Annual Meeting Election Report April 2008

After establishing a timeline for the AEA-Retired elections in conformity with deadlines set by AEA and NEA, a call for nominations appeared in the December-January issue of The Conduit for delegates to the Annual Meeting & AEA Delegate Assembly for officers and Board members for AEA-Retired for the upcoming year.

Since the number of nominees for delegates was fewer than the number of positions available, an all–member mail-in ballot was not required. Sixty-six delegates were certified by AEA-R President Linda Somo. That was nine less than the 75 delegates allotted. Of the sixty-six delegates 10 have identified themselves as ethnic minorities, which equals 6.6% (6.2% as of 4.7.09 with 62 delegates) of the delegation. Two delegates have notified us by April 7th they will not be able to attend Delegate Assembly, which will bring us to sixty-two voting delegates at Annual Meeting and 63 at Delegate Assembly. (one delegate is attending Annual Meeting but not Delegate Assembly) These numbers may differ from the written report in your packets because they will have been updated by the meeting time.

At the Annual Meeting held on April 23rd, 2009, 58 of the 64 delegates elected voted for 2 representatives at large. Fifty-eight voters cast up to 2 votes. **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. The following candidates were as follows Shirley Boswell 31%, Cindy Michels, 19%, and Mark Rosen 8%.

This is the fourth year in a row that AEA-Retired has not had a full delegation at the AEA Delegate Assembly. There may be several reasons for the lack of participation of members willing to serve as delegates. The AEA-Retired Board and officers need recommendations for encouraging and improving participation of members to the Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly. This could be part of Strategic Planning on July 14th.

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