Annual Meeting Report
May 10, 2011

Our AEA-Retired Annual Meeting on April 28, 2011, was our best attended event ever. We had 100 attendees there and served 98 lunches! The theme of "Understanding and Protecting Your Pension" proved to be a great draw. Thank you to Julie Horwin for designing a wonderful looking folder cover which went perfectly with our piggy bank and money centerpieces. We are indebted to AEA's Chris Mayer for not only negotiating everything for AEA-Retired with the hotel but also for making possible four lunch options at no additional cost – a first for us. Kudos to Mike Aicone who always takes care of our audio-visual needs and makes sure our voting runs smoothly. As usual, the hotel staff did a wonderful job.

The reports given by AEA President Andrew Morrill and Lobbyist Jennifer Loredo, along with the speeches by ASRS Director Paul Matson and Alliance Executive Director Tory Anderson, were very informative and appreciated by our members. The video of Pam Simon was a highlight that made up for her not being able to be with us in person as she had originally planned.

The officers did a splendid job of keeping us informed and on time, a difficult task. Juan Zuniga and his committee conducted the election smoothly. Julie Horwin also created a wonderful tribute to Mary Bishop that is available online along with the Paul Matson's PowerPoint presentation.

A big thank you goes to all who donated items for the NEA Fundraiser and door prizes. Susan Sain, Barb Joseph, Jean Stephenson and Cindy Michels worked very hard to make the prize drawings go perfectly.

The caucus meetings led by President Linda Somo and AEA Director Judy Moy were professional and timely – well done! Our sound system worked much of the time – it still presents challenges.

Our beverage and food purchases came out just about right. Our goal is not to run out of items or have a big surplus. We continue to improve on our purchasing each year by keeping records of what we buy and use.

The head counts for all our events were

- Thursday happy hour – 40
- Friday caucus breakfast – 50
- Friday patio lunch – 42
- Friday happy hour – 45 It was hard to get a count as people came and went.
- Saturday caucus breakfast – 42

Our numbers are up a little from the past three years.

Everyone is to be commended for helping to make this a very smooth running Annual Meeting.

Cindy and I really enjoyed being your hostesses and working with all of you. Let us know if you have any suggestions for next year.

Suzan Austin and Cindy Michels, Annual Meeting Co-Chairman