

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of April 10, 2018

1. Call to Order at 10:05 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Michele Smith, Susie Sommer, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. **Chapter Chairs**; Janie Hydrick, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen. **Members**; John Campbell, Norma, Jimenez, Cindy Michels, Maria Vinales, Jan Nichols, Jeanne Erickson, Ellen Shamah, Ted Coleman, RayeAnn Rumery. **Staff**; Margaret Sleeper **Guests**; none

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (L. Witig/Austin) **Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of March, 2018 (K. Freed/Zuniga) **Approved**

4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2183 members with 1612 using dues deduct. We have 63 new members this year.
(See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Co-Chairs again asked the Board to attempt to take part in end of year programs at “active” events to try to grow the Retired membership. They congratulated the Wittigs for their work on membership recruitment and spoke about drawings that we be held at the Delegate Assembly.

6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$105,936
Liabilities	\$ 26,138
Equity	\$ 79,798

(See written report for more information.)

Linder mentioned that the Board Lodging line is under expended and the Travel Line over expended. That section will finish under the budgeted amount.

Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (K. Freed/Zuniga)

Passed

7. New Business Item-Move that the AEA-Retired follows the NEA’s “green” initiative with paperless reports from committees and Board members for all Executive Board Meetings. (Smith/Myers)

A lengthy discussion/debate followed with approximately 15 members of the Board speaking to the issues involved.

A motion to table—Move that this issue be referred to a committee, formed by the President, with a recommendation to be brought back to the Board at the September Board meeting. (M. Freed/Somo)

Passed

Volunteers for this committee are; Riley, Cicero, Smith, Roach and Horwin.

A New Business Item, listed on the agenda, to develop a way to show “the actives” that they are being supported by AEA-Retired was pulled. Instead, the Board discussed a way to make

this happen and it was decided that stickers would be ordered to be worn at the Delegate Assembly. Hydrick was charged with making this happen.

8. Officers' Report

President

Horwin-warned that Prop 123 is now in Legislative control as the Legislature extended the time frame of the Proposition.

Again asked all to use the on-line link to register for the Annual Meeting.

Horwin updated the Board on the NEA Summit/Retired Conference. The retirees contributed \$13,000, more than the rest of the Summit combined. The attendees agreed that this was valuable and that every effort should be made to send more people.

She asked AEA-Retired members to take part in as many local Red For Ed events as possible. Actives will take the lead in garnering community, governing board and administrative support.

Horwin shared that M.O.R.E. is targeting 3 senate races. Retired priority is Senate 8, 11 and 17.

Howin asked for those interested in going to the Foundation Luncheon to indicate their interest. Those interested will pay a small portion of the price.

(See printed report for more information.)

Vice-President Austin-Reported on the preparations for the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting. She passed the job list and encouraged all to sign up for assignments. A list of mobile phone numbers was circulated and you were asked to confirm your contact number. Currently, the breakfast situation is undetermined for Saturday. The Board has again been asked to bring a wrapped \$5-10 Door Prize and an unwrapped item for the NEA Fundraiser. Also, items to be auctioned off are requested.

Secretary K. Freed-No report.

Liaison Sleeper-Reported that negotiations with AEASO are again ongoing as the staff voted down the tentative agreement. Sleeper shared that there were new Red For Ed signs coming in and that we, as individuals, could purchase them at 25 cents each. This movement has become all-consuming and has created a lot of activity. Sleeper also shared that there are 2 new AEA employees recently hired.

AEA Director Barlow-shared that he had little to add to the reports by Sleeper and Horwin.

(No written report is at this time.)

Past-President Somo-As an editor of the Conduit she shared that the most recent edition was delayed due to awaiting information. The next edition is due by June 1.

9. ASRS

Ramos reported that the ASRS Board has a "new" redistribution plan for those monies collected over the amount allowed. He also shared the status of the bill indicating what happens if an entity choses to leave the ASRS.

(See written ASRS Report for more pertinent information.)

10. Political Action

Messing shared about the craziness that goes on in the legislature as they get antsy to adjourn and begin their campaigning. She highlighted information about HB2513 and HB2121.
(See written report for more information.)

11. M.O.R.E.

Calhoun reported, in writing, Leadership II is planned for April 24th at AEA Headquarters, from 10:00-3:00. Invitations will be extended to those in attendance as well as other AEA-Retired members. Staffer Kilgore will present “How to target districts” at the meeting.

12. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)- The **Next meeting** will be at 10:00am at Biscuits Cafe, 19420 N. 59th Ave. Glendale, on **Thursday, October 4, 2018**. The meeting of April 5th included discussions about elections, community involvement, legislative bills, Ed For Red, Delegate Assembly, ASU and scams.

Mesa (Hydrick)-The **Next meeting is May 9** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8th floor of the MPS Building, at 10:45. The speakers will be Joe Thomas. The March meeting included a presentation by Candidate Schipira and was attended by 40 members.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)-The chapter meets at Denny’s Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. **The next meeting will be in September**. The March meeting speaker was Duet, Partners in Health and Aging, who spoke about their services to the aging community and the opportunity to volunteer.

Tucson (Matteson)-The **Next meeting is April 17, 2018**, at the Tucson E.A. office at 10:00a.m. The agenda includes reviewing the details of the Annual Meeting and reports on the “Red for Ed” movement. The guest speaker will be Carolyn Campbell, Executive Director for the Coalition for Sonora Protection. At the March meeting, Terry Goddard, former Arizona Attorney General, talked about “dark money” and asked for our help in gathering petitions.

Phoenix (Smith)-The **Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15**, at The Beatitudes, 1610 W. Glendale Ave. at 10:30a.m. The speaker is undetermined, but it is the hope that one of the LD 24 legislators can attend. Thanks to Jean Stephenson for facilitating the March meeting where there were 15 people in attendance. Meetings will resume in September on an every other month basis.

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)-The **Next meeting will be in mid to late May**. The March meeting had a small attendance which gave the participants the opportunity to have a good conversation about #Red4ED in the state and in local communities.

Yavapai (Coleman)-At the March 15th meeting, the Yavapai chapter adopted a process for electing officers to form a Board. The election will take place at the **Next meeting, April 19th**, at the Prescott Family Diner at 11:00a.m. Also discussed were the bills in the Legislature, the Robo-call results and to have an event touring the Yavapai County TEC program.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The **Next meeting is May 1** at 10:00a.m, at the Flagstaff Federated Church. At the April meeting, the focus was on helping the FEA Membership Project, the Quilt Fundraiser, the RedForEd campaign and a gun safety update. There were also updates on the David Garcia endorsement, Prop 301, the Prop123 challenge and the Hobbs petition.

Albuquerque (Barlow)-The fledgling Albuquerque chapter is beginning to form.

Kyrene (Hydrick)-is in the forming stage and will have its first meeting at Native Grill on Ray Rd. on **Wednesday, April 18** at 4:30. Speakers will include Joe Thomas and two Kyrene School Board candidates, David Hoyer and Kevin Walsh.

13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans- No report

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig reported on some of the analysis that AIN has done around students and the impact of their parents.

(See written report included in the packet.)

C. Arizona School Counselors-Cicero spoke of the counselors support for the REDforED movement. She also reminds us all to not forget counsellors as well as other educators who the governor doesn't define as teachers.

14. Elections

Zuniga presented a written report that indicated that we were down to 83 members registered as delegates for the Annual Meeting. Janie Hydrick is nominated for vice-president and Anna Cicero, Debbie Cross, Ellie Feldner, Kirk Hinsey, Lucinda Michels, Steve Ramos, Kate Ward, Larry Wittig and Juan Zuniga have filed to fill the at-large seats on the Board for next year. All terms are 3 years with 6 positions to be filled.

15. Fundraising

M. Freed thanked those who had already purchased or sold there quilt tickets. This year the tickets indicate their cost with the best price being 30 for \$30. One can also purchase tickets for \$2, \$5, and \$9. A second quilt has been acquired, with the winner selecting which quilt they want to receive. A flier about the raffle will appear in the delegate packet.

16. Intergenerational Mentoring

Vinaras and Rumery reported that the 10 students and 11 mentors are planning on working through the summer. A committee has been formed to develop a PD/Tool Kit for the mentees. They will continue working with the "I Teach" ASU coordinators.

17. Half-back Raffle of \$32 was won by Campbell.

18. Adjournment at approximately 2:05. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

****Notes****

Lunch was taken for 20 minutes during a recess of the meeting.

THANKS to Sally, Nancy/Ann, Marion/Barbara, Michele, Tricia, Janie, Rob and Susie for submitting their chapter chair reports in writing.