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## 2009 AEA-Retired Annual Meeting Minutes

### Mesa Marriot Thursday, April 23, 2009 9:30 AM- 3:00 PM

**Attendance:** Aurora Aber, Suzan Austin, Sylvia Barlow, Mary Bishop, Frank Bing, Bob Bloom, Jean Bloom, Mary Lou Boettcher, Shirley Boswell, John Campbell, Kathy Campbell, Caroline Cline, Annji Craig-Wooten, Paula DeBattista, Alice Dunford, John Dunford, Jo Egan, Ken Freed, Marilyn Freed, Ernesto Garcia, Jan Goeller, Clorinda Graziano, Douglas Honaker, Julie Horwin, Claudia Jensen, Barbara Joseph, Steven Linder, Florence Marquis, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Bertha Meyers, Cindy Michels, Judy Moy, Carol Mullford, Jane Nguyen, Chip Parsons, Kay Passmore, Carmen Peters, Marion Pickens, Brenda Pierce, LaBeth Pondish, Bernadette Presloid, Claire Radich, Kenneth Radich, Shirley Rogers, Eloise Rohner, Steve Ramos, Sally Rosen, Mark Rosin, Dorothy Rowley, Frank Sacco, Richard Schmidt, Kathy Sederholm, Susan Sommer, Linda Somo, Richard Spitzer, Mary Lou St. Cyr, Jean Stephenson, Jo Stevenson, Phyllis Swan, Daina Swinford, Linda Thieken, Richard Van Dyne, Michael Viliborghi, Dorrean Walker, Joan Westerhausen, Darlyne Withrow, Connie Wittig, Juan Zuniga **Special Guests** John Matteson, AZ Atty General Terry Goddard, ASRS Director Paul Matson, Clorinda Graziano, Yvonne Morris, Elaine Upham

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTES
Call to order	Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Welcome & Introductions – President Linda Somo
Agenda	<p>Adoption of Agenda: Moved with Flexibility by Ken Freed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Bing <b>PASSED</b>            Thank you to those who traveled, thank you to those who set up and the Annual Meeting co-chairs, AnnJi Craig-Wooten and Suzan Austin. She also thanked Mike Aicone, AEA liaison to AEA-R, and the AEA-Ret. board members., along with the officers.</p> <p>President Somo facilitated a Review of Folder. Reports from the following committees included: (Reports included in this pdf package.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Membership (1896 mbrs) – Daina Swinford</li> <li>▪ Local Chapter Chairs: Susan Sommer, Brenda Pierce, Sally Rosen, Gary Mehok</li> <li>▪ Communications – Frank Bing</li> <li>▪ Legislative – Steve Ramos</li> <li>▪ ASRS – Steve Ramos</li> <li>▪ AEA Board of Directors – Linda Somo</li> <li>▪ Fundraising – Aurora Aber</li> <li>▪ Intergenerational Mentoring – Claudia Jensen, Linda Thieken</li> </ul>
Minutes	Approval of Minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting Moved to approve by Sylvia Barlow, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Shirley Boswell. <b>PASSED</b>
Financials	Treasurer Jean Stephenson led a discussion of the Financials and 2009-2010 Budget, dues collection and expenditures.
NEA Fund for Children and Public Education	President Linda Somo asked NEA President, Barbara Matteson to explain the Fund, its importance, how to fill out forms. She showed the quilt provided by Dorothy Rowley, and to see Aurora Aber for details about how to help with that fundraiser.
Strategic Planning Discussion Parts 1 & 2	President Somo gave powerpoint presentation explaining background of strategic planning, and needs. Because of the accomplishments of Past-Pres. Campbell, those officers and the board, there has been a substantial increase in membership, new local chapters across te state, full-color, award-winning Conduit, development of online E-newsletter, and many new AEA-Retired members attending NEA-Retired conferences. Secretary Julie Horwin & Pres. Linda Somo led a discussion and asked for feedback for a future survey.
Elections Report	AEA-Retired Elections Chair Judy Moy explained procedures, today's election schedule and listed those running. She asked for nominations from the floor.
Elections	Judy Moy directed the nominations and candidate speeches.

Voting and Break	Participants elected as representatives to this year's AEA Delegate Assembly may vote for AEA-Retired officers and for AEA-Retired Executive Board positions that are opened.
Luncheon:	Les Reynolds Distinguished Senior Service Award to Barb Matteson Presented by Committee Co-chairs, Kathy Campbell & Bertha Myers Past-President Kathy Campbell spoke eloquently about Barbara's service, presented her with a crystal dish. A movie about Barbara was shown.  Keynote Speaker - Attorney General Terry Goddard spoke, showed a powerpoint and answered questions from the group. His presentation was especially aimed at information especially for retirees. Go to <a href="http://www.azag.gov">www.azag.gov</a>
Break	
Election Results	Elections Chair, Judy Moy announced the elections outcomes. Frank Bing was elected Vice-President as the only candidate at the time of voting. Ken Freed withdrew his name before voting. The two representatives at large that were elected are Linda Thieken with 65% and Steve Linder with 60% of the votes.
ASRS Director Paul Matson	ASRS Director Paul Matson with Q & A from meeting attendees. Director Matson gave up-to-date information, answered questions and explained the bill and plan changes which went to the state legislature.
Strategic Planning Part 3	5 areas today's participants would like to see in a survey to present retired members, and 5 areas participants would like to see in a survey for active education employees (potential AEA-Retired members.) Pres. Somo reminded participants that there will be a follow-up strategic planning meeting this summer July 14, and asked for volunteers to sign up to attend.
Old Business	Outcomes from new business that was passed at last year's AEA-Retired Annual Meeting: Constitution & Bylaws charged with developing an amendment which would prohibit one person from holding more than one officer position within the NEA/AEA/AEA-Retired family. They found that to do so would be in direct violation of NEA guidelines and the Constitution. There are many, many instances of one person filling such positions at the local, state & national levels.
New Business	No new business
Announcements	Announcements, Wrap-Up, & Delegate Assembly Information/Registration President Somo again thanked co-chairs of Annual Meeting Committee, AnnJi Craig-Wooten and Suzan Austin. She also thanked Daina Swinford for the lovely table décor, and Julie Horwin for initiating the technical assistance to the meeting. She reminded participants to fill out the volunteer sheets for AEA-Retired committees and for the July 14 Strategic Planning Meeting. Also, include your email address so that you will begin to receive the e-newsletter if you are not already getting it. Finally, check the lists at the back of the room to find out if you won a door-prize.
Adjournment	President Somo Adjourned the 2009 AEA-Retired Annual Meeting at 3:00 PM.
	<b>Next AEA-Retired Annual Meeting Date: April 22, 2010</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Horwin  
AEA-Retired Recording Secretary