

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting

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Tuesday, March 13, 2012 10:00 AM 345 East Palm Ln Phoenix, AZ

Attendance: Linda Somo, Frank Bing, Julie Horwin, Jean Stephenson, Kathy Campbell, Judy Moy, John Campbell, Aurora Aber, Suzan Austin, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Gary Mehok, Cindy Michels, Carmen Peters, Kathy Ramage-White, Susan Sain, Juan Zuniga, Ted Coleman, Maryanne Goodluck, Barbara Joseph, Brenda Pierce, Susie Sommer, Richard Spitzer.

Absent: Mike Aicone, Steve Ramos, Sally Rosen

Guests: Nancy Putman, Liz Hendrickson, Katrie Hakes, Connie Wittig

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	Pres. Linda Somo called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. She introduced guest, Katri Hakes, who retired from PVSEA.
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved/2 nd by Freed/Linder to accept with flexibility and with the following changes: Julie asked to be taken off the agenda under legislative, because AEA is now neutral on HB2823.
3. Minutes	Moved/2 nd by Freed/Zuniga to accept the Minutes from February 14, 2012 with the following changes: Richard Spitzer did not 2 nd changes to Amendment, it was Ken Freed.
4. Financials	Jean Stephenson led us through the budget for February, line by line, and answered questions. Moved/2 nd by Stephenson/Horwin to accept the budget report for February and file for audit. PASSED.
Old Business: Budget for 2012-2013	<p>Old Business: Budget for 2012-2013. Moved/2nd by Stephenson/Bing to accept the Budget for 2012-2013, including the \$5.00 dues increase that will go into effect in September, 2012. PASSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dues increase means we will raise dues to match the raise increase of NEA, AEA. • For members who pay NEA-Retired annually, dues will be total of \$90.00: \$30.00 for NEA-Retired, \$30.00 for AEA, \$30.00 for AEA-Retired. • For members who have paid NEA-Retired Lifetime, annual dues will be \$60: \$30 for AEA, \$30 for AEA-Retired. • Dues deduct for those without NEA-Retired Lifetime: \$1.25/month increase. • Dues deduct for those who have paid NEA-Retired Lifetime: 83¢/month increase.
5. Membership	<p>Shirley Boswell included a written report for February membership. Please see it attached. As of Jan. 31, 2048 members. She asked for volunteers to stuff envelope mailings to be sent to members who retired during the last 2 years but have not yet joined AEA-Retired.</p> <p>Judy Moy gave a tribute to AEA-Retired member leader, Barbara Sierra, who passed away.</p>
6. Officers' Reports	<p>a. Linda Somo (AEA-Retired, NEA Director)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you to all for the wonderful "get well" wishes. Surgery was three weeks ago today, and I am making good progress toward full recovery. 2. Committee Chairs, Chapter Chairs, and anyone who normally submits reports for the Annual Meeting packet, please send your yearly report to me and Julie no later than Wednesday, April 11th. Earlier would be even better. These reports need to be copied and compiled to be placed in the packets given to each attendee. If more time is needed for a specific reason, please let me know. 3. Anyone wishing to help assemble packets, please plan on meeting at the

	<p>AEA-Retired office on Tuesday, April 24th, at 1 PM. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Looking forward to attending the NEA Retired Leadership & Organizational Conference in Las Vegas March 28-30. We are sending 17 members funded (or partially funded) by AEA Retired, plus John & myself, who are funded by NEA. Susan Sain was selected by President Morrill to be the first-time attendee and have her room funded by NEA. What a great presence we will have at this meeting! I would like each attendee to write a short (one paragraph) report of something new or important that you learned at the conference to be included in the May/June issue of The Conduit. 5. Due to my grandson's graduation from ASU conflicting with the next NEA Board meeting on May 4-5, I will not be attending, but my alternate will be there. John will give us a full report at our May meeting. 6. I will be on a family vacation April 7-14, and will not be available for any AEA Retired business. However, I will still have the office phone and my computer with me to be able to respond to any emergencies. <p>c. Judy Moy – AEA Director</p> <p>Judy mentioned that a \$12.00 dues assessment for 4 years, will be voted on at the Delegate Assembly in April. It does not include AEA-Retired.</p> <p>Judy noted that at the Fund Council, on March 9, a new model for AEA state legislature candidate recommendation process was created. It is in the process of being revised, so she was not fully able to give information other than the attached hand-out, which was not the latest revision. Concerns from Steve Linder and others at the AEA-Retired board meeting included the worry that if there are 3 members who travel statewide to conduct interviews along with two local members in each legislative district, would the 3 traveling members have power to veto local input because of their larger number over local members; also, it was questioned whether 3 people could possibly attend all of the interviews across the state; a question was put about whether observers would be allowed to attend candidate interviews. Judy Moy, Danny Barlow, Gary Mehok, who are on the Fund Council said that they would take these concerns to the next meeting. That meeting will be conference call scheduled for this week.</p>
7. AEA Retired Elections	<p>Juan Zuniga noted that due to attrition of 3 members, there are presently 76 AEA-Retired delegates to the April 27-28 AEA Delegate Assembly.</p>
8. AEA Retired Annual Meeting	<p>Suzan Austin passed around sign-up sheets for duties at the Annual Meeting and at the AEA Delegate Assembly. She also reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have sent our hotel and DA requests to Chris Mayer and Mike Aicone at AEA and the following people will coordinate with AEA: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Linda Somo for scheduling of lunch, etc. b) Julie Horwin for AV requirements and music c) Juan Zuniga for elections d) Judy Moy for Delegate Material distribution 2) Room reservations for Friday night need to be made as soon as possible to take advantage of our special pricing. Delegates will be reimbursed for half of a room. 3) Please encourage Chapter members to come to the Annual Meeting. Bring registration forms to your meetings. 4) Board members will again be asked to bring a door prize wrapped (\$5-10) and an

