

# AEA-RETIRED EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

## INITIAL DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2008  
LOCATION: AEA Headquarters Board Room  
345 East Palm Lane, Phx., AZ



### Attendance:

President Kathy Campbell, Vice President Linda Somo, Treasurer Connie Wittig, Secretary Julie Horwin, Past President John Campbell, Bob Bloom, NEA-Retired President Barb Matteson  
Aurora Aber, Suzan Austin, Frank Bing, AnnJi Craig-Wooton, Wayne Diehl, Ken Freed, Paula Grigsby, Gary Mehok, Cindy Michaels, Marion Pickens, Brenda Pierce, Steve Ramos, Daina Swinford, Judy Moy, Brenda Pierce, Mike Aicone, Ann Meyers (for Helga Krantz), Frank Sacco

Agenda	Minutes
1. CALL TO ORDER Welcome/Rflections	Welcome. President Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
2. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS	Aging: Myth Busters Conference \$50.00 Sponsored by Governor's Council on Aging in May. If you would like to attend, see President Campbell. She has the flier with information. Delegate Assembly information passed out. It will be mailed this week to those who are delegates.
3. AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL <b>Kathy Campbell</b>	Board Packet page 1 Pres. Campbell reminded the members that there would be no oral reports today. Motion: Ken Freed moved to accept the agenda with flexibility/ 2nd: Frank Bing Passed
4. MINUTES CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL <b>Julie Horwin</b>	Board packet pages 2-7 Motion to approve Nov.2007, Exec. Board Minutes: Connie Wittig/ 2nd: Linda Somo Passed.
5.TREASURER'S REPORT <b>Connie Wittig</b>	Board packet pages 7A Motion for Approval/File for Audit: Bob Bloom 2nd:Gary Mehok Passed.
6. Standing Committee Reports. Reports are in written form. If no written report, no discussion unless there are questions. Chairs are asked to highlight their reports. Discussion will center on questions, suggestions, clarifications.	
a. Membership <b>Daina Swinford</b>	Written report in Board packet page 8 1,797 members. 1,126 using dues deduct 29 honorary members.
<b>Retirement Committee (Part of Standing Committees)</b>	
b. Health Insurance Helga Krantz	No report
c. ASRS Steve Ramos	Pages 9-13 Board Packet Steve reported on the ASRS Legislative issues, (withdrawing changes to the plan) Steve also reported that the ASRS Return to Work Committee met and did not inform anyone from AEA they were having a meeting. See new business item below.
d. Presentation Frank Bing	Frank gave a presentation of the revised pre-retirement presentation. New ppt., with new hand-outs and updated information. Thank you to Janie Hydrick who updated the ppt. Accompanying hand-outs not given. Frank asked for comments to be emailed or given to him afterwards in writing. A big thank you from the members at this meeting. Excellent presentation!
e. Constitution/Bylaws John Campbell	No report. No bylaws have been filed for AEA Delegate Convention.
f. Legislative Bob Bloom, Marion Pickens J. Horwin	No report.
g. Public Relations	No report.

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Social Committee	Happy Birthday was sung to President Campbell. Other birthdays were recognized.
h. Annual Meeting AnnJi Craig-Wooten 20-yr Celebration Julie Horwin	Board Packet pages 14-15 Draft of agenda for Annual meeting was given by Kathy Campbell. Discussion about tables at AEA Awards Dinner. Names were taken as people volunteered to attend the Dinner. AnnJi gave report of preparations - <b><i>Bring2 Gifts:1 wrapped gift &amp; 1 unwrapped.</i></b> Julie reported on prep for 20 yr Celebration- <b>you will be asked to write "What AEA-Ret means to me" or "How AEA-Ret. Has impacted my life, or AZ."</b>
<b>7. Ad Hoc Committee Reports</b>	
a. Audit Judy Moy/Linda Thieken	<b>No report</b>
b. Budget Connie Wittig	Board Packet pages 16-17 Income based on 1800 members
c. Elections Linda Somo Steve Ramos	57 nominees for delegate assembly, so no election required. Met 3-1-G goal for minority representation.
d. Fundraising Aurora Aber	Aurora passed out tickets for quilt and basket to be sold at the AEA Del. Assembly.
e. Historian Annji Craig-Wooton	<b>No report</b>
f. Sunshine Cindy Michels	Cindy recognized birthdays of members present and led all in a Happy Birthday song for Pres. Campbell.
g. Grant Paula Grigsby	Board packet pages 7B, 7C (packet)
<b>8. Task Force Reports</b>	
a. Mentoring Paula Grigsby	Board packet pages 7C (packet) Celebration will be held Wed., April 23 5-8 PM at Mesa Marriot in the Starlight Room. End of year retreat in May 21,22
b. Statewide Local Chapters Gary Mehok	
PHOENIX Brenda Pierce Board Packet page 18 Next meeting May 8,2008	WHITE MNTNS Billie Fugate
GLENDALE Susie Sommer Glendale held 1st '08 meeting in Feb. Rep. Jackie Thrasher spoke about legislature, budget, & political climate. Others brought members up to day about AEA-Retired, G.R.E.A.T., and AZ Business and Ed. Coalition. Members were encouraged to attend Ed. Day at State Capital, March 5 <sup>th</sup> .	
TUCSON Aurora Aber MESA Steve Ramos	YUMA Bernadette Presloid
PRESCOTT Helga Krantz	Scottsdale/PV Julie Horwin
c. Policy Handbook John Campbell	<b>No report</b>

## 9. Leadership Reports

- a. AEA Board of DIRECTORS  
**Linda Somo** Minutes of AEA Board for Feb. & March included in Board Packet today.  
Some highlights: Calendar for 08-09 approved with Officer Training June 12-13, 2009  
The following Member Benefits Programs have been approved for extension for another 3 years: DOVE (Autos), Met-Life, Glass-Financial(Blue Cross, Blue Shield Medical to members).
- b. NEA Board Directors  
**Linda Somo** Report in board packet.
- c. NEA-Retired Council  
**Barbara Matteson**
- d. Alliance for Retired Americans  
**John Campbell** Report in board packet
- e. AEA-Ret Liaison  
**Mike Aicone** No report

## 10. Action Items

- a. Old Business  
**Kathy Campbell**
- b. New Business  
**Kathy Campbell** It was moved by Bob Bloom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Somo to send a letter to ASRS expressing dismay at meeting without input from AEA. Passed.  
Steve Ramos asked Pres. Campbell to wait until he has had a chance to make certain that, indeed, no one from AEA was informed of the meeting.  
He will talk with President Wright, or Vice President Morrill.

**Next meeting: April 24, 2008, Annual Meeting–20 Year Celebration at Marriot Mesa Convention Ctr.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Horwin, Recording Secretary  
Arizona Education Association, Retired