



## AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting Tuesday April 13, 2021

Held on Zoom 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

### Meeting minutes

**Attendees:** Anna Cicero , Janice Dwosh, Julie Horwin, Steve Linder, Ken Freed, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Katri Hakes, Norma Jimenez, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Marshall Militano, Cindy Michels, Nancy Putman, Carmen Peters, Michele Smith, Linda Somo, Sandy Warns , Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Sally Rosen , Nancy Riley, Susie Sommer, Steve Ramos , Luci Messing, Jeanne Erickson , Julie Cieniawski, Marilyn Freed

**Absences excused:** Howard Johnson, Julie Cozad, Ann Myers, Janie Hydrick , Marion Pickens, Ellie Perez

**1. Call to Order by President Anna Cicero at 9:31 am** Welcome to members . Please follow the meeting protocols.

**2. Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, April 13, 2021-- Janice Dwosh:** motion by Ken Freed, seconded by Gary Mehok . Motion was approved with flexibility.

**3. Approval of Minutes from Tues. March 9, 2021 – Janice Dwosh :** motion by Ken Freed, seconded by Gary Mehok . Motion was approved.

**4. Financials –Howard Johnson (Treasurer was absent at this meeting)** Steve Linder filled in this month reviewing the financials. Financials were moved to be approved by Danny Barlow seconded by Larry Wittig . Motion was approved. See attachments from March 31st email for details of the financials. We are far under budget due to meetings virtually and not in person. We have spent only 29% of this year’s budget so far this year (as of April 1, 2021). The Paypal account is used to only receive money for the Annual Meeting. There was a discussion about the future of financial accountability for our organization.

**5. Officers reports--- President Anna Cicero -** See Pres. report earlier distributed. Communication is the key for our AEA Retired board and members. Transition is going on well. Taxes are done for the year.

**AEA Retired Annual meeting/AEA Delegate Assembly** -May 7th-8th currently scheduled for 6-9 p.m, on May 7th, and 9 am-1:30 p.m. on May 8th . Elections will be held outside of the agenda, we will conduct a pre-caucus after our annual meeting. Will be using “Shindig “ online platform for virtual delegate assembly.

**Julie Horwin -Past President--** We need money for state grants (from NEA). Julie also gave updates from NEA.

**AEA Board info -- Ken Freed /Luci Messing--** last AEA board meeting 4/10/21, legislative session discussed. This month's report will be sent out in the Annual meeting packet. All changes at AEA Delegate assembly must be done by April 23rd, 2021. Reviewed standing rules for the AEA DA.

#### **6. New Business and discussions:**

**Documents -- changes to board policy --reimbursement (K. Freed)--** three motions to approve policy changes by documents committee , seconded by the same committee . Motions were approved.

**2021/2022 Budget approval (L. Somo) --** motion to approve by budget committee , seconded by the budget committee . Motion was approved. Budget has passed.

**Election buddy --**Janie not available today at the meeting for this discussion.

**7a. Membership Committee -Shirley Boswell -** AEA-Retired we have 2,113 members as of April 2021. We have lost many deceased members this year . So far we have had fewer than 10 new members join through the new membership drive.

**7b. Membership Outreach – Michele Smith, Nancy Putman, Shirley Boswell:** five new members will get names drawn for money during the annual meeting. Contact your adopt a local for their list of retirees.

**7.c. Political Advocacy/PAC report -- Luci Messing --** lots of difficult bills, waiting game on budget right now . Many tax cuts are being proposed. Write letters to the governor asap to veto the voucher bills.

**8a. Annual meeting report -- Anna C. and Norma J.--** May 7th 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Reports needed for annual meeting - committee year end reports, budget, candidate speeches , sample ballot, bylaws & constitution changes . All due to Janice Dwosh by April 29th. Lots of drawings and incentives. Great speakers and activities planned. New business items for the AEA DA must be submitted by April 23rd to K. Shuffield in AEA.

We have had seven planning meetings, many phone calls and three more planning meetings to go before the big day. Anna thanked the 14 member committee for their input in making the (hopefully last) virtual Annual Meeting a success!

Julie Horwin is the winner of the Les Reynolds Distinguished Service award!

**8b. Elections Committee report -- Steve Linder --** We have 73 delegates plus Ken Freed as ex officio delegate for the AEA -Delegate assembly and our annual meeting. Candidate speeches due by April 20th.

**Running for office:**

**Vice President** -Ann Escosa Griffin and Julie Cieniawski (full three year term)

**Seven open executive board seats** -- Ellie Feldner, Susan Sommer, Luci Messing, Marilyn Freed, Sharin Manes, Jeanne Erickson, Marie Diane Bruening, Michele Smith  
still open for nominations (6 positions are 3 year terms, one is for a one year term) .

**Two years remaining for Treasurer- finishing up term for Howard Johnson** -- President will appoint the replacement per our constitution and by laws if Treasurer resigns during the term (as of 6/1/21)

**8c. NEA PAC donations --Barb Matteson** - during the annual meeting a link will be sent out to specify your donation to the NEA PAC fund. It will be a recommendation of \$5 per month per person, but any donations are welcome.. Barb M. and Julie H. discussed the importance of donations.

**9. Chapter reports-- Susie Sommer - Glendale West Valley-- Susie S. (chairpersons listed below) See chapter summaries for upcoming events. Call chapter members when you have a chance .**

**AEA-Retired Glendale/West Valley - Susie S.-**see chapter summaries

**P.V. /Scottsdale - Ann M. and Nancy R. -** see chapter summaries

**Mesa/E. Valley-- Janie H. -** no written report

**Phoenix -- Michele S.** - no written report

**S.E. AZ -- Sally R.** -- see chapter summaries

**Northern AZ -- Danny B. and Lenny R.** - no written report

**Kyrene -- Ellen Shamah** --no written report

#### **10. Alliances and Coalitions --**

**School Counselors--Anna C.** -- in Prop. 301 language. Anna on board for next year or so. In person school counselor meeting later this summer.

**AARA -Barbara Matteson/Janie Hydrick-** no updates this month.

**VIP --Larry Wittig** - hopes someone will continue with VIP after he leaves the AEA Retired board this year. VIP has been a valuable partner. We will miss you on the AEA Retired board Larry and Connie Wittig!

**ARSC and ASRS- Steve Ramos** -- ASRS ROI currently at 16%, ARSC --outreach workshop on Zoom to active educators being worked on right now to explain the ASRS pension plan, etc.

**Other discussion** -- Danny Barlow will be donating his photographs for NEA PAC auction, AEA-Retired will pay for shipping, and Julie Horwin will use the extra iPad from NEA grant for the NEA PAC fundraiser auction this summer.

**Adjournment of executive board meeting by Anna Cicero at 12:24 p.m.**

**Next meeting: Annual meeting Friday May 7th. All written reports and documents due Thursday April 29th to Janice Dwosh.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted on 4/19/21 by Janice Dwosh**

