AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM AEA Headquarters, 345 E. Palm Ln, Phx
Draft Minutes

Attendance: L. Somo, F. Bing, J. Stephenson, J. Horwin, K. Campbell, M. Aicone, A. Aber, S. Austin, S. Boswell, J. Campbell, K. Freed, S. Linder, G. Mehok, C. Michels, C. Peters, B. Pierce, S. Ramos, D. Swinford, J. Zuniga, Chapter & Committee Chairs: T. Coleman, B. Joseph, S. Rosen, S. Sommer, R. Spitzer, L. Thieken, S. Sain Absent: D. Barlow, J. Moy

1. Call to Order	**President L. Somo** called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. She welcomed Barb Joseph, and introduced her.
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved/2nd by **K. Campbell, G. Mehok** to approve the agenda with flexibility. R. Spitzer asked to be added. S. Austin asked to be added. PASSED
3. Approval of minutes	Moved/2nd by **J. Horwin/S. Boswell** to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Add the attendance – it was left out. PASSED
4. Financials & Audit	**Treasurer J. Stephenson** led a discussion of this month's financial statements, and the audit. Moved/2nd by **J. Horwin/ J. Zuniga** to approve the financials and file for audit. PASSED
5. New Business	Response to AZ Leg Pension Bill – **S. Ramos**. See attached ASRS report from Steve Ramos. Steve explained the Return to Work possible legislation with a date of 2015 (Alternate Contribution Rate). He also explained the possible legislation of changing ASRS Fund from Defined Benefit to Defined Contribution. Moved/2nd by **K. Freed/K. Campbell** to authorize **Steve Ramos**, at the Friday, Oct. 15 ASRS Board of Trustees Meeting, to speak for the Alternate Contribution Rate, but, against the 2015 implementation date, speaking on behalf of AEA Retired. PASSED **Linda Somo** will call **Andrew Morrill** to find out AEA stance on this issue.
6. Member-ship	**S. Boswell** shared that we have 1981 members, 1327 are dues deduct. 6 membership cancellations. **Andrew Morrill** sends out a very nice letter to each member who does not renew with reasons to join, and with a phone number to call. See her report in the Board Packet attached to these minutes. She passed around lists of new retired members in order that those on Exec. Brd, and committees may wish to call and recruit/welcome them.
7. Officer Reports	President's/NEA B.O.D./AEA B.O.D. See attached NEA and AEA Board of Directors reports. **Pres. Linda Somo** reported on the following: **NEA Board meeting** – passage of Jobs Bill celebration; One Nation Together Rally; lobbying "The Hill", met personally with Mitchell, Kirkpatrick, & Pastor, and met with the Legislative Assistants for Grijalva, Giffords, McCain & Kyl; talked about reauthorization of ESEA and preserving Social Security without cuts or privatization **Nov. 20 AEA Bargaining & Organizing Conference** – anyone interested in attending must let Linda know so I can register you; must pay $25 per member to attend, so AEA Retired will not be sending large group of people as we talked about

