AEA FUND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING
INITIAL DRAFT MINUTES
October 23, 2009

Present: Chair Wright, Vice Chair Morrill, Banales, Bartholomew, Bell, Bufford, Calhoun, Carreon, Casperson, Conway, Fredrickson, Garcia, Hydrick, Kinman, Knaeble, Kouts, Lias, Maza, Messing, Putman, Ramage-White, Ray, Rhodes, Roach, Rumery, Sansome Spacone, Schnee, Skarhus, Stemm, Thomas, and Yandell.

Absent: Arnold, Barlow, Berumen, Bruns, Crego, DeWeerdt, Eisenstock, Huff, Manske, Montes, Philpot, Somo, Vianos, and D. Wright.

Staff Present: Executive Director Mathis; Manager Aicone; and, Executive Assistant Mayer

Agenda Item	Minutes
Call to Order	Chair Wright called the Council Meeting to order at 6:02pm. Roll call was taken.
A. Adoption of Agenda	It was moved/seconded by Hydrick/Thomas to adopt the agenda as presented with flexibility. **PASSED**
B. December 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes	It was moved/seconded by Ramage-White/Lias to approve the December 6, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. **PASSED**
C. 2009-2010 AEA Fund Recommended Budget Adjustments	Treasurer Aicone presented the proposed budget for the election period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The AEA Every Member Option has increased revenue for the AEA Fund for Public Education by an estimated $112,000.00. He presented budget adjustment recommendations. It was moved/seconded by Schnee/Morrill to approve the 2009-2010 AEA Fund for Public Education budget adjustments as recommended.
D. Financial Statement	Treasurer Aicone presented the financial statements through the period ending September 30, 2009. The Fund Council members discussed the expenditures. It was moved/seconded by Kouts/Yandell to approve the AEA Fund for Public Education financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2009 as presented and file for audit. **PASSED**
E. Fund Council Weighted Vote	It was moved/seconded by Bartholomew/Conway to approve the 2009-2010 AEA Fund Council Weighted Vote as presented. **PASSED**
F. 2010 Campaign Environment	AEA Lobbyist Loredo presented the 2009 Legislative Vote Record which records the legislators' votes on 6 specific votes in the 2009 Legislative Session. She highlighted several key Republican votes in the last session. OC Kilgore presented the 2010 campaign environment and 2010 election key dates. He discussed the campaign contribution limit chart with the AEA Fund for Public Education being certified as a Super PAC.
G. 2010 Targeting Concepts	Chair Wright presented an overview of the different kinds of targeting that are likely or possible for the 2010 campaigns.

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H. Candidate Contribution Recommendation	Chair Wright presented a recommendation for a campaign contribution to the Kotterman campaign. It was moved/seconded by Hydrick/Rumery to approve the recommended campaign contribution of up to $4,176 to the Kotterman campaign for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. **PASSED**
I. Fundraising Committee & Plan	Chair Wright announced the AEA Fund Council members who will serve on the AEA Fund Fundraising and Planning Committee along with the Fund Chair and Vice Chair. The committee members are Hydrick, Crego, Ramage-White, Ray, and Skarhus. The fundraising plan should focus on making the connection between the recent legislative session and the need to make changes – present the story
J. Candidate Interview Process	Historically, the candidate interview process was staffed from the GREAT teams. Some GREAT teams are still very solid and others have dismantled. The upcoming election cycle will necessitate expansion to other regional structures to support the candidate interview process. Chair Wright reviewed the draft 2010 legislative candidate recommendation timeline and process.
K. Statewide Candidate Convention	Chair Wright reviewed the different methods in which the AEA Fund for Public Education can and has interviewed and recommended candidates for statewide office. One method was the use of a statewide convention for the primary election; one method was the use of a statewide convention for the general election; another method used a statewide interview team; and, finally the recommendation by delegates at the Delegate Assembly. The Fund Council discussed the different options. The Council concluded that there is value in the use of a convention or other gathering to energize members for grassroots actions; transparency of candidate selection, and engaging members in the campaign/election process. The Council will decide on the most appropriate approach at the next meeting.
L. Future Meetings	Chair Wright announced the next Council meeting will be Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 8:00am until 10:00am.
Adjourn	There being no further business before the AEA Fund for Public Education Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Mathis, Recording Secretary
AEA Fund for Public Education