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AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM AEA Headquarters, Minutes

Attendance: Somo, Bing, Stephenson, Horwin, K. Campbell, J. Campbell, Aicone, Austin, Boswell, Craig-Wooten, Freed, Linder, Mehok, Michels, Moy, Pierce, Ramos, Swinford, Zuniga, Rosen, Sommer, Wittig
Absent: Aber, Rosin, Thieken

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to order - L. Somo	Pres. Somo called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM
2. Approval of Agenda	K. Freed/S. Linder Moved/2nd to adopt the agenda with flexibility. PASSED
3. Approval of minutes	K. Freed/Linder Moved/2nd to approve the minutes of Feb. 3, 2010 PASSED
4. Financials - J. Stephenson	March Financials were presented by Treasurer J. Stephenson. J. Stephenson/J.Horwin moved to accept March, 2010 Financial Report and file for audit. PASSED
5. New Business	Budget Committee Report and Draft of 2010-11 budget - L. Somo/J. Stephenson The draft of 2010-2011 budget drafted by the AEA-Retired Budget Committee was addressed, with some discussion. Budget year is May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. Budget Committee moved. PASSED
6. Old Business	Recruiting new members at AEA-DA – S. Ramos Plans were developed to be carried out at April Delegate Assembly: 1. Include a membership form in every delegate packet 2. Create graphics for large screen in D.A. a. Life Membership for $200 3. Create table frame: Join AEA Retired Now 4. Membership table with sign up forms; sign up to get the AEA-Retired E-News for those retiring in 3-5 years. 5. Membership brochures at Happy Hours 6. Go to Happy Hours/Lunch with active local from which you retired. 7. Retiring in 10-20 years? Lock in price for NEA Retired. 8. AEA pre-retired membership ribbons for those who become pre-retired members of NEA-Retired (Daina) Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, and Frank Bing, Steve Ramos will create graphics mentioned above.
9. Membership - D. Swinford	Daina Swinford shared that we have 1903 members. 31 are Honorary (no dues). 1275 use dues deduct. She mentioned that some states use only dues deduct as way to collect dues. It was suggested that we consider that question with members at the Annual Meeting. Daina introduced Shirley Boswell as the new Membership Chair.
10. Officer Reports AEA Liaison M.	Mike Aicone reported that the average donation to the EMO (Every Member Option) fund is $8.20/person. AEA-Retired has 611 members donating.

Aicone Secretary J Horwin Pres. Linda Somo	J. Horwin mentioned that we had an E-newsletter open rate of 83%, or 581 opened and read the March E-newsletter, our highest open rate so far. She also shared that the AWPC and YWCA are co-sponsoring a reception for every statewide elected woman, including Governors Napolitano, Hull, Mofford, Brewer, and many legislators. Event is May 4, and an invitation to AEA and AEA-Retired women will go out in April. President's Report March 2010 – Pres. Linda Somo **NEA Board Meeting conference call – Feb. 13, 2010** **AEA Board Report – Feb. 5, 2010**; approved recommendations for re-election of Pastor, Mitchell, Grijalva, and Giffords; later approved Kirkpatrick by e-mail vote **AEA Board Report – March 6, 2010** Special session at Legislature starts today; two budgets; Budget A if sales tax passes; Budget B if sales tax fails; AEA will support sales tax increase and work to pass because education will face another $900 million in cuts if it fails; hope to gain some political capital with Governor **Adopted AEA Legislative Platform** – includes new item added (thanks to Julie) that says, "AEA supports providing the same "graded multiplier" to people who retired before May 8, 2001, that has been awarded to those retiring after 2001" Prop 100 – sales tax increase; AEA support; special AEA Board conference call meeting Feb. 21 **Committee reports needed for Annual Meeting; must have in by April 2nd, send to Julie.** Theme for Annual Meeting –" Red, White, Blue, & Vote"; agenda will include overview of member survey results, review of Strategic Planning Process, info about our strategic goals and tactics, table discussions about additional ideas for tactics to implement our goals, "commitment" cards/forms for individual commitments of attendees; plus nomination speeches, budget report, voting, lunch (with award for Marion Pickens & keynote speaker Terry Goddard), Paul Matson in afternoon. Arranged to have AEA-Retired tri-fold membership form included in every delegate packet; requested to have AEA-Retired "advertisement" slides shown on big screens at DA – we will need to decide what to use; bulletin board posters available at DA for members to take back to buildings; NEA State Newsletter Award & website applications – Julie & Frank will apply for *The Conduit* and E-News. Linda Somo and Judy Moy will bring the AEA-Retired Banner and Posters to the AEA-Delegate Assembly.
11. Elections–J. Moy	See report attached with names of those who have been certified as delegates to the Annual Meeting/2010 AEA Delegate Assembly.

