AEA Retired Executive Board Agenda
March 8, 2011 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
AEA Headquarters 345 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ

Attendance: L. Somo, F. Bing, J. Stephenson, J. Horwin, K. Campbell, M. Aicone, A. Aber, S. Austin, D. Barlow, S. Boswell, J. Campbell, K. Freed, S. Linder, C. Michels, J. Moy, C. Peters, B. Pierce, S. Ramos, D. Swinford, J. Zuniga, Chapter & Committee Chairs: T. Coleman, B. Joseph, S. Rosen, S. Sommer, S. Sain Guest: Connie Wittig
Absent: G. Mehok, R. Spitzer

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	President Linda Somo called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved/2nd by J. Horwin/K. Freed to approve agenda with flexibility. PASSED
3. Approval of Minutes	Approval of Minutes from February, 8, 2011 Moved/2nd by K. Freed/J. Campbell to approve the minutes from February 8, 2011. PASSED
4. Annual Meeting	Suzan Austin discussed assignments of board members for duties at the Annual Meeting on April 28. A list of tasks was circulated, also mobile contact numbers. Asked board members to sign up for more than one task. Reminded of April 13 Packet Packing "Party" with Linda Somo. Reminded Exec Brd members to bring to Annual Mtg ONE UNWRAPPED GIFT and ONE WRAPPED GIFT (Both NEW) Julie will bring music for transitions
5. Financial Reports	A. Treasurer Jean Stephenson led discussion and answered questions regarding April financial report. Moved/2nd to accept report and file for audit K. Freed/ D. Barlow. B. Adoption of Budget for New Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Discussion of proposed budget for the new fiscal year was led by Pres. Somo. Along with new stipend for officers, a stipend will be awarded to the Membership Chair position. (Officers except for President, who already receives a stipend, were absent for stipend discussion.)Moved/2nd to approve the new budget K. Campbell/S. Austin. PASSED
6. New Business	John Campbell - Response to legislative attacks on unions. J. Campbell /K. Freed 2nd to support Wisconsin Ed. Assn. by doing the following: send a letter from AEA Retired in support; develop from NEA/AEA resources, a one-page talking points about why unions are important in the U.S.; develop a tipsheet for writing letters-to-the-editor; and

	prepare for a Facebook Campaign by helping chapter members to register for an account. PASSED
7. Officer Reports	**Mike Aicone, AEA Liaison**, noted that there is a bill going through AZ Leg which would require a member to designate how any money donated would be spent. Every other union in AZ is exempted, so it only affects AEA. AEA is developing a plan for using EFT or credit card for dues. That bill will be heard this week, March 9 or 10. Mike attended the NEA Retired conference for retired state association staff. New executive director for NEA is John Stocks after retirement this year of John Wilson. Priorities will be ESEA, Priority Schools and Defending Local Associations. There will be a dues increase for NEA Lifetime membership and NEA Retired probably starting in Sept. 2012. **Julie Horwin, Secretary** – Announced opening of 2 New websites for local AEA Retired chapters: http://www.azedretired.com/SCOTTSDALE/index.html http://www.azedretired.com/TUCSON/index.html These websites may be the first experience of AEA Retired a potential member has of AEA. Offers introduction, mission, affiliation, contacts for leadership, and meeting place/times. She worked with leadership from those chapters to develop each site. Julie provided two documents: Setting up a Facebook Account/Privacy Settings. These will walk members through safe way to set up a Facebook page, while staying safe online. She volunteered to do workshops for local chapters in the state to help them get members online. **Frank Bing, Vice Pres.,** reported about his recent activities. **Linda Somo, President** - Final preparations for NEA Retired Western Regional Conference: has everyone made hotel reservations? Know with whom you are rooming? Linda noted that she will coordinate transportation to/from the hotel & airport so needs to know arrival & departure times for everyone. Be sure to save receipts for reimbursement. New computer & projector now ready for use. Will develop procedure for use by Board members and Chapter Chairs. Linda appointed a subcommittee to work to finalize plans for membership recruitment at Delegate Assembly and at locals throughout state. NEA report: (see attached report for full details) NEA Board debated for two hours & voted to support $10 increase in Ballot Proposition Crisis Fund that all active members pay; does not affect retired; new

