

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of October 10, 2017

1. Call to Order at 10:00 by Secretary K. Freed

Board members in attendance; Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Marilyn Freed, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Michele Smith, Susie Sommer, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. **Chapter Chairs**; Rob Johan, Janie Hydrick, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen. **Members**; Aurora Aber, Kristine Ehliis, Renee Newman, Maria Vinales, Jan Nichols, Marcy Hutchinson, Ellen Shamah, Marilyn Kinnie. **Staff**; Margaret Sleeper. **Guests**;
Introduction of members in attendance.

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

3. Approval of the minutes of September, 2017 (Calhoun/Matteson) **Approved**

4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2181 members with 1610 using dues deduct. We have 33 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Co-Chair Smith reviewed the goals and concerns regarding membership recruitment and asked the Board for their successes. She explained about adopting a local and again circulated a sign-up sheet. She shared information about town halls, American Education Week and the possibilities of placing ads in the Advocate

6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$78,075
Liabilities	\$21,843
Equity	\$56.231

(See written report for more information.)

Linder shared concern about the absence of a payment from AEA as yet this month. Also, questioned the payment of the eSwag donation. He paid it out of the IMPACT Grant and wanted to know how/when it would be reimbursed from the funds donated for this purpose. President Horwin will need to see to the adjustment.

(See written report for more information.)

Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (Barlow/Zunigalhour)

Passed

7. New Business Item-None

8. Officers' Report

President Horwin-was not in attendance as she was in D.C at the NEA-Retired Executive Council Meeting.

- NEA360 is expected to go "live" after November. www.mynea360

- Over 30 Retired members have signed up to help with the New Educator Project: The Retired Experience.
- In March the NEA National Leaders Summit will be combined with the NEA-Retired Organizing Conference.
- Elections in 2018 Voter turn-out will be the key to not only Gov race but the many

Vice-President Austin-Not in attendance

Liaison Sleeper-reported that AEA membership is up by 415 members, with membership trending up over the last 4 years. Active membership is 13,814 certified and 1,830 classified. Sleeper shared the situation with the New Educator Project. This year the project will be in place in TEA, Kyrene, Sunnyside, PVEA, Washington, Tempe and Creighton. Though the AEA is still running a deficit budget, the picture is much brighter as membership continues to increase. Additionally, NEA is being financially supportive. She explained the NEA360's implementation and gave us advanced notice that we received a "clean" audit.

AEA Director Barlow-reported that AEASO and AEA had reached a tentative agreement which was unanimously rejected by the AEASO membership. This is troubling since the members of the AEASO team had agreed to the settlement and then apparently voted against it. The agreement had been reached in a collaborative manner.

Barlow reported that Smart School and charter school employees can not join AEA. AEA-Retired members who have adopted a local should attend cluster meetings being held by AEA Board of Director members.

Included in his report is the agenda from the most recent AEA Board Meeting
(A written report by Barlow is included in the packet.)

AEA Fund Council Representative Somo-No new information at this time.

Secretary K. Freed-Shared that the Documents Committee would meet immediately after the Board Meeting to finalize ByLaw recommendations for 2017-2018.

9. ASRS

Ramos reported that United Health will be returning monies that were overcharged for health insurance. The amount will vary dependent upon in which plan you are currently enrolled.

The ASRS will again make an attempt to pass a bill that will protect the fund from employers who leave the ASRS program. Currently, ASU is not asking for a bill to be run so that they can exit ASRS.

(See written report Ramos included in the packet.)

10. Political Action

Messing shared the 4 goals decided on by the committee as well as the date (Dec. 5) for advocacy training. Additionally she reported on the success of SOS and requested that we donate to help keep the measure on the 2018 ballot. Information relative to the AEA Town Hall Meetings was provided and all were asked to attend.

(See written report Messing included in the packet.)

11. M.O.R.E.

New chairperson Calhoun reported on the MORE important dates. These included the Mixers, Phoenix Nov. 8 (with Senators Worsley, Hobbs and Rep. Alston) and Tucson Nov. 9 (with Senators Farley, Bradley and Rep. Engel.) The Leadership Convocations will include a reception from 5-7p.m. at the Wyndham Gardens in Phoenix on Dec. 5, and a workshop, from 9a.m.-2p.m. on Dec. 6 at AEA Headquarters.
(See written report Calhoun included in the packet.)

12. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)-Smith conducted the October West Valley Chapter meeting. All meetings are held at Iron Works Restaurant, 17233 N. 45th Ave., Glendale at 4:00 p.m. **The Next meeting is Thursday December 7, 2017.**

Mesa (HydrickSomo)-The **Next meeting is November 15** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8th floor of the MPS Building, at 10:45, where the discussion will be with Mark Robert Gordon, a federal voting rights attorney. He will speak on the insidious plan to deny voters their right to vote and suggest ways that we can prevent this from happening. Stephanie Parra, AEA's Government Relations Director, spoke at the September meeting.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)-The **Next meeting will be on October 16** at 11:00a.m. at the Denny's Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. At this first meeting of the year we will be hearing from Dr. David Garcia, candidate for governor of Arizona.

Tucson (Pickens/Matteson)-At the September meeting, the speaker was Kevin Courtney, lead Organizer for Pima County Interfaith Council. As members of AIN he invited us to take part in the many civic activities in which PCIC is involved. Discussion of the M.O.R.E. event and the Southern Arizona Legislative reception were held. **The Next meeting is October 17**, at the Tucson EA office at 10:00a.m.

Phoenix (Smith)-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, with the **Next meeting being November 21 at 10:30a.m.** At our September 21st meeting we had a good turnout. Some of those in attendance had not been recently attending. Membership forms were passed out and each person was asked to recruit one new member. A lively discussion on healthcare, social security and Medicare was held with talking points presented for discussions with family and friends.

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)-The **Next meeting will be on October 25 at 5:00p.m.** The meeting will take place at Applebee's restaurant on Hwy 92 at the Sierra Vista Mall.

Yavapai (Johan)-The Yavapai chapter's **Next meeting will be Thursday, October 12** at the Prescott Family Diner in Prescott. Agenda items include; updates from the Oct. AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting, education/political developments, and the continuation of implementing a strategy to achieve the NEA Organizing Grant objectives. President Horwin was the guest speaker at the September 15 meeting. She discussed member involvement in association, education, social and political activities. Members were updated about AEA-R Exec. Bd., AEA

Fund Council meetings, significant educational/political developments, and the NEA Organizing Grant. Members were asked to assist in the Oct. 18 DKG service project at a Prescott elementary school.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The Next meeting is Nov. 7 at 10:a.m. At the October 3 meeting the members discussed the FUSD Governing Board meeting turnout, an NEA Student chapter at NAU, the Primary Candidates for Governor Forum, the AEA-R grant to call members, the NEA-Retired organizing visit to Flagstaff and a gun safety update. Updates on specific areas were provided and all were encouraged to continue becoming an expert on a specific issues. Areas included; Flake's re-election and his opponents, the Arizona poverty rate, the SOS initiative campaign, the lawsuit to fully fund education in Arizona, and the Political Advocacy training in Phoenix on Dec. 7.

13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-Somo shared the outcomes of the Alliance Convention. Several members, including Somo (VP) and Hydrick (Treasurer) were elected as officers. She shared that 2 additional part-time staff were hired, Kathy Osean and Mark Cardenas.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig shared that the group he is most familiar with, (the VIP) is working in the areas of Healthcare, Medicare/Medicaid, DACA, Prison Reform and Education.

(See written report L. Wittig included in the packet.)

C. Arizona School Counselors-Cicero not in attendance.

14. Intergenerational Mentoring

Vinares reported that she and co-chair Marcy Hutchinson are having some difficulties recruiting students as mentees.

15. Half-back Raffle of \$32 was won by Hutchinson. She asked that **ALL** of the money go to the Kinnaman Fund. **Thank you Marcy!**

16. Adjournment at 1:45. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

****Notes ****

Lunch was taken at 12:33 and the meeting reconvened at 1:00.

THANKS to Nancy, Marion, Ann, Sally, Rob, Janie, Michele and Tricia for submitting their chapter chair reports in writing.

Best of Luck to Carmen on his surgery!!