	Added Kathy Evans and Jo Stevenson.
12. Fundraising – A. Aber	$835.00 was gained from Committee Day Fundraiser in February.
13. Public Relations - F. Bing	Frank Bing thanked Suzan Austin for helping to finish up March edition of *The Conduit.* Next issue is the June/July 2010 issue. Send items in to Frank by June 1. He asked Chapter Chairs to send Julie and him dates for their Fall meetings.
14. Legislative - S. Linder	Steve Linder shared success of AEA-Retired Lobby Day in February. 20 people attended and met with Jennifer Loredo, AEA lobbyist. They also had appointments with legislators and a nice lunch. Steve recommended that AEA Retired join their regional GREAT Teams, or their regional candidate recommendation interview teams within their regions. These interviews must be complete by June. (May for incumbents). There are presently 12-15 AEA members running for office.
15. ASRS – S. Ramos	AEA-Retired Board Meeting Report March 9th 2010 Report from February 19th 2010 ASRS Board Meeting. As of February 19th the fund was $23,476,757,468, down slightly from last report. ASRS completed their annual audit of fiscal year 2009 **ASRS Legislation:** • **A plan to move ASRS to a defined contribution system beginning in 2011 was killed in committee.** • **The Alternative Contribution Rate (Smart Schools Bill) is also dead.** • **Bills to change the Plan design are still moving.** The ASRS board heard a report on possible health care reform at the national level. The ASRS Board selected a vendor for the new Supplemental Salary Deferral Program (SSDP). This allows ASRS members to make contributions to a supplemental defined contribution plan run by an ASRS approved vendor. That vendor will be TIAA-CREF. The ASRS Board began discussion of actions that need to be taken with respect to the Attorney General's opinion on "System" member benefits.
16. Annual Meeting - A. Craig-Wooten, S. Austin	$5.00 Sandwich lunch on Friday, April 23 at Delegate Assembly Bring 2 gifts: Wrapped $5-$10 Unwrapped $10-$15 AnnJi passed around the sign up sheet for tasks. Those board members/Committee Chairs not yet signed up for a task will be assigned a task by Annji. She also passed around a signup sheet for working the fundraising table. All members of the board, Committee Chairs, and any other members who wish to help are needed to make the Annual Meeting a success.

	Linda Somo will contact Bob Bloom or Dorothy Rowley to bring the quilt to the AEA-DA.
17. Chapter Chairs	Phoenix – Brenda Pierce noted that Penny Kotterman was the guest speaker at their last meeting. On March 25 th meeting their guest speaker will be David Lujan, candidate for Az Atty General. Meetings are at Metro Tech. Dining Room. Glendale – Susie Sommer noted that Glendale/West Valley Chapter had a successful meeting on Feb. 11. Our speaker was Ann Smith from NEA Benefits. John Thrasher stopped by to inform us of his candidacy for Congress, District 2. Our next meeting is May 13. Their local was very active in March4Schools activities with their locals. PV/Sctsl – Suzie Austin mentioned that last meeting in February was very successfully attended. Guest speaker was Linda Somo. May 17 next meeting with guest speaker Sean Mabey from NEAMB. Southern Region – Sally Rosen reported that they had good attendance at last meeting and will meet next April 8. They helped to staff a Penny Kotterman event. Tucson – Juan Zuniga reported that they met with Cheryl Cage, candidate for House. They are planning to hold a press conference April 19. Next meeting is April 20 with Sean Mabey. Prescott Valley – Gary Mehok reported that Prescott Valley has meeting planned for May. He is not sure, presently, who is contact person for that Chapter.
18. Coalitions – J. Campbell Alliance for Retired Americans	John Campbell shared that the Alliance has a new Executive Director. Also, a new grant from the National Alliance. He will spend 4 days at the Western Regional Alliance Conference.
19. Raffle – K. Freed	Cindy Michels won $21.00 in the half-back raffle for the NEA Fund.
20. Adjourn – L. Somo	Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM. Next meeting date/location: Thursday, April 22 Mesa Marriot Annual Meeting

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Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin,
AEA Retired Secretary