

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of January 12, 2016

1. Call to Order at 10:08 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, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Luci Messing, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Kathy Ramage-White, Steven Ramos, Sally Rosen, Susie Sommer, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. Chapter Chairs; Ted Coleman, Michelle Smith, Ellie Feldner, Tricia Roach. Members; Barbara Matteson, Connie Wittig, Aurora Aber, Kathy Campbell, Brenda Pierce, Frank Sacco, Cindy Michels, Jan Nichols, Maria Vinaras, Kristine Ehlis. Guests; Representative Reginald Boling. Staff; Mike Aicone, Todd Crenshaw.

NOTE: Prior to the Approval of Agenda we were introduced to Representative Reginald Bolding, who represents District 27. He shared his personal history and some of his goals with us. He is a strong advocate, and friend, of education.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Barlow/Ramage-White) **Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of December 8, 2015 (Campbell/Bufford) **Approved**

4. Membership Chair Boswell shared most recent membership data. Currently we have increased to 2175 members with 1614 using dues deduct. We have 93 new members.
(See printed report for more information.)

Chairperson Boswell also shared that 37 of our members, who are 90+ years of age, are “honorary” and therefore non-dues paying.

5. Membership Outreach chairs, Putman/Moy shared that they have the lists of former “Actives,” by local who are not yet members. They also shared the list of those Board members who have volunteered to help recruit. President Horwin was added to this list. The Board reported out on their attempts to recruit additional members. The chairs have ordered 500 additional tri-folds to assist with recruitment.

(See printed report for more information.)

6. New Business Item-Move that the AEA-Retired become a member of Valley Interfaith as a non-congregational member and to expend up to \$1,000 to pay for this membership. (Wittig/Ramage-White) After discussion, which included information that this is a statewide umbrella group, and whether budget implementation would be in budget year 2015-16 or 2016-17, a vote was taken. **FAILED**

Move that the Budget Committee of AEA-Retired review the possibility of joining Valley Interfaith and committing up to 1% of our income as dues, for budget year 2016-17. (Wittig/Zuniga) Discussion ensued which indicated that the Budget

Committee should investigate this possibility, review this annual commitment and make a recommendation through the budgeting process. **PASSED**

7. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

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| Assets | \$79,087 |
| Liabilities | \$23,095 |
| Equity | \$55,991 |

(See written report for more information.)

Move Acceptance and file for audit. (Linder/Barlow) **Approved**

Treasurer Linder shared his continued concerns about the Executive Board Lodging as well as Office Postage, as both already exceed 100% usage. Also shared that we have received the grant money, and reported the exact amounts of the grants.

8. Officers' Reports

President Horwin presented a written report that shared information about signing up for MyNEA360 FAQ. Included in this report is her Association schedule for the upcoming months. Some of the activities include the budget committee meeting, AEA Organizing Conference, Candidate Trainings and Annual Meeting location.

Vice-President Austin-No report.

Liaison Aicone-indicated that AEA currently has an increase of 564 certs and 50 ESP. He also shared that the EMO letter will be coming soon. Aicone informed us that AEA will be decentralizing membership processing.

AEA Director Moy-indicated that there has been no meeting since our December meeting. She shared that she would kick off the Prop 123 activities in February.

NEA Director J. Campbell-no report.

Secretary K. Freed- distributed receipts for donations to the Kinnaman Fund.

Document Committee Chair K. Freed-presented a written report that recommends no changes in the current documents.

9. ASRS

Chairperson Ramos provided a written report that indicated that ASU will probably NOT request a bill to remove their employees from the ASRS. He also reported that Eileen Klein believes that college funding will increase. A discussion about the opening of the Constitution to diminish the problems of the public safety pension was held.

10. M.O.R.E. Grant
Vice-President Austin and NEA Staff Crenshaw shared a written report that indicated the goals of the M.O.R.E Project as well as discussion of the organizing that has been completed. They announced that invitations will be sent for introductory meetings in both Tucson and Phoenix. Also, Crenshaw shared that he has **secured an additional \$11,400** to help implement the grant.
11. AEA-Retired Elections
Chairperson Ramage-White provided the Board with a written report that details who has been nominated to run for the AEA-Retired Board and as delegates to the Delegate Assembly. She encouraged everyone to submit their paperwork and to recruit others to attend.
12. Political Action and Election Update
Chairpersons Matteson and Wittig provided written report that include thanks for attendance at the opening of the Legislature. A report of the Tucson Summit on Education was then shared by Messing.
13. Chapter Chair Reports
 - Southeast Arizona (Rosen)** The chapter will next meet on January 28 at 5:00, at the Manda Le Restaurant, located on Canyon de Flores and Hwy 92.
 - Greater Phoenix (Smith)** The next meeting will be on Jan. 26, at Beatitudes, 1610 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix. Jan Nichols will be the speaker at 10:30a.m.
 - Tucson (Matteson)** Reported that they met on 12/15 and had a discussion previewing the legislative session. They will meet again on 1/19 at the Tucson EA office.
 - East Valley/Mesa (Somo)** The next meeting is 1/13 at 10:30 and the speaker will be from AARP. Future meetings will be 3/9 and 5/11. All meetings are at 63 E. Main St. in Mesa.
 - West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)** The next meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 4th at 4:00p.m. The meeting will be at the Iron Works Restaurant.
 - Yavapai (Coleman)** The next meeting is 1/30 at IHOP in Prescott Valley with Steve Ramos presenting.
 - Northern Arizona/Reservation (Goodluck)** No report
 - Scottsdale, Paradise Valley (Austin)** The next meeting will be 1/18, from 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. for lunch at Denny's, 7000 N. Mayo Blvd., Scottsdale, with Jan Nichols presenting. They continue to collect books and magazines for Lodstar along with donating money to the Jack Kinnaman Fund. Future meetings are 3/21 and 5/16.
 - Kyrene (Feldner)** Reported that they will next meet on Jan. 21 at Ellie's home, with the speaker to be determined. The location is an attempt to include people from Tempe.
 - Flagstaff (Roach)** They last met again on January 5 and talked about the threat to ASRS. They will be meeting with the Arizona Daily Sun reporter

to discuss a teacher appreciation event. Their meetings take place on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Federated Church.

****NOTE**** Thank you to Sally and Suzan for providing written reports.

14. Alliances and Coalitions

a. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans (Campbell)

The Alliance met last week and was chaired by John Campbell. In addition to the written report, John shared that the Alliance for Retired Americans Western Regional Conference will take place in Las Vegas on March 8 and 9.

b. Arizona retirement Security Coalition (Horwin)

In addition to the written report, Horwin shared that the Fire and Police need to fix their pension plan as it is unsustainable. This needs to be done with a voter change to the Constitution. The changes that are going to the ballot are for new hires only, and will create a hybrid DB/DC system with a PBI rather than a COLA. The Firefighters have indicated that they will do calling to GOTV.

15. Half-back Raffle of \$31 was won by Ramos

16. Adjournment at 2:35. The next meeting is February 9.

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Lunch was a 20 minute recess at 1:10.

Political Action, Grants, Annual Awards and Membership committee meetings were held.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Freed, Secretary, AEA-Retired