

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of May 12, 2015

1. Call to Order at 10:01 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, John Campbell, Judy Moy, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Ed Bufford, Marilyn Freed, Maryanne Goodluck, Michael Gordy, Barbara Matteson, Luci Messing, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Sally Rosen, Susie Sommer, Jean Stephenson. Chapter Chairs; Ted Coleman, Barbara Joseph, Gary Mehok, Ellen Shamah, Ellie Feldner. ASRS Chair; Steve Ramos. Members; Connie Wittig, Kathy Campbell, Renee Newman, Frank Sacco, Cindy Michels, Juan Zuniga, Jan Nichols, Larry Wittig, Anna Cicero. Staff; Mike Aicone, Chris Meza.

2. Approval of Agenda with flexibility (Somo/Barlow) **Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of March 10, 2015. (Somo/Messing) **Approved**

4. Welcome to newly elected Board members: Cicero, Ramos, Zuniga, L. Wittig and continuing member Putman. Also to re-elected vice president Austin. The handout "What kinds of people make good board members," was discussed relative to the responsibilities and expectations of the Board. The Board norms, located on the back of our name plates were pointed out and discussed.

5. Membership Chair Boswell shared most recent membership data. Currently we have increased to 2114 members with 1583 using dues deduct. We have signed 100 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)

6. The end of the year Membership Outreach report was provided by chairs Putman and Moy. A discussion of next year's options were held.

7. Officers' Reports

President Horwin-The President presented the Board with a written report which included much discussion and several motions.

MOTION-(Somo/Barlow) A table be purchased by AEA-Retired for \$210 for the Grijalva 50-Year celebration of Social Security in Tucson on August 14, 2015.

PASSED

MOTION-(Barlow/Peters) To donate \$100 to the AEA Latino Cadre.

PASSED

MOTION-(Matteson/Peters) That a set number of people, selected by the President, will be chosen to attend conferences. This policy would begin immediately.

Motion to Close Debate-(J. Campbell/Boswell) **PASSED**

PASSED 13-4

MOTION-(Somo/J. Campbell) To adopt the proposed 2015-16 AEA-Retired calendar as printed.

24, 2016. Ammendment-(Putman/Austin) To move the May Board meeting to May
PASSED

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President Horwin shared that Messing, Hendrickson and Nichols would be attending the AEA Summer Institute. The Board was also informed that \$3,689 was raised for the NEA Fund and \$5,500 for the AEA Fund by AEA-Retired members at the Annual Meeting/Delegate Assembly.

Vice-President Austin-No report.

Liaison Aicone-Shared some of the staff changes that are happening, including that Lourdes Pena has been hired as our lobbyist. Additionally, AEA will be part of Phase II of the NEA 360 Program. Noted that Agency Fee is under attack.

AEA Director Moy-Shared that Delegate Assembly will be the first week of May for the next 2 years due to some Association conflicts. The site(s) has not yet been selected. May and Putman will be attending the AEA Board Retreat.

NEA Director J. Campbell-In a written report he shared the sites of the next 10 Representative Assemblies as well as the plight of the Alabama Education Association. A copy of the NEA-R directors' Newsletter was also provided.

8. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$64,421
Liabilities	\$17,854
Equity	\$46,567

(See written report for more information.)

Discussion of the amount of the check that should be donated to the Jack Kinnaman Fund. MOTION-(M. Freed/Somer) The treasurer write a check in the amount that has been collected for the Kinnaman Fund which is to be presented by President Horwin at the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting.

PASSED

9. Annual Meeting information was provided by Chairwoman Austin in a **written report**. She added her personal thanks to some of the individuals in attendance who went above and beyond.
10. Two (2) New Business items were brought to the board.
- 1) MOTION-(J. Campbell/Matteson) To take \$5,000 from the contingency fund and distribute it at \$1,000 each to the Alliance Line, the AEA Director's Line, the Membership Outreach Line, the Legislative/Political Action Line and to pay to take over the e-newsletter. Much discussion and debate ensued.

FAILED

- 2) Report on the needs of ESWAG (Educators Soaring With Aspiring Goals) in a written report.

11. ASRS

Nothing to report at this time.

12. Political Action and Election Update

Matteson and Messing shared a written report and asked us to call the Governor and tell him that he needs to honor the court's decision and authorize paying education the money that has been awarded.

C. Wittig presented two (2) written reports about the Morrison Institute and information from the Alliance for Retired Americans.

13. Chapter Chair Reports

Southeast Arizona (Rosen) The next meeting will be in late May, perhaps at the hospital cafeteria due to many health issues in the chapter.

Greater Phoenix (Joseph) The chapter will meet next on Tuesday, May 19, at 10:30 at The Beatitudes, 1610 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix. The speaker will be Susan Sain. Joseph has decided to step down as chair. We will miss her.

Tucson (Linder) reported that they met on 4/21 and discussed the upcoming AEA Delegate Assembly. The chapter will meet at the TEA office on 5/19 at 10:00 for elections.

East Valley/Mesa (Ramos) The next meeting is 5/13 and the speaker will be President Morrill. Last month's meeting dealt with domestic and sexual abuse with Karen Latham as the speaker. Meetings are at 63 E. Main St. in Mesa.

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer) The next meeting will be on October 1 at 4:00 at the Iron Works Restaurant. Jan Nichols was their speaker at their most recent meeting.

Yavapai (Coleman) The chapter will meet in Aug. or Sept. Most recently, Somo and Ramos shared the retirement presentation with the chapter.

Northern Arizona/Reservation (Goodluck) The next meeting is May 27.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Austin) The chapter's next meeting will be on 5/18 at 11:00 at Denny's at 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. President Horwin will be the speaker.

Kyrene (Shamah/Feldner) The next meeting is May 27 with Margaret Bowerman talking about working for Secretary of Education Douglas.

NOTE: NO thank yous this month as there were **Zero (0)** chapter chairs who submitted written reports.

14. Alliances and Coalitions

a. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans (J. Campbell)

The minutes from a recent meeting were included in our packet. It was also shared that Sinema is uncertain as to her position on fast tracking the TPP. The Alliance is helping to convince her of an appropriate position.

- b. Arizona Retirement Security Coalition (Horwin/Meza)
 - Reported on the continued efforts to remove Higher Ed. from ASRS and the impact that this would have on the ASRS system. The result of one University leaving ASRS, without funding its departure, would destabilize the entire system. Also discussed the possibility of the police and firefighters seeking a referendum to tweak their pension program, as it may be unsustainable in its current form.
- 15. Half-back Raffle of \$39 was won by K. Campbell.
- 16. Adjournment at 3:42. Next meeting is a 2-day Board and Committee Meeting on September 8 and 9 at headquarters.

****Notes ****

Lunch was a working lunch with a 10 minute break to get food

The next Conduit will come out the first week of June. Get articles in by the end of May.

Have a relaxing summer. Sign members!!