

AEA Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of September 9, 2014

1. Call to Order at 10:07 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, John Campbell, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Ed Bufford, Marilyn Freed, Maryanne Goodluck, Michael Gordy, Liz Hendrickson, Barbara Matteson, Luci Messing, Nancy Putman, Jean Stephenson. Chapter Chairs; Janie Hydrick, Barbara Joseph, Gary Mehok, Ellen Shamah. Members; Kathy Campbell, Ellie Feldner, Renee Newman, Brenda Pierce, Frank Sacco, Jan Nichols.

A thank you to board members, new and continuing, by President Horwin, and a welcome to all in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda (Somo/Putman) **Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of the May Meeting (Somo/Barlow) **Approved**

4. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$61,250
Liabilities	\$17,184
Equity	\$44,066

Approval of the report and file for audit (K. Freed/Barlow) **Approved**

Additionally we were informed of the Treasurer's summer vacation. He had to input all of the budget information and self teach the remote process of preparing documents for Board Meetings. He asked that if you want prompt payment that you send approved vouchers to his home address as he is not planning to "stop" into the office between Board Meetings. If vouchers are sent to the office, they will not be processed until the next meeting. It is his goal to assist the Board in protecting our members' money. He offered thanks to Mike Aicone for Mike's assistance to aid in the transition.

5. Membership Chair Boswell shared most recent membership data. Currently we have increased to 2130 members with 1558 using dues deduct. The Board was reminded that membership is everyone's concern and we were invited to attend the membership meeting on committee day. (See printed report for more information.)

6. Officers Reports

President Horwin-Shared the high points of the NEA-R Annual Meeting and the RA, which included President Horwin's election to the NEA-R Executive Council. She noted that for the first time, NEA is being lead by 3 women., Lily Eskelsen-Garcia, Becky Pringle, and Princess Moss.

It was reported that Mary Kusler, head of NEA Government Relations, has been invited to speak at the AEA-R Annual Meeting.

Vice –President Austin-Shared that coffee will be available at our meetings and individuals might desire to bring their own cups with them.

She requested that members RSVP to attendance requests for meetings so that proper food amounts can be ordered and request assistance with set up prior to meetings and clean-up at their conclusion.

Liaison Aicone-Not in attendance.

AEA Director Moy-Not in attendance. She forwarded the March 17 and May 8 minutes from the AEA Board.

NEA Director Campbell-The next NEA Board Meeting is September 17, where he will become a member of the UNISERV Committee.

This year's Organizing Conference will be in Atlanta, in March.

7. Discussion about what to do with our Halfback Raffle proceeds since Communities In Schools has left Arizona. It was moved (Matteson/K. Freed) that the fund's name be changed to the "Jack Kinnaman, NEA-Retired Scholarship Fund" and that proceeds from the halfback raffle be donated at the NEA Annual Meeting. **PASSED**
8. ASRS Health Insurance report was provided in writing by Stephenson. Her remarks included that the non-Medicare retirees will face an increase which will be diminished due to EERP money. Medicare rates will increase by approximately 2% (\$4.00) for Maricopa, Pima and Pinal counties, while the rural counties will decrease substantially to meet the rate of the urban counties. It was also noted that the fund currently has \$34B, which is an increase from \$19B during the depths of the recession.
9. Chapter Chair Reports/ETC.
 - Southeast Arizona (Rosen)-Not in attendance. Written report indicated that they met on 8/23 and reported on their summer activities. Next meeting is in October.
 - Greater Phoenix (Joseph) will meet on 9/23 at Beatitudes, with the speaker being Mary Jo Pitzle from The Republic.
 - Greater Tucson (Linder) reported that we met on 8/19 and discussed the primary and political events going on in the South. We will meet at TEA on 9/16.
 - East Valley/Mesa (Hydrick) The next meeting 9/17 with Mike Cowen, Mesa Superintendent presenting.
 - West Valley/Glendale (Sommer) Met on 5/1 with Ramos as the presenter. Donated \$150 worth of books to Banner Hospital. Next meeting will be 10/2 at 4:00.
 - Yavapai (Coleman) Not in Attendance. Written Report indicated that they met in August and will meet in September, and include a trip to the Phippen Museum.
 - Northern Arizona (Goodluck) They will meet on 9/17, and are in the process of scheduling a speaker.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Austin) Next meeting is on 9/15, at Denny's at 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd. with John Campbell as the speaker. The chapter will continue donating books to the Lodestar Learning Center.

Kyrene (Shamah) Will meet next on 9/15 at Native New Yorker with several candidates attending

Phoenix Valley (Austin) Shared information on the valley wide meeting.

10. Political Action and Election Updates (Matteson/Hydrick)

Written report is included in the materials. Discussion about Duval's Republican and Independent supporters and of his positive position on Education and pension protection. We were asked to work, walk, and donate.

11. Alliance and Coalitions

Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-J. Campbell noted that there are 400,000 members and they have a common sense approach to economics. There is still wonderment as to how people can vote for a party that doesn't care about women, labor, children, the poor, seniors, education, etc.

Arizona Wins-Pension Coalition-Horwin shared that the Phoenix Public Employees are fighting for their pensions. In the ballot is proposition that would change their pension to a defined contribution plan at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000,000 to the Arizona taxpayer. If this succeeds, we are next!!

Half-back Raffle of \$25 was won by Linder.

Adjournment at 1:58. Next meeting is September 9 at 10:00AM at headquarters.

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One-half hour, duty-free lunch was taken.