during her medical necessitated absence. At the most recent event there were more than 50 in attendance and were treated to outstanding presentations by Lujan and Crenshaw.

18. Intergenerational Mentoring (Rumery)

The cohort group met on Feb. 28. Mentors met with their 9 protégés and shared lunch. A professional learning plan toolkit workshop was conducted. They are pleased to share that there is a good relationship with the ASU coordinator at the site.

19. The Half-back Raffle of \$33 was won by Ramos.

20. Adjournment at 1:32. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

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

A lunch break of 34 minutes was taken.

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