AEA Every Member Option

Delegates voted to approve the **"Every Member Option**" at the AEA Delegate Assembly held April 24-25. This is an "opt out" annual voluntary contribution to three important AEA funds:

- $2.50 to The Foundation for Teaching & Learning;
- $2.50 to The Fund for Children and Public Education; and
- $1.00 to The Education Improvement Fund.

The Foundation for Teaching & Learning is a charitable foundation that provides grants and scholarships for worthwhile educational endeavors, including AZ IMPACT (The AEA-Retired intergenerational mentoring program).

The **Fund for Children and Public Education** is the political action arm of AEA.

The **Education Improvement Fund** provides money to support or oppose ballot propositions that impact public education and school employees.

For active members, this voluntary contribution can be payroll deducted along with their dues.

Unfortunately, for retired members on pension deductions for dues, this additional optional contribution **($6 annually**) cannot be pension deducted. Therefore, AEA-Retired will need to work with AEA to devise a plan for implementation of this new program for members on pension deductions, as well as those who are annual renewal members.

Together we can, together we will.