

AEA Retired Annual Meeting
Minutes of May 6, 2016

1. Call to Order at 9:37 by President Horwin

Delegates in attendance; Aurora Aber, Suzan Austin, Daniel Barlow, Sylvia Barlow, Mary Bishop, Sandie Blakely, Shirley Boswell, Margaret Bowerman, Susan Brendan, Ed Bufford, Marilyn Calhoun, John Campbell, Kathleen Carney, Mary Chernoski, Anna Cicero, Caroline Cline, Ted Coleman, AnnJi Craig-Wooten, Alice Dunford, John Dunford, Kristine Ehlis, Jeanne Erickson, Mary Evans, Ken Freed, Marilyn Freed, Delia Greth, George Grexa, Jim Gribble, Ricki Gribble, Cindy Hart-Vega, Liz Hendrickson, Julie Horwin, Janie Hydrick, Bart James, Barbara Joseph, Steven Linder, Barbara Matteson, Forest May, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Cindy Michels, Greg Miller, Rick Miller, Ramon Montano Judith Moy (ex-officio), Carol Mulford, Renee Newman, Jan Nichols, Clinton "Chip" Parsons, Kay Passsmore, Carmen Peters, Marion Pickens, Brenda Pierce, Nancy Putman, Kathy Ramage-White, Steve Ramos, Lenny Reed, Patricia Roach, Sally Rosen, Linda Rosenberg, Ron Rossman, Judith Simons, Patricia Small, Sandra Smith, Michelle Smith, Susan Sommer, Linda Somo, Richard Spitzer, Mary Lou St. Cyr, Jean Stephenson, Carol Trudgen, Elaine Upham, Joan Westerhausen, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga.

Non-Delegate Members in attendance; Linda Boothe, Michael Cady, Jeanne Dervin, Diane Escalante, Edna Fasnacht, Deanna Fife, Gloria Flores, Erminda Garcia, Michael Gordy, Clorinda Graziano, Sarah Greenfield, Katri Hakes, Lois Halligan, Cheryl Hasebe, Henry Hasebe, John Hull, Donna Krogman, Garnett McGaffic, Mary Merkel, Paula Mueller, Herbert Perlman, Ann Pierce, Karen Pinotes, Doreen Poole, Nancy Riley, Kathy Riney, Eloise Rohner, Paul, Rohner, RaeAnn Rumery, Frank Sacco, Gary Somo, Karen Tedesco, Judith Ulrich.

Guests; Todd Crenshaw, Paul Matson, Andrew Morrill, Dave Pinelli Bridget Stoll-Gordy.

2. President Horwin welcomed attendees to the 28th AEA-Retired Annual Meeting, followed by a moment of silence for those members we have lost this year.
3. President Horwin introduced the Board, the officers, chapter chairs and committee chairs, AEA Director, and the NEA Director. She thanked the Annual Meeting Committee chair, Vice-President Austin. People were then asked to stand based on how many times they have attended the Annual Meeting.
4. All NEA-Retired from other states were introduced.
5. AEA President Morrill welcomed the group and spoke of the debt he owes to many in the room. He shared his feelings about the necessity to pass Prop 123, and that AEA has moved to campaign mode. He indicated his lack of trust in Governor Ducey and the legislature, however he does trust the voters of Arizona. He shared that Prop 123 is the beginning, not the end, of Arizona's voters voting for the improvement of education in our state.

6. President Horwin reviewed the packet with the attendees.
7. Adoption of Agenda with flexibility (Somo/Austin) **Approved**
8. Approval of the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting (Somo/M. Freed) **Approved**
9. A presentation by Somo on the NEA Fund in which she described the necessity for the Fund and requested a \$50 donation. She further explained how the attendees could use their tickets for the raffle items brought by the Board. Thanks to those who provided items for the silent auction. An auction of a (yet to be seen) photograph by D. Barlow was conducted.
10. M. Freed spoke about the AEA-Retired fundraising raffle. This year AEA-R raffled off an afghan and a quilt. The prices of the tickets was shared and everyone encouraged to sell and purchase tickets.
11. Paul Matson, ASRS Director, addressed the group. He shared his knowledge of Defined Benefit pension plans and compared them with Defined contribution plans. His assessment is that DBs are better for both the employee and the employer. He went on to indicate that in providing for retirement a person needs to have saved during their work lives as an addition to their pension and social security. He concluded by sharing the breakdown of how the ASRS has invested the members' money.
12. Election report was presented by Election's Chair Kathy Ramage-White. She explained that there was no need for a delegate election because there were less nominees than delegates allotted. This was followed by the opening of nominations. For Secretary only Ken Freed was nominated and elected by acclamation. The nominees for at-large Board Members were; Gary Mehok, Barbara Matteson, Judy Moy, Liz Hendrickson, Tricia Roach, Connie Wittig and Susie Sommer. The nominations were closed by St.Cyr/Linder. Each candidate was given two (2) minutes to speak to the delegates, who are the only people permitted to vote. The election will take place prior to lunch, while the staff is setting for lunch. The delegate may vote for up to 6 of the 7 nominated.
13. A break was taken for the room to be prepared for lunch and for people to vote.
14. Lunch was served and the 2015 Les Reynolds Distinguished Senior Service Award was presented to Linda Somo. Larry Wittig shared the many accomplishments of our honoree. Linda spoke as to how honored she is to share the plaque with those who preceded her. She also asked that those in attendance look around the room and consider nominating others.
15. President Horwin spoke about the demise of Public Education in Arizona as propagated by Arizona's politicians. She noted that there is now a shortage of *thousands* of teachers in the state with many positions going unfilled. "Long term subs are not the answer to providing quality education for Arizona's children." We need to find more public

officials willing to stand up for the children of Arizona. Horwin spoke about membership recruitment and the need to have new members join the Association.

16. Election results were shared.

Secretary... Ken Freed* (unanimous)

At-large.....Barbara Matteson	65*
Tricia Roach	65*
Connie Wittig	61*
Susan Sommer	56*
Gary Mehok	55*
Judy Moy	43
Liz Hendrickson	43

*Denotes elected

A run-off election to be conducted during the break

17. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder. This included the balance sheet, profit/loss statement, the budget and budgeting process for 2016-17.

Assets	\$75,618
Liabilities	\$21,457
Equity	\$54,160

He also thanked the Budget Committee which consisted of Judy Moy, Ken Freed, Jean Stephenson, Suzan Austin, Julie Horwin, Nancy Putman and Co-Chair Linda Somo.

18. Run-off election results were shared.

At-large.....Liz Hendrickson	36*
Judy Moy	35

*denotes elected

19. Keynote speaker, Todd Crenshaw, NEA Retiree Organizer, made a presentation on "Elections have Consequences." Crenshaw shared that AEA-R would be receiving an additional \$5,700 for the M.O.R.E. Grant. He shared some of the accomplishments of President Obama and reminded us that "Democracy is not a spectator sport."
20. AEA-Retired members donated \$4,571 to the NEA Fund, \$1,000 more than last year.
21. The floor was opened for New Business. There was no response.
22. President Horwin adjourned the meeting at 3:10.