	<p>item for NEA fundraising unwrapped (\$10-15). No white elephant items, please.</p> <p>5)The signup sheets for the Membership/Fundraising tables at DA are being circulated. Everyone needs to take one 1-hour shift. Shirley Boswell, Brenda Pierce and Aurora Aber will organize the Fundraising/Membership tables at DA.</p> <p>6)Please review the signup sheet which is being circulated and make any changes you wish. We need more volunteers for the items in bold. Note the number in parentheses of people needed.</p> <p>7)If you have changed your email or cell phone number from the one on the roster we were given, please note the change on the back of the sign-up sheet. We will be sending reminders to you as in the past about what to bring and things you have signed up to do.</p>
<p>9. Chapter Chair Reports</p>	<p>a. Suzan Austin – Scts/P.V. Met Jan. 15. Joe Rubio from Valley Interfaith Project spoke. Next meeting is Monday, March 26. She will have Annual Meeting registration forms with her. Their typical attendance is 15+. Suzan also asked to meet with the Greater Phoenix Chapter Chairs to discuss the May AEA-Retired Local Chapter Mixer</p> <p>b. Barb Joseph- Greater Phx Met in January to learn how to Skype. Next meeting Tuesday, March 27 Subject will be Medicare and Social Security.</p> <p>c. Chip Parsons- Greater Tucson Aurora Aber noted that their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at 10:00 AM at the Southern Regional Office. They typically have 19+ members attending.</p> <p>d. Linda Somo-East Valley/Mesa Next meeting is Wed., March 21. Speaker from Area Agency for Aging.</p> <p>e. Susie Sommer- West Valley/Glendale Next meeting is scheduled for first week of May. She is happy to note that members of this chapter have taken a team approach to scheduling, leading meetings.</p> <p>f. Ted Coleman, Prescott The Prescott chapter of AEA-Retired met at Coco's on Friday, March 9th. LaBeth Pondish, Helga Krantz and Ted Coleman were in attendance. We had been in communication with Carrie Barros who is President of the Humbolt Education Association. Helga often helps out at the Humbolt Elementary level and reported that she was shocked to hear from a talented young kindergarten teacher, that this teacher was seriously considering leaving her position. This is due to her class size of 35 and the offer starting position outside of education that paid more. Helga was further shocked when this teacher said that she was not aware that there even is a union for teachers in Arizona. Those present agreed to try to form a joint effort with Carrie Barros and other local association presidents from the Yavapai County area. The purpose would be to increase membership and community presence for both the active and retired sectors. I will try to set up a get-together with interested parties.</p> <p>g. MaryAnn Goodluck – Northern AZ Next meeting is scheduled for March 21. She is working on attracting more retired members. She expressed concern over several shootings in her area.</p>
<p>10. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans</p>	<p>Barbara Matteson, John Campbell reported on the Alliance meeting in Las Vegas. See attached hand-outs. They brought home strong messages regarding the Affordable Care Act which will be heard in the U.S. Supreme Court in two weeks. The Act provides numerous benefits for seniors under Medicare. They include more free medical check-ups under Medicare; Free preventive screenings; prescription drug discounts continue and subsidies increase; bonus for high-performing Medicare Advantage plans; requires insurers plans to pay rebates if medical loss ratio not met; eliminates drug copayments for dual-eligibles receiving home or community-</p>

	<p>based care; and an Independents at Home Demonstration Project. For more information about the Medicare benefits that go into effect in 2012, go to: http://healthreform.kff.org/timeline.aspx or visit http://www.healthcare.gov/foryou/seniors/index.html</p> <p>Please use these talking points when discussing with family, friends, colleagues, and policy-makers.</p> <p>Please take a look at the hand-outs given; and use them to inform and educate others about Social Security and Medicare.</p>
11. Arizona State Legislature	<p>AEA Endorsement Process, Steve Linder reported that, as defined at the Tucson G.R.E.A.T. meeting, the new candidate recommendation interview process (see attached) seemed to put less emphasis on local input, and seemed unwieldy for three members to travel throughout Arizona in order to conduct interview teams. Please see added information in #6 C of these minutes.</p> <p>Pres. Somo asked if anyone present attended March 12 Education Day at the Capitol. Vice President Bing reported that he attended along with Michael Gordy, Frank Sacco, and Lucy Messing. AEA Lobbyist, Jennifer Loreda, with AEA Pres. Andrew Morrill, started the day with a talk about bills presently moving through the legislature. Then an excellent legislative panel spoke and answered questions. At noon they had lunch on the lawn at their legislative district tables with many of the legislators in attendance. They then attended Committee of the Whole meetings in both the Senate and the House, and Education Committee hearings in the Senate and in the House. Please look for a photograph of the AEA-Retired members in the May, 2012 issue of <i>The Conduit</i>.</p>
12. AZ IMPACT	<p>Ken Freed reported about the activities of the Tucson IMPACT mentors and protégés. They are planning an Interview Workshop on April 3, to be held at the UofA College of Education. They continue to be very engaged and productive!</p>
13. Half-back Raffle	<p>Winner: Past NEA-Retired President, Barbara Matteson, won \$27.00 for herself, and \$27.00 for Communities in Schools. Everyone is quite positive that Barbara has earned some rather exceptional karma!</p>
14. Adjournment	<p>Pres. Somo adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.</p> <p>Next Meeting: AEA-Retired Annual Meeting, April 27, 2012, 9:30 AM Mesa Marriott Hotel</p>

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin, AEA-Retired recording secretary