

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of September 13, 2016

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

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Danny Barlow, Ed Bufford, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Nancy Putman, Kathy Ramage-White, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Sally Rosen, Jean Stephenson, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig. Chapter Chairs; Rob Johan, Janie Hydrick, Michelle Smith, Ellie Feldner, Nancy Riley, Ann Myers. Members; Aurora Aber, Shirley Boswell, John Campbell, Kathy Campbell, Cindy Michels, Jan Nichols. Staff; Margaret Sleeper, Todd Crenshaw, Dan Hand, Shenna Shannon, Charlie Fisher.

NOTE: Prior to the Approval of Agenda President Horwin requested a moment of silence to remember Frank Bing and other members who have recently passed. She also introduced newly elected board members and chapter chairs.

Each of those in attendance was asked to complete the sentence; “This is the year ____.”

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Somo/Ramage-White)

Approved

3. Approval of the minutes of April, 2016 (Somo/C. Wittig)

Approved

4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2188 members with 1607 using dues deduct. We have 48 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Outreach chairs, Putman/Roach shared information relative to those AEA-Retired Board members who had earned money through the recruitment of new members and passed out checks.

6. New Business Item

“Move that prior to the AEA-Retired Board spending money to join an organization, that a committee made up of three (3) Board members, chaired by an officer, review the request and make a recommendation about that expenditure to the Board.” (K. Freed/Austin)

There was discussion as to the necessity of the action.

Failed

7. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$79,044
Liabilities	\$26,158
Equity	\$52,885

(See written report for more information.)

There was discussion of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss documents. This led to a motion;

“To remove \$.74 from the Strategic Planning Grant #5 and place it in the Membership Organizing Grant.” (Somo/C. Wittig)

This zeroes out the Strategic Planning Grant. **Passed**

There was discussion by Liaison Sleeper about the problems encountered in changing our calendar year to June 1-May 30. To be done properly, it was suggested that a CPA firm be engaged to complete this action and file AEA-Retired taxes.

“Move that we hire Henry & Horne, at a cost of \$1000, to file our taxes for this year.” (Somo/Barlow) **Passed**

Move acceptance and file for audit. (Barlow/Putman) **Passed**

Shenna Shannon, Communications Director, visited to introduce new staffer, Charlie Fisher. Fisher, an NEA employee, has been hired as a project coordinator for the upcoming election. He will be running an outreach campaign to members of AEA for Secretary Clinton, and down ballot recommended candidates.

8. Officers' Reports

President Horwin-Shared some of the meetings that she has, including meeting with state legislators. Other items discussed included the future goals of the AEA-Retired, the pre-retirement seminars and a suggestion that active leadership participation be included in the presentations. The President also discussed the New and Improved AEA-Retired Website and requested that we all visit the site. We were again reminded that “**Membership is everyone's job!**”

Horwin talked about a potential new budget line that would help to enable chapter chairs to reach out to members to increase their activity. She shared information about Stones Phones, which would enable chapter chairs to reach their members with a recorded message in a short period of time. The cost of purchase would be approximately \$3,000. We will discuss this further in October.

The Board was asked to approve the following;

“Move the acceptance of the calendar as presented by President Horwin.” (K. Freed/C. Wittig) **Passed**

“Move the acceptance of the committees and committee chairs as presented by President Horwin.” (K. Freed/Somo) **Passed**

Vice-President Austin- Austin shared her time with Todd Crenshaw, as they discussed the M.O.R.E grants. The dates have been reset for the gatherings. Crenshaw also talked about a New Educator Program which would provide training for retirees who substitute to recruit active non-members to join their local/AEA/NEA. An allocation of \$30,000 has been made towards this project. We were reminded that a list of all NEA members residing in Arizona is available.

Austin provided a written report thanking members for their assistance in the 2016 Annual Meeting and sharing that Cicero will now be her co-chair.

Finally, Austin asked members of the Board to assist in setting up the Boardroom and getting food on the tables prior to each Board meeting. She also shared that new members of the Board are to see her if they need copies of AEA-Retired Documents.

Liaison Sleeper-Shared that AEA has updated technology and is also moving to Quick Books to better assist with the accounting. She outlined to the Board where AEA plans on using its resources. Sleeper also updated the Board on membership. Initially, AEA was up 760 members. After the first payroll justification AEA has a net gain of over 500 members. The E-Swag bazaar is this weekend and the office will then return to its normal appearance. It was also reported that AEA is seeking to fill three positions. One is an O.C., one is in accounting, and the last is a handy person position.

AEA Director Barlow-Provided a written report of the August 19th and 20th AEA Board meeting. This report did an excellent job of outlining what the AEA Board completed at its meeting and much information that is planned for the future.

NEA's Todd Crenshaw-Gave a joint report with Vice-President Austin.

9. Chapter Chair Reports

Reports were not given this month. Several chapter chairs did report that they had already started meeting with their members, or that their next meeting was already planned.

10. Alliances and Coalitions

Past President Somo reported that John Campbell had resigned his position as 1ST Vice-President of the AZ Alliance for Retired Americans and that Somo had become 2nd Vice-President, taking Campbell's place on the Board.

Somo also shared that articles for the Conduit needed to be to her by Tuesday, September 20th.

11. Half-back Raffle of \$32 was won by Aber.

12. Adjournment at 12:32. The next meeting is Tuesday October 11th.

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Lunch was a duty free 45 minutes followed by an informative lesson on how to tweet. This was followed by Political Action and Chapter Chairs meetings.