	at last meeting; **Linda** has been asked to be part of TEF training during that conference; still working on having AEA highlight the danger to our retirement fund and informing attendees at the conference about the threat. **Coalition meeting scheduled for Oct. 27 – John Campbell** will report on this; will meet with Mary Murphy, President of AASRA, at 3:00 today **NEA Retirement & Benefits Forum, Silver Springs, MD, Nov. 4-5;** attending with me will be **Judy Moy, Jean Stephenson, John Campbell, Frank Bing, Gary Mehok, Juan Zuniga, & Ted Coleman**; NEA will fund John & me as members of the BOD; rest will be funded by AEA Retired **Open enrollment for ASRS insurance** plans now underway; should be receiving your packet from ASRS soon **Penny Kotterman phone bank Wed., Oct. 13, from 5 – 8 pm** at the Maricopa County Democratic Hdqtrs, NW corner of Central & Thomas in Phoenix; help needed; volunteers include **Steve R, Connie W., Julie, Suzan A., Jean S & Linda S.**, so far; need more of you to join us; if you can't come on the 13th, every Wed. & Thurs. until election day. **I revised the membership brochure and ordered 750 copies**; AEA also is ordering some copies to have on hand; copies on back table for you to take with you **We received the first installment** of our new grant; $5,000 to buy our laptop computer and projector; I'll meet with Jim Paulsen to order equipment **Mike Aicone** reported that there is presently $3596.00 in the AEA Foundation Fund for Intergenerational Mentoring. He also noted that AEA is down 2000 members, which results in $575K impact to the AEA Budget. AEA Budget Committee is Tuesday, Oct. 19. Most likely realign jobs of staff and not replace those who have left.
8. Public Relations	**F. Bing** mentioned that the latest issue of the *Conduit* is at the printer, and has been emailed to the board and those who have requested it via email. He is planning to go on the Retired Educator Trip to China for 2 weeks this year. He is looking at purchasing an ink jet printer. He asked that chapter chairs send him their schedule of meetings fro the year. He is happy to make "robo-calls" to remind chapter members of upcoming meetings. Just phone/email him. Aea.retired@arizonaea.org and frankbcta@aol.com
9. AEA Legislative Committee	**J. Horwin** noted that AEA Board of Directors will approve Legislative Agenda during the Dec. 4, 2010 meeting. 2010-2011 Charges of the AEA Gov. Relations and Leg. Task Force: 1. Review and make recommendations to the AEA Board of Directors regarding the content and prioritization of the AEA Legislative Agenda. 2. Review recommendations for changes in the AEA Legislative Platform. Present recommended changes to the AEA Board of Directors and/or Delegate Assembly. **Jennifer Loredo**, AEA Lobbyist, gave background and 'inside' information about education bills enacted in 2010 Legislative Session: She took advantage of

	opportunities to "fix" some bills, and moderate others. The 2011 legislature promises to be even more conservative than 2010. She noted that there was more education policy enacted in 2010 legislature than in the last 10 years of legislation. Jennifer's Forecast: Big issue: Budget. $700 million-1 Billion down presently with 6 mos. Left. Federal stipulates that through 2011, can't reduce budget below 2006 levels, and that is where we are, now. However, Leg. may do tricks, during this session, which may act as 'roll-overs" and so in FY 2012 result in reduced budget. Any budget cuts to Education from now on will surely be felt as school districts have used all savings/resources. Jennifer predicted that the legislature will go after the ASRS pension. Other: More strong social ideology in the 2011 legislature. **Julie H.** passed out the summary of education bills enacted in the 2010 Legislature that Jennifer included.
10. ASRS	**S. Ramos** reported on the legislative bills that will impact ASRS if enacted this year. See New Business above. Both of his reports are included in this board packet. **D. Swinford** reported that ASRS has a new website, and that members are encouraged to register there to create their own page of information which will be accessible to them at any time. She noted that if pensioners do not have their checks direct deposited, then they will begin having their money put onto a "smart card" similar to a credit card. This is because it costs ASRS $6.00 per check to send it to members via the mail. Also, beginning in December, there will only be sent one print copy per year, of summary of benefits. This will arrive on time for tax purposes. **R. Spitzer** noted that the enrollment books should come to everyone via the mail this week. Health Care Open Enrollment is Oct. 25-Nov. 19. No need to re-enroll unless you are making changes. Non-Medicare HMO & PPO members will be rolled into one program. If you no longer want coverage you must fill out an enrollment form to "decline coverage". See attached report.
11. AZ IMPACT	**L. Thieken, K. Freed** See attached report regarding New Mentor/Protégé meeting in September. **Ken** gave an update of Tucson area mentor program. Linda reported that there are 8 new protégés, and each has been assigned a mentor. Celebration on Sept. 14 went well. Great food, great connections between mentors and protégés. **Linda Thieken** is going to resign from this position in May, so is looking for a replacement. Please contact **Linda Somo or Linda Thieken** if you are interested or know of someone who is. Linda T. will thoroughly help new volunteer in this position.
12. Grants	**Linda Somo** reported that grant checks have been sent. See her President's report above.
13. Chapter Chairs	**Tucson - Aurora Aber** Our last meeting of Sept 21st we discussed our new officers; insurance report from **Richard Spitzer**; Legislative update by **Steve Linder** and threats to our pensions, Penny Kotterman campaign up dates, T-shirts for $10. for Terry Goddard and **Barb**

