

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

1. Call to Order at 10:05 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, Maryanne Goodluck, Liz Hendrickson, Luci Messing, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steven Ramos, Sally Rosen, Susie Sommer, Jean Stephenson, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. Chapter Chairs; Ted Coleman, Marilyn Calhoun, Ellen Shamah, Tricia Roach. Members; Barbara Matteson, Connie Wittig, Aurora Aber, Brenda Pierce, Gary Mehok, Cindy Michels, Jan Nichols, Pam Myers. Guests; Joe Thomas. Staff; Margaret Sleeper, Todd Crenshaw.

NOTE: Prior to the Approval of Agenda President Horwin appointed Campbell to make certain that we stayed on schedule and also introduced newcomers.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Campbell/Barlow)

Approved

3. Approval of the minutes of March, 2016 (Campbell/Somo)

Approved

4. Membership Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2161 members with 1613 using dues deduct. We have 122 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Outreach chairs, Putman/Moy shared information relative to the Delegate Assembly. Membership forms will be placed on the actives' chairs. Discussion ensued relative to the various drawings that will take place. (See printed report for more in depth information.)

6. New Business Item

- A. "Move that delegates that drive more than 200 miles, *one-way*, to represent AEA-Retired at Delegate Assembly, be reimbursed for up to two (2) nights lodging, for half a room. Funds will be expended from the Delegate Assembly line of the budget." (Horwin/Somo)

After the President passed the gavel, there was much discussion about the distance and the cost. A friendly amendment was added to make certain that all understood that the intent was that the mileage was to be one-way.

A motion to close debate. (Campbell/M. Freed)
Vice-President Austin called the question.

Passed

Passed

- B. Item pulled by the maker.

- C. “Move that AEA-Retired become members of the Arizona Advocacy Network and pay dues of ~~\$600~~ \$450 from the 2016-2017 budget.” (Wittig/Messing)
The maker of the motion mentioned Valley Interfaith and was asked if this organization was the same as Arizona Interfaith Network. Yes was the answer given to the question. Treasurer Linder reminded the Board that \$450 was inserted in the 2016-17 budget. This was accepted as a friendly amendment. More discussion ensued and it appeared there was much confusion.

New motion to move to table this motion until the next regular meeting.
(Somo/Ramos)

Passed

7. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$77,551
Liabilities	\$22,390
Equity	\$55,160

(See written report for more information.)

Move Acceptance and file for audit. (Barlow/Moy)

Passed

There was discussion about the lines in the budget that have already exceeded 100% and the problem that 2015-2016 is a 13 month year due to our changing our reporting period. The Board indicated their desire that May be included in 15-16 rather than as its own year.

8. The ASRS Health Insurance Advisory Committee report was provided in writing by Stephenson. She further shared the concern around the non-medicare insurees and the goal of providing them with options. She also explained a navigated network. Also, the ASRS is working towards online enrollment.
9. Senator Katie Hobs was due to speak but was unable to break away from the legislature.
10. Officers’ Reports

President Horwin-Shared that there will be a telephone Town Hall tomorrow at 11:00 relative to Prop 123. She thanked Roach for establishing our presence on twitter. We were told that we would approve the calendar and committees in September as there is no May meeting. She then stated, “Move that we expend \$250 from the Annual Meeting line to send Luci Messing to AEA Summer Leadership as part of the Tucson Education Association team.” (Horwin/Peters)

Passed

Vice-President Austin- A job list was circulated for each of us to select jobs at the Annual Meeting and cell phone and email addresses were sent around for confirmation. She will remind us of what we signed up for prior to the meeting. Austin shared the dates for next year’s M.O.R.E meetings. Written documents were provided.

Liaison Sleeper-Shared that AEA is concentrating on Prop 123 and the upcoming Delegate Assembly. Sleeper also indicated that there will be staff realignment and that there is great need for updating our technology. It was also shared (not by Sleeper) that she was able to convince the IRS to not charge AEA-R for being tardy in filing our paperwork.

AEA Director Moy-Provided the agenda of the April 1-2 AEA Board meeting and asked us to purchase AEA Ethnic Minority pins from her.

NEA Director J. Campbell-no report.

NEA's Todd Crenshaw-Not in attendance

11. Fundraising
Chairperson M. Freed, with the assistance of former chair Pierce, shared the Afghan and the Quilt that will be raffled at the delegate Assembly. They also shared the prices of the tickets and provided each person present with their own bag containing 28 tickets.
12. ASRS
Chairperson Ramos provided a written report and shared how the passage of Prop 123 will affect active members. The first outcome will be a reduction in the contribution rate as the fund will grow. Also, salary will increase which will have a direct effect on an individual's pension in retirement.
13. AEA-Retired Elections
President Horwin provided the Board with a review of the election at Delegate Assembly. She shared that there are currently 8 people seeking the 6 at-large seats, One (1) person seeking the secretary position, and 84 people who have submitted pledge-to-serve forms to serve as delegates. Nominations for secretary and at-large positions will be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.
14. Political Action and Election Update
Chairpersons Matteson and Wittig provided a written report. Matteson also reported that The League of Women Voters has come out in opposition to Prop 123. A discussion also took place relative to the journalists having been ousted from the State House.
15. Chapter Chair Reports
Southeast Arizona (Rosen) The chapter will meet on Monday, May 2 for the final time this year at the Manda Le Restaurant located on Canyon de Flores off of Highway 92 in Sierra Vista.
Greater Phoenix (Smith) No Report .

Tucson (Calhoun) Reported that Marisol Garcia spoke at our last meeting. They will meet again on April 19 at the Southern Region Office. Officer elections will take place in May.

East Valley/Mesa (Somo) The next meeting is May 11 with the AEA President-elect speaking about where the AEA is going. All meetings are at 63 E. Main St. in Mesa.

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer) The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 4:00p.m. The meeting will be at the Iron Works Restaurant at 45th and Bell Rd. At the meeting of April 7, the 8 attendees discussed the pros and cons of Prop 123.

Yavapai (Coleman)-Coleman announced that due to health issues, he was resigning as the chair. He will meet with current members to ascertain where the chapter wants to go in the future. This may include changing the chapter's locale.

Northern Arizona/Reservation (Goodluck) The chair called a meeting and no one showed up. She is clearly frustrated by this situation.

Scottsdale, Paradise Valley (Austin) The next meeting will be May 16, at Denny's, 7000 N. Mayo Blvd., Scottsdale, from 11:00 to 1:00. Krista Walker, was the guest speaker on March 21. They continue to collect books and magazines for Lodstar along with donating money to the Jack Kinnaman Fund. Everyone is welcome.

Kyrene (Feldner) No Report

Flagstaff (Roach) They met last Tuesday (4/5) and meet the first Tuesday of each month. They have influenced the Arizona Daily Sun to do articles on local educators. Flagstaff retirees will be honored at a luncheon and they will solicit their membership. At the last meeting, 3 new members showed up and took part in the discussion of Prop 123.

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

14. Alliances and Coalitions

a. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans (Wittig)
Presented Campbell's written report

b. Arizona retirement Security Coalition (Horwin)
Horwin indicated that she had prepared a written report and asked the Board to read it.

c. AZ Wins (Horwin)
No report at this time.

15. Half-back Raffle of \$32 was won by Zuniga.

16. Adjournment at **2:15**. The next meeting is the AEA-R Annual Meeting May 6, 2016.

****Notes ****

Lunch was a duty free 30 minutes.