	rate will be $20 annually (in addition to $168 full-time dues); money used to help state affiliates pass or defeat ballot measures that relate to education; will be voted on at 2011 Representative Assembly This will be last year for two NEA Retired regional conferences. Beginning in 2012, there will be only one conference that all states will attend NEA is considering a dues increase for retired; will let you know more as decisions are made; we are in the 5th year of a five-year dues cycle, so we are due for an increase **Judy Moy – AEA Director** Reported that AEA Board is concerned about bills being addressed at AZ State Legislature.
8. AEA Retired Elections	Juan Zuniga gave report on Delegate Assembly names/numbers. See attached list of AEA Delegate Assembly representatives. There are 15 candidates for 9 At-Large positions – a healthy sign for our association.
9. ASRS	Steve Ramos reported that The ASRS Board met on February 18th 2011. The Board was informed that ASRS received an "unqualified" report from the external auditor. An "unqualified" report means that the ASRS financial statements were easy to read, efficiently organized, and exceeded accounting standards. They anticipate that ASRS will once again receive the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The fund is now at $27 million. Multiple pension reform bills have been introduced in the House and the Senate. SB 1167 is Yarbrough's comprehensive bill. It includes Return To Work language and a 2012 implementation date. The Senate seems to be focusing on the other retirement systems and apparently now considers ASRS the "gold standard". There is no mention of changing the PBI in the Senate bill. When SB 1167 reached the House, Kavanaugh added his amendment that caps compensation used in the Final Average Salary in a consecutive 12-month period to 120% of the prior consecutive 12-month period. A second amendment prohibits overtime pay from compensation calculations. Steve Ramos was asked to speak for AEA and AEA-Retired at a committee hearing, after which many of the negative aspect toward retirees' were eliminated from these bills. The bill was added to the Rules Committee agenda on Monday March 7th and may be heard in caucus on Tuesday the 8th.
10. Chapter	**Aurora Aber, Tucson**. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 15. Topic: Politics

Chair Reports	**Suzan Austin, Scottsdale/PV** Monday, March 14, next meeting. Speaker: Medicare Fraud, Getting Most from Medicare. Speaker from DES. **Ted Coleman, Prescott** Monday, Mar 14 next meeting. Speaker: Redistricting. Sue Sain, AEA Retired Exec. Legislative Co-chair. China Buffet. They recruited 2 new members at last meeting. Ted spoke about Nation Article: Creating a Progressive Tea Party **Barb Joseph, Phoenix** The Phoenix Chapter will meet on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at Metro-Tech High School, at 10:30. Our guest speaker will be from Arizona Alliance of Retired Americans. **Steve Ramos, Mesa** Frank Bing will do 5 Wishes Presentation at meeting March 9. Expecting 48 members. Recall Russell Pearce representatives will be in attendance. **Susie Sommer, Glendale** Meeting 5th April. Speaker: Medicare Fraud, Getting Most from Medicare. Speaker from DES. **Sally Rosen, Southern AZ** March 17 next meeting. They will be discussing topics from today's Exec. Board meeting. Including politics. **Danny Barlow, Northern AZ** Talked to 2 retired members who may likely be willing to head northern AZ chapter. He will remind presidents of locals to send him names/contacts of retirees from their districts.
11. AZ IMPACT	Ken Freed reported on recent recruitment and professioinal development activities in Tucson area in conjunction with UA. Claudia Jensen met with Marilyn Freed, and may soon bring back her expertise and begin co-chairing Tucson IMPACT program with Marilyn. Linda Thieken reported that 2nd Professional Development Seminar will be held Saturday, April 2nd at AEA Office. The emphasis will be resume writing and interviewing skills. Sean Mabey and Liza Guzman will facilitate. Anna Montalbo has been very busy recruiting ASU COE students. Saturday she promoted the event and 15 students were interested. She will follow up with an email asking for a commitment to attend. RSVPs to date: Mentors: Yes = 8, No = 4, ? = 5 total 17 Mentees:Yes = 7, No = 3, Thinking = 3? = 4 total 17 = 13 IMPACT + 4 ASU Student Program Logistics have all been arranged with the wonderful support of Linda Somo.
12. Announcements	Julie Horwin was asked to resend ballot link for voting for NEA-RA. Some members have reported never receiving this link/email from AEA or from AEA Retired.
13. Raffle	Ken Freed Who won: AEA Liaison, Mike Aicone, who donated his

	winning back to AEA RETIRED. How much $48.00
14. Membership Report	Shirley Boswell submitted a written report (attached). AEA Retired presently has 1894 members, 30 honorary members. 1329 use dues deduct. The great majority of those joining use dues deduct.
15. Old Business	Moved/2nd Shirley Boswell /Ken Freed to create a committee who will act as buddies to keep board members updated on those AEA Retired board members who have come before us. PASSED Volunteers for this committee are as follows: Shirley Boswell, Aurora Aber, Juan Zuniga, John Campbell, Steve Ramos
Lunch	
16. Strategic Planning	Linda Somo asked for and appointed an ad hoc committee to develop plans for recruitment at Delegate Assembly and Retirement Celebrations in Local Districts. Appointees include: Steve Ramos, Sue Sain, Judy Moy, Shirley Boswell, Julie Horwin, Jean Stephenson, Linda Somo. It was noted that $400.00 is available for incentives at the Delegate Assembly for this fiscal year.
17. Adjourn	Pres. Somo adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM. Next Meeting, Thurs., April 28 Annual Meeting in Mesa at the Mesa Marriot Convention & Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin
AEA Retired Secretary