



Tuesday, October 11 - Call to Order @ 10:00am

PRESENT: Anna Cicero, Ken Freed, Maria Leyva, Julie Horwin, Janice Dwosh, Jeanne Erickson, Marilyn Freed, Norma Jimenez, Deb Larned, Sharin Manes, Gary Mehok, Marshall Militano, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Michele Smith, Sandra Warnes, Bart James, Jan Nichols, Steve Ramos, Nancy Riley, Linda Somo

EXCUSED ABSENTEES: Steve Linder, Luci Messing, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Peter Coston, Barbara Matteson, Susie Sommer, Suzan Austin, Kristine Ehlis, Ellie Feldner, Stella Garcia, Janie Hydrick, Marilyn Kinnie, Frank Ratey, Salley Rosen, Ellen Shamah

Approval of Agenda- with flexibility. Moved by Ken. Seconded by Nancy P. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from Sept. 13, 2022. Moved by Jeanne E. Seconded by Gary M. Motion approved.

Financial Report -Steve L., Treasurer- absent (Presented by Ken as the “substitute by interim”) Anna collected vouchers and will deliver to Steve L. NOTE: Check detail hard copy not available but was sent electronically to the board on October 4.

Approval of Financial Report- Moved by Nancy P. Seconded by Janice D. Motion approved.

Officer Reports:

- **Anna-Pres.** – Requested volunteers to draft Mission and Vision Statements. C.O.R.A.L. (Coalition of Retired Activists & Leaders) Update: there is a \$5K Pilot program potentially available but no selection yet. NEA Retired wants to reverse the trends to retain and recruit retired members.
- **Ken-VP**- Met with Documents committee. Committee grew by 3 members. Spent Saturdays canvassing.
- **Maria-Secretary**- Presented updates on AEA Retired website.
- **Julie-Past Pres/NEA Director**- Was in D.C. for Superweek. Met with President Biden. Promoted the Rally on Friday, October 14 for Mark Kelly and other political opportunities.
- **Luci-AEA Director** (presented by Ken). AEA-R members on AEA Committees: Nancy P., Marshall M., Jeanne E., Deb L., Ken F., Anna C.

Ellie Perez-Pawloski-Liaison/Political Director – No report. **Jessica Swanson- AEA Business Manager**- No report. **New Business Items**- There were no new business items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership- Nancy Putman, Shirley B., Michele S. Twelve new AEA-R members. Reminded Board of their 2 new member commitment pledge. Reviewed membership goals of 80 new members for an increase of 4%.

Political Action-PAC (Presented by Ken) Important Dates: ONE Advocacy Training in Phoenix on December 8. Location and time TBD. Opening Day at the Legislature- 56th Az Legislature opens the SECOND Monday of each year, which is January 9, 2023. ALL AEA Retired members are encouraged to attend! AEA-R at the AZ Capitol Jan. 18, and Feb. 23rd. Location and time TBD.

Racial and Social Justice- Janice D. Shared Important links:

NEA : We need diverse books like Change Sings by Amanda Gorman. Invitation to Brave Space was read to board. Important LINKS: <https://www.nea.org/advocating-for-change/new-from-nea/why-we-need-diverse-books>

NEA 2022-23 read across America calendar and recommended books: <https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america/2022-2023-calendar>

Communications – Steve R, Maria-Report out. Revisions to Website, All-Member Interests Survey in conjunction with Membership Committee will be drafted.

The Conduit-Bart J/Jan N- Reviewed requests for article submissions. Requested printer and computer replacement. Submission Deadlines: Nov. 28, 2022. 2023: Feb. 24, May 26, Aug. 25, Nov. 27

Documents-Ken F. Shared possible revision of Policies and Procedures.

Elections- Steve L. (Reported by Ken. Nomination forms will be in December Conduit. Open board positions-1 President, Treasurer, 6 At-Large positions.

Annual Meeting - Norma J.- Annual Meeting/Delegate Assembly will be at the Scottsdale/McCormick Ranch Resort on May 5-6.

AEA-R Les Reynolds Distinguished Service Award-Nancy P.- Will be announced Feb. 14th.

GUEST(S): Marisol G, AEA President – Shared with board her experience in D.C. for NEA Superweek. Her visit to the White House. The AEA has a 10,000 door-knock goal for this election.

Special Committees/ or AD HOC:

ASRS –Steve Ramos- Reported that United Health Care will be available from ASRS for 2023. NO Mayo Clinic usage in Arizona, but out-of-state Mayo Clinic use is OK.

Repurposed M.O.R.E- Chair-Linda S.- Reported positive feedback from AEA Retired members. Updated the board on the zoom progress.

Fundraising – Chair- Marilyn F. Reported Judy R. as new committee member.

Annual Award- Nancy P. – No report.

Audit- Chair-Carmen Peters- Carmen is serving his last term this year. He reported issues with the print and electronic files and abundance of papers in AEA-R storage.

Chapter Chair-Chair Update: Susie Sommer- also ZOOM support

- Susie S. - West Valley/Glendale (Reported by Marshall M.) Met on 6 at Biscuits Café.
- Ellen S. - Kyrene – Absent. No report.
- Janie H. -East Valley-ZOOM – Absent. No report.
- Nancy R.-Scottsdale/ PV- Met at Macayo’s Mexican Restaurant for first time in 2 ½ years.
- Peter C.- Greater Southern Tucson – Absent. No report.
- Sally R. – Southern, Sierra Vista – Absent. No report.
- Danny B.- zoom Interstate Northern – Absent. No report.
- Deb L. –Marana (Northwest Tucson) – Future meetings TBD.
- Marilyn K.- Southwest Phoenix-Goodyear, Litchfield, Surprise, Buckeye, etc.)- Absent. No report.

Alliances and Coalitions:

PCIC Liaison –Frank Ratey- absent. (Reported by Anna) No Legislative Forum for this year. They are a non-partisan group. **ARSC-** Daniella Smith- absent. (Reported by Anna) Grant proposal to NACCP is pending.

AIN –Ken- No report., **AARA-** Julie H.- Encouraged board members to attend the Mark Kelly Event on Oct. 14. **VIP-** \$450 Budgeted donation, member participation. Pam Foley has invited the board to attend their VIP Assembly Event on Nov. 16 at the Franciscan Renewal Center. Upcoming flyer invite will be sent.

Kinnaman Raffle - Ken Freed. \$41.00 Proceeds go into the Award fund.

Adjourn Executive Board Meeting @ 1:44pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Nov. 15- 3rd Tuesday due to Elections on Nov. 8!! **VOTE!!**

Reminder: December 13- gift exchange, food & holiday treats!

IMPORTANT POLITICAL ACTION LINKS:

POLL WATCHERS: <https://www.mobilize.us/missionforaz/>

TEXT TO VOTE:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFkvtpep8ERlhDybCXBIMxu9zFyL256c_DJ5tn55ab1_g/viewform