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AEA-Retired Executive Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2009 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
AEA Headquarters Phoenix AZ

Attendance: Somo, Stephenson, Horwin, J. Campbell, Aicone, Aber, Boswell, Craig-Wooten, Freed, Linder, Mehok, Michels, Moy, Pierce, Ramos, Rosin, Thieken, Zuniga, Rosen, Sommer Guests: M.Freed

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	Pres. Somo called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved, 2nd Freed/Zuniga to approve agenda with flexibility. PASSED
3.Previous Minutes	Moved, 2nd Freed/Linder to approve minutes of Sept. 8 & 9, 2009. PASSED
4. Financials	Treasurer Jean Stephenson led a discussion of the financial reports (5 pages including current Balance Sheet, current amounts in and spent from each budget line, and amounts spent and left in each, and funds for each of the grants. Moved, 2nd Stephenson/Freed to accept report and file for audit. PASSED K. Freed conducted the half-back raffle. J. Campbell suggested that the E-newsletter editor include a request for members to add their donation to the NEA-RA give-away fund for the PAC. Horwin agreed and will include request in Nov. E-News. Marilyn Freed won the $21 half-back raffle which garnered $21 for NEA-RA Give-Away. She donated her winnings to the fund, for a total of $44 raised for the fund.
5. Old Business	None
6. New Business	Penny Kotterman Campaign & Phone Banks- Tucson and Phoenix J.Horwin asked members to sign up for phone-bank dates for Penny Kotterman's campaign for state Supt. Of Public Instruction. The following dates were those that had sign ups. Reminders and more information will be provided as dates become closer. Saturday, Nov. 7 10:00AM -1:00 PM Saturday, Ov. 17 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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7.Officer Reports AEA Liaison – Mike Aicone Secretary – Julie Horwin President – Linda Somo	Mike Aicone – reported on funds in Foundation for Mentor Grant program. He responded to questions. Pres. Somo noted that there were more donations to be sent in to recycling company. He also reported that the "Every Member Option" letter to AEA-Retired members is ready to be signed by Pres. Somo and sent out. There is no pressure to contribute. Ask will be in a single letter. Julie Horwin – reported optional opportunity for each local chapter to have a web page linked to the AEA-Retired website. She will work with chapter to create the look they prefer or it can reflect the Azedretired.com webpage. She also had a flier advertising "by-line" opportunities for the E-Newsletter for which members can share the responsibility: Healthy recipes, staying in shape, What to do, Jokes, Quotes, Movies, Member interview, Member Benefits, Youtube video of the month, volunteer opportunities, etc. Linda Somo - AEA Board meeting; attached written report; next meeting Oct. 23-24 will be attended by John Campbell as Alternate Director because she will be in Italy. AEA membership is down. 1300 for the year. NEA staff in AZ to help. Linda has sent an email to exec. Brd. Asking for help recruiting members in particular districts. Representation: Linda's board term is complete this year and election is April 24 at Delegate Assembly. Application will be included in the next AEA Advocate magazine. Ken Freed and Judy Moy both announced their candidacies. NEA Board meeting; highlight Arne Duncan visit; push by NEA for members to use social networks through NEA (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to stay connected to education issues. NEA Retirement & Benefits meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 12-13, 2009. Would like to send two or more people. Who is interested? Linda will ask R. Spitzer, S. Ramos. AEA Bargaining & Lobbying Conference, Saturday, Nov. 7, Hilton Garden Inn, Central Ave. in Phoenix. Can send as many as would like to attend. Who is interested in going? One day, no overnight paid for. AEA-Retired will pay registration fee of $10 per person. J. Horwin, G. Mehok, C. Michels, S. Ramos, J.Moy volunteered to attend. NEA Western Region Leadership Conference Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 15-17, 2010, Mesa Marriott. Need volunteers who are willing to help during registration and prior to registration (Thursday or early Friday); will be permitted to attend sessions without paying cost of registration; will be given free dinner on Friday, and lunch on Saturday. Rooms will not be paid for. Who is interested in helping? The following volunteered: Zuniga, Horwin, Ramos, Rosin, M.Freed, K. Freed, Thieken, Boswell, Mehik, Michels, Pierce, Stephenson, Somo, Moy, Bing. Starting today, all AEA-Retired Board meetings will include time for strategic planning and to work in groups. Each subgroup will be expected to give updates of plans and progress toward goals at each subsequent meeting. Linda complemented the editors of publications: Latest Conduit & E-Newsletter are fabulous! Be sure to read all and use website, azedretired.com.