	Matteson filled us in on NEA-R; our next meeting date Oct. 19th (one week after our Board meeting in Phoenix). We are meeting at AEA Southern Region Office on Oracle at 10:00 am. All for now. **Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Chapter Report – Suzie Austin** Our first meeting was held on Sept. 27 from 11 AM to 1 PM for lunch at the Macayo's on N. Scottsdale Rd. There were eleven in attendance. The guest speaker was **Steve Ramos** who reported on ASRS. The meetings for the rest of the year are scheduled on Nov. 22, Jan. 10, March 14, May 9. **Northern AZ, Chinle – Danny Barlow** I gave out copies of letters to potential members at the Oct. 18 meeting. **Sylvia** and I distributed the AEAR posters to be posted in every school site and the membership forms Joe brought up to Chinle for us. **Matt Kruse** and **Matt Nichols** took the extra materials with them for the Northern Office and are going to give copies to other locals as they meet with them. **Glendale/West Valley Susan Sommer** Glendale/West Valley Chapter is meeting on Oct. 14 at 4pm at Ironworks Restaurant. **Doug Kilgore** will be our presenter to bring us up to date with the latest election and legislative news. We continue to support Andrea's Closet at Banner Thunderbird Hospital by contributing toys brought in from our members. As always we enjoy a meal and great conversation. We welcome our new retirees and celebrate those of us who, over the years, have found fulfilling challenges and adventures in retirement. **Southern Az Sally Rosen** Our second dinner of the year is coming up. We met in early August at the Windemere and many were traveling (and rightly so!). We are retirees from the school districts of Southeast Arizona who want to keep in contact with old friends and make new ones. We have dinner, and share news from AEA retirees in other parts of Arizona. Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.,The Landmark Cafe (side room), 400 Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista. RSVP to either **Barbara Bugbee**, cactusbabe_1@msn.com or **Sally Rosén**, azcatsally@aol.com Remember spouses or other guests are welcome. **Mesa Steve Ramos** The Mesa Chapter met on September 8th at the Mesa Bank building in downtown Mesa. After lunch and conversation we heard from AEA Lobbyist **Jennifer Laredo** on legislative issues and the 2010 elections. We also heard a brief report by **Steve Ramos** on the ASRS. See ASRS report attached to this email. Thanks **Prescott Ted Coleman** Met on Sept. 29. 6 participants. They are inviting actives to their meetings. They will put up retired poster in each site. Ed Rappaport will be guest speaker at next meeting. **Phoenix Barb Joseph** Next meeting Nov. 18 at Metro Tech HS. Last meeting had high attendance.
14. Coalitions	**J. Campbell** reported that the Alliance is sponsoring gubernatorial debates. Goddard is only candidate showing up – along with the Libertarian. Brewer refuses. Oct. 18 at Devonshire Sr. Ctr in Phx. Alliance recommended candidates was emailed. The Coalition is going to meet Oct. 27. 10AM.

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15. Raffle	**K. Freed** noted that since raffle not held this month, he will give participants a chance to enter into two separate raffles in November.
16. Lunch	
17. Strategic Planning ○ Member-ship outreach ○ Political Power ○ Strengthen Chapters	Members of each break-out group reported on their progress of goals. **Jean Stephenson** noted that ASRS will put the link of AEA Retired website on their website. **Frank Bing** reported that he made automated phone calls to remind members of chapter meetings in PV/Scts, Phoenix, East Valley. He will be happy to do them each month, for any chapter who wishes. **Danny Barlow** took AEA Retired posters to northern AZ school sites. **Aurora Aber** asked ASRS if she could set up membership table outside their pre-retirement meetings, and was refused. Same with **Jean Stephenson**. **J. Horwin** agreed to present "How to Market Your Local Chapter." To anyone who wishes.
	The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Horwin, AEA Retired Secretary