

2008 AEA-RETIRED ANNUAL MEETING

INITIAL DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, April 24, 2008

LOCATION: Mesa Marriot Convention Hall Ballrooms A,B,C

TIME: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM



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/Reflections Introductions/ Welcome Kathy Campbell	Welcome. President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. 20th ANNUAL MEETING/BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION A Celebration Of AEA-Retired 1988 to 2008 Pres. Campbell led us in a moment of silence for members lost this year. Asked that cell phones be turned off for the meeting. Talked about theme: Protecting Your Future. Mentioned ways that has been moving forward this year through AEA-Retired activities. She went through the Annual Meeting Packet with the members in attendance. Drew attention to the purple and pink evaluation forms.
2. CORRESPONDENCE/ INFO. ITEMS	
3. AGENDA ADDITIONS/ APPROVAL Pres. Campbell	Pres. Campbell reminded the members that there would be no oral reports today. Motion: Frank Bing moved to accept the agenda with flexibility/ 2nd: Gary Mehok Passed
	The Fund for Children and Public Education and Door Prizes John Campbell Use your Fund tickets and participate in the drawings. Winners of Fund prizes and door prizes will be listed at the back of the room at the conclusion of the meeting. Auction of items will be held during the meeting at various times.
Activity	ActivityActivity (Why are you a member of AEA-Retired?) Julie Horwin/Suzan Austin/AnnJi Craig Wooton Leaf shapes on tables, individual wrote response to one: What AEA-Ret. Means to me; Why AEA-Ret. Is important; AEA-Ret. Is my organization because; An event that highlights the importance of AEA-Retired.
4. MINUTES	Board packet pages
4. MINUTES CORRECTIONS/ APPROVAL Pres. Campbell	Board packet pages Motion to approve April.2007, Annual Meeting Minutes: Ken Freed moved to approve 2nd: Connie Wittig Passed.

<p>Elections Linda Somo/Steve Ramos</p>	<p>Linda Somo on ballot so not on agenda for this discussion. Nominations for president were opened. Linda Somo only nomination. Moved to close nominations by Ken Freed. Frank Bing 2nd. Passed. Opened nominations for Treasurer. Jean Stephenson nominated. No other person nominated. Moved to close nominations by Frank Sacco. 2nd, Ken Freed. Passed. Linda Somo – new president, Jean Stephenson new Treasurer. Linda and Jean both gave a short talk and thanks for support. Nominations were taken from the floor for Board positions. Voting would take place at 11:30 AM. Candidates each spoke (3 minute limit). President Campbell reminded members that only AEA-D.A. delegates can vote.</p> <p>Mary Bishop talked about having one person in 3 positions. Questioned constitutionality. Meredith moved to send to Bylaws Committee. Connie Wittig 2nd. Passed. Leadership development will be a part of that discussion. A discussion took place about whether Linda should step down. Many spoke against it, consensus was that Linda should not step down, as she was elected and if John Campbell took her place on AEA Board, there would be no alternate, and Linda will step down if she feels it is necessary. Linda will share the duties of AEA Board with John this year. Mary Lou Sinclair moved to close debate. Joanne Lynch 2nd. Passed Motion passed</p>
<p>President’s Report Kathy Campbell</p>	<p>Accomplishments of her term – too many to list here. Go to AEA-Retired Web site to read in its entirety.</p>
<p>5.TREASURER’S REPORT Connie Wittig</p>	<p>Board packet pages – Green, Comparison of AEA-Retired Budget, Income and “Expenses for years ’05-’06, ’06-’07, ’07-’08” Blue, “AEA-Retired 2008-2009 Budget.” Connie explained dues reimbursement timeline. Gave “State of the Budget” report. Positive progress. Dues exceeded \$25,000. So had to file IRS income tax for first time. That is great. One great outcome is that AEA-Retired now able to send more leaders to conferences. Also, NEA Grants we have received have helped. (\$10 rebate for new members and ASRS dues deduct) Connie has the audit from May 1 to April 30 ready to go. Also, she organized all of the financial records for the past 20 years!! She completed this project over her two terms of office. Motion for Approval/File for Audit: Bob Bloom 2nd:Gary Mehok Passed.</p>
<p>Voting - 11:30 Break</p>	
<p>Lunch/Award/Speaker - 12:00 to 1:30 Les Reynolds’ Distinguished Senior Service Award to Ralph Lara Wayne Diehl, John Campbell, Bertha Myers Presenters</p>	<p>Lunch: President Campbell introduced Ralph Lara, his wife and two daughters. Bertha Meyers and Wayne Diehl introduced Ralph and Ralph gave a wonderful talk about his history of service to AEA and AEA-Retired. He was presented with a beautiful crystal dish etched with this award. Luncheon/Key-note Speaker Dennis Van Roekel Dennis Van Roekel, President-elect of NEA spoke. He gave a fabulous talk of the importance of AEA-Retired, its membership and where we can dream to go next.</p>
<p>Let’s Celebrate Us!! J Horwin/Suzan Austin/AnnJi Craig Wooten</p>	<p>After lunch a movie was shown: A short history of the people and events of AEA-Retired, over 20 Years.</p>