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8. Standing Committee Chair Reports Membership Daina Swinford ASRS Steve Ramos	Daina Swinford Member count: 1945 members 571 renewals since June. Membership committee will contact 70 members who have not renewed. Steve Ramos reported that due to the economy there has been a migration of people into teaching positions, so teacher shortage is minimal. Return-to-work options are not as critical as once thought. Next AZ Legislative session the ASRS will have the following items put forward: Return-to-Work options: 1. Alternate contribution rate to make up for lack of funds provided by ASRS-member employees. It ***may*** have a one-year free from the alternate rate. But if return to work employee continues for another year, the district will be assessed the alternate rate. 2. If you return to work, you "unretire." That would eliminate the year wait. ASRS will also resubmit the Plan Changes that they submitted last session. Steve noted that in the medical insurance program through ASRS, **Medicare Complete** is actually **Medicare Advantage**. Steve suggested that members go to www.thearizonawewant.org to take the survey. Lattie Coor is chair of this group working to develop the changes that citizens of Arizona want. 3 basic areas include: **Caring for the Economy** 1. Create quality jobs for all Arizonans. 2. Prepare Arizonans of all ages for careers in the 21st century workforce. **Caring for People** 3. Make Arizona "the place to be" for talented young people. 4. Provide health insurance for all, with payment assistance for those who need it. **Caring for Communities** 5. Protect Arizona's natural environment, water supplies and open spaces. 6. Build a modern, effective transportation system and infrastructure. 7. Empower citizens and increase civic involvement. 8. Foster citizen well-being
9. Board Committee Chair Reports IMPACT – Linda Thieken	Linda Thieken talked about the successful new mentorship program. She is working with AEA NEA to develop Professional Development opportunities for Mentees in order that they meet their obligation for ASU. They will focus on Resume Writing, Interviewing for Positions, Classroom Management, and Conversations with Parents. Pres. Somo reported that she will set up a telephone conference for members of Grant Committee in November. Judy Moy led a discussion about renewing certificate for a retired teacher. How can work for the Association be counted toward 180 hours of continuing prof. development needed? Up to 30 hours/year can be given for Association Leadership Activities, but workshops and conferences attended for AEA count over and above those.
10. Coalitions Alliance – John Campbell	John Campbell reported on the Alliance Convention held at Wyndham Oct. 2. AEA-Ret. members in attendance included himself, J. Stephenson, J. Horwin, S. Ramos, and M. Rosin. Frank Bing and Gary Mehok were elected to Citizens Advisory Network. John Campbell was elected as Vice President.

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11. AEA-Retired Chapter Chairs	Susie Sommer reported that her local chapter met with state dir. Of AARP, Mr. Mitchell. They advocatefor changing healthcare but haven't taken a stand on present bills. They have done a good job of dispelling myths around the health care reform. AZ AARP is presently made up of 33%Dem., 33%Rep. and 33% Independent. Sally Rosen reported that their chapter will meet in two weeks. Steve Ramos reported that Nov. 4 is Mesa's next meeting. Bloom/Nichols are coordinating that meeting. Mark Rosin noted that they will meet at JB's Restaurant by Christown Mall Thursday, Oct. 15. Linda Thieken reported that Scts/PV chapter met. Suzan Austin did an extraordinary job of organizing it and communicating with members. Their next meeting will take place Nov. 12 at Orange Tree Resort. Cindy Michels is coordinating Yuma local chapter leadership. Aurora Aber noted that at their Sept. 22 meeting the possibility of splitting into two chapters was presented. Consensus by group was not to split. They have two new chapter members. Next meeting Oct. 20. Tentative meetings for this year include the following: Nov. 17, no meeting in Dec., Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20. The chapter is working to help with the TUSD Override campaign.
12. Strategic Planning	Groups met to continue to plan activities, timelines for the following goals: ▪ Political Power ▪ Membership Outreach and Recruitment ▪ Strengthening Local Chapters of AEA-Retired
13. Working Lunch Strategic Planning	See above. Work of the above groups is attached to this Board Packet Materials.
14.Adjourn Meeting	Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 10AM AEA Headquarters

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin
AEA-Retired secretary