

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of March 8, 2016

1. Call to Order at 10:12 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, John Campbell, Judy Moy, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Ed Bufford, Marilyn Freed, Maryanne Goodluck, Luci Messing, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Kathy Ramage-White, Steven Ramos, Sally Rosen, Susie Sommer, Jean Stephenson, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. Chapter Chairs; Ted Coleman, Michelle Smith, Ellie Feldner, Tricia Roach. Members; Barbara Matteson, Connie Wittig, Aurora Aber, Brenda Pierce, Cindy Michels, Jan Nichols, Maria Vinaras. Guests; Staff; Margaret Sleeper, Todd Crenshaw.

NOTE: Prior to the Approval of Agenda President Horwin indicated that we were going to stay on schedule and appointed Campbell to make certain that it happened.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Moy/Campbell)

Approved

3. Approval of the minutes of February, 2016 (Campbell/Ramage-White)

Approved

4. Membership Chair Boswell shared most recent membership data. Currently we have 2120 members with 1583 using dues deduct. We have 104 new members this year.
(See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Outreach chairs, Putman/Moy thanked those Board members who have volunteered to help recruit through the use of the mail. Some of the letters have been returned due to improper addresses. Thus far, we can identify at least 5 memberships that have resulted from this mailing. This was followed by information being shared about recruiting by individual Board members.

6. New Business Item-NONE

7. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$81,176
Liabilities	\$23,150
Equity	\$58,025

(See written report for more information.)

Move Acceptance and file for audit. (Wittig/Ramage-White)

Passed

There was discussion relative to the 67 \$10.00 checks that are going out for new payroll deduction people.

8. The draft of the 2016-2017 AEA-Retired budget was briefly reviewed by Chairperson Somo. There was clarification that should we decide to join an interfaith group that it be the statewide group, not individual chapters.

Move approval of the 2016-2017 Budget. (Campbell/Ramage-White)

Passed

9. Officers' Reports

President Horwin-provided us with a written report including information about payday loans press conference, lobby day on March 16, AEA-Retired Grant meeting directly after this meeting, Voting for NEA-RA is now online, AEA Summer Institute, AFSCME and ASRS threat, Prop 123 Rally in Chandler, AEA & LFC partnership Candidate Training.

Vice-President Austin-Report on the Annual Meeting. In a written report, Austin shared information about the DA including that the lunch is \$35, which is more than what we have chosen to charge. She reminded the Board of their commitment to bring wrapped and unwrapped gifts. A job list was circulated for each of us to select jobs at the Annual Meeting. Austin asked us to determine the theme of the event. "Unite, Inspire, Lead, Together We Can," was the group's choice.

Liaison Sleeper-Shared that AEA is concentrating on Prop 123 and the upcoming Delegate Assembly. Also, the AEA computer system was "infected" with a virus that would have locked them out of their computers had it not been realized and combatted. This was handled in 12 minutes.

AEA Director Moy-Provided the minutes of the most recent AEA Board meeting.

NEA Director J. Campbell-no report.

NEA's Todd Crenshaw-provided a written report indicating that 122 NEA members took part in the most recent M.O.R.E. Regional meetings, with 75% signing up to take part in the upcoming Arizona election. He also shared that he is now getting requests from other states to join the movement due to the publicity Arizona has garnered.

10. ASRS

Chairperson Ramos provided a written report and emphasized the bills of which we need to be most concerned. Thanked Linder and K. Freed for conducting a retirement workshop in the South. Ramos also shared that one of the fund managers has taken a job elsewhere, which is a huge loss for the ASRS.

11. AEA-Retired Elections

Chairperson Ramage-White provided the Board with a written report that details who has been nominated to run for the AEA-Retired Board and as delegates to the Delegate Assembly. She shared that there are currently 8 people seeking the 6 at-large seats, 1 person seeking the secretary position, and 80 people who have submitted pledge-to-serve forms to serve as delegates. As a result, there is no delegate election necessary and the delegates have therefore been elected to serve. Nominations will also be taken from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

12. Political Action and Election Update

Chairpersons Matteson and Wittig provided a written report and thanked people for their attendance at the Legislature. The Board was reminded of the March 16 lobby day. It was shared that the pro Prop 123 campaign has collected \$1.4M. Also, a list of the 8 Members of the House who have been supportive of education and children was provided.

13. Chapter Chair Reports

Southeast Arizona (Rosen) The chapter met on January 28 at the Manda Le Restaurant. The next meeting is in March 11 at Ricardo's Restaurant in Hereford, AZ. The final meeting of the year will be the first week of May, with details to be determined.

Greater Phoenix (Smith) The next meeting will be on March 15, 2016, at the Beatitudes, at 10:30. Krista Walker is to be the speaker.

Tucson (Matteson) Reported that Jan. Nichols spoke at our last meeting. They will meet again on March 15 at the Tucson Education Association with an invitation going out to the M.O.R.E. attendees.

East Valley/Mesa (Somo) The next meeting is March 9 and the speaker will be Samantha Pstross, Executive Director of the Arizona Advocacy Network, presenting "Request to Speak Training and Call to Action." The last meeting of the year will be on 5/11 with the AEA President-elect speaking about where the AEA is going. All meetings are at 63 E. Main St. in Mesa.

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer) The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 4:00p.m. The meeting will be at the Iron Works Restaurant at 45th and Bell Rd.

Yavapai (Coleman)-There were 2 small meetings in January where the ASU-ASRS situation was discussed.

Northern Arizona/Reservation (Goodluck) Will be speaking to the president of the local to ascertain who will be retiring at the end of the year.

Scottsdale, Paradise Valley (Austin) The next meeting will be March 21, at Denny's, 7000 N. Mayo Blvd., Scottsdale, with Krista Walker, from Be Kind, presenting. They continue to collect books and magazines for Lodstar along with donating money to the Jack Kinnaman Fund.

Kyrene (Feldner) They will next meet on March 16 at the Ryle Senior Center at Southern and Rural at 1:00.

Flagstaff (Roach) They met last Tuesday (3/1) with Jan Nichols presenting relative to Charter Schools. They are meeting with the Flagstaff newspaper and want to be involved in the search for the new Flagstaff Superintendent. They are recruiting the soon to be retired.

****NOTE**** Thank you to Sally, Susie, Suzan and Janie for providing written reports.

14. Alliances and Coalitions

a. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans (Campbell)

Shared that at last Thursday's meeting they discussed their continued opposition to the Trans Pacific Partnership. Campbell also reported on Executive Director Anderson's lobbying in D.C.

b. Arizona retirement Security Coalition (Horwin)

Horwin shared that the Firefighters union is quite conservative and is working well with the legislature. She continues to meet with AFSCME and are working together on the ASU default.

c. AZ Wins (Horwin)

No report at this time.

15. Half-back Raffle of \$31 was won by Vinaras.

16. Adjournment at **1:40**. The next meeting is April 12, 2016.

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Lunch was a duty free 30 minutes.