Election Results Linda Somo/Steve Ramos	President: Linda Somo Treasurer: Jean Stephenson (see above, no contest) 2008 Executive Board 1.Daina Swinford 2.Ken Freed 3.Judy Moy 4.Gary Mehok 5.Aurora Aber 6. Suzan Austin 7. Juan Zuniga 8. Brenda Pierce 9. Cindy Michaels
Alliance Promotional Video John Campbell	A video was shown that promoted membership in the Alliance for Retired Americans. Also hand-outs with information about presidential candidate John McCain, America's Health Care System
New Business AZ IMPACT Presentation - Paula Grigsby	A movie outlining the history, mission, people and progress of the intergenerational mentoring program was viewed.
Pres. Kathy Campbell	Recognition of newly elected officers and Representatives at Large See above report from Elections Committee.
Announcements/Final Thoughts/Adjournment/Photo Time	Photos were taken of the board, persons who were longest members, and new leaders in the Association.
OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS IN BOARD PACKETS:	
a. Membership Daina Swinford	Written report in Board packet page. 1,126 using dues deduct 29 honorary members. 1809 total members. Reminded us that Renewal forms go out in June if you are note on Dues deduct.
Retirement Committees (Part of Standing Committees)	
b. Health Insurance Helga Krantz	No report
c. ASRS Steve Ramos	Pages in Board Packet. ASRS had a good 1 st L& 2 nd quarter finishing the fiscal year with impressive 17.8% on investments. See www.pewcenteronthestates.org to see a report about ASRS success. Return-to-Work meetings to solve the impact of the laws surrounding this failed to come to any resolution. AEA pulled legislative support to any changes to the plan.
d. Presentation Frank Bing	
e. Constitution/Bylaws John Campbell	No report
f. Legislative Bob Bloom, Marion Pickens J. Horwin	No report
g. Public Relations Suzan Austin Frank Bing	Report included in the Board Packet. The Conduit is now an 8-page publication printed in color 4 times/year. Email frankbaear@aol.com . Put "Conduit" in the subject line and include name, address, and email address in the body. This year every edition of <i>The Advocate</i> , with one exception included a half page devoted to AEA-Retired. An article about he 20-year Celebration will be sent to <i>This Active Life</i> . Having earned 4 awards at Leadership Training last summer, Frank and Suzan will again submit.
Social Committee Hon. Marion Pickens	Outlined the duties and responsibilities for those who bring lunch to the monthly board meetings. 4 people assigned to each Exec. Brd Meeting. A/B/C/D.
h. Annual Meeting AnnJi Craig-Wooten 20-yr Celebration Julie Horwin	Written report in Board Packet. Explained costs of AEA-Retired Annual Meeting in the hotel. It was generally agreed by all that the meeting, the meals, the rooms and their location was fabulous.

7. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a. Audit No report.
Judy Moy/Linda Thieken
- b. Budget Board Packet pages _____ Income based on _____ members
Connie Wittig
- c. Elections
Linda Somo
Steve Ramos Outline process and timeline for AEA-Retired electioins, and where/when the positions and call for nominations were placed in media. Also added that this is the 3rd year in a row that AEA-Ret. Has not had a full delegation to AEA D.A. Suggested that the Board and officers need to make recommendations for encouraging and improving participation of members to the Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly.
- d. Fundraising The beautiful quilt was on display. It will continue to garner raffle tickets at the Delegate Assembly this week.
Aurora Aber
- e. Historian
Annji Craig-Wooton
- f. Sunshine
Cindy Michels
- g. Grant Board packet pages _____
Paula Grigsby

8. Task Force Reports

- a. Mentoring Board packet pages. This is the first year of a 2-year expansion grant for mentoring from NEA-Retired. She summarized activities and growth in each of the 4 areas: Claudia Jensen, Tucson; Bernadette Presloid, Yuma; Linda Thieken, Phoenix; Stephanie Ehrich, First 5
Paula Grigsby
- b. Local Chapters
Gary Mehok Gary summarized activities for the year including establishing two new local chapters: Yuma and Paradise Valley/Scottsdale. He is working on establishing local chapters in Flagstaff and in Sierra Vista. There were 8 discrete programs presented to chapters this year including: ASRS; 2007 Leg Session; Leg Session 2008; Return-to-Work; IMPACT; 5 Wishes; NEA Value Builder

PHOENIX Brenda Pierce Board Packet page 18 Brenda reported on Feb. mtg. Doubled membership this year! Next meeting May 8,2008	MESA Steve Ramos
GLENDALE Susie Sommer reported that 35 mbrs, meet in Iron Works Restaurant, mission is to stay informed about issues. Ssommer114@aol.com	WHITE MOUNTAINS Billie Fugate
TUCSON Aurora Aber	YUMA Bernadette Presloid
PRESCOTT Helga Krantz	Scottsdale/PV Julie Horwin Chpt meets 4 times/year. Interest from 25 members. lthieken@cox.net

c. Policy Handbook

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d. Annual Member Award Bertha Myers, John Campbell	A biography of Ralph Lara was provided to the packet including his activities for AEA and AEA-Retired.
9. Leadership Reports	
a. AEA Board of DIRECTORS Dir. Linda Somo	Report in Board Packet. Summarized the year: New Exec. Dir.; staff hiring's; Great Public Schools Agenda; political action for 2008; Healthcare study and poll initiative; reservation taskforce. Linda chaired the Health Care Task Force. Linda also detailed her representative activities through the year.
b. NEA Board Directors Linda Somo	
c. NEA-Retired Council Pres. Barb Matteson	Sent congratulations letter to the Board Packet. She was unable to attend because the NEA-Retired Western Regionals were this week in New Mexico.
d. Alliance for Retired Americans John Campbell	See above report.
e. AEA-Ret Liaison Mike Aicone	No report
10. Action Items	
a. Old Business Kathy Campbell	
b. New Business Kathy Campbell	
Next AEA-Retired Board Meeting: May 13, 2008, AEA Headquarters	

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