



AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting Tuesday Sept. 8, 2020 minutes.

Held on Zoom (virtual meeting) 9:30 am DRAFT

Attendees: Janie Hydrick, Anna Cicero, Janice Dwosh, Howard Johnson, Julie Horwin, Steve Linder, Ken Freed, Patty Ann Bryant, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Julie Cozad, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Cindy Michels, Marshall Militano, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steve Ramos, Michele Smith, Linda Somo, Sandy Warns, Sally Rosen, Nancy Riley, Susie Sommer, Suzan Austin, Marion Pickens, Ellen Shamah

AEA Liaisons -- Margaret Sleeper and Ellie Perez

Absences excused: **Danny Barlow, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga**

1. **Call to Order by President Janie Hydrick at 9:31 am** Please follow Zoom protocols, Contact info list sent in the packet to exec board and chapter chairs. Roll call taken (have a quorum to meet) -- please date all documents as submitted and submit on time in order to have accurate and timely information .
2. **Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020** motion by Ken Freed, seconded by Nancy Putman
Motion was approved with flexibility.
3. **Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2020 – Janice Dwosh.** motion by Ken Freed, seconded by Barbara Matteson. Motion was approved.
4. **Financials –Howard Johnson.** Financials moved to be approved by Janice Dwosh, seconded by Steve Linder. Motion approved. See attachments from 9/7 email for details of the financials. AEA-Retired expense voucher form was also attached to the meeting packet. Please send it by mail with receipts to Howard Johnson for reimbursement or scan and email to him. His address is in the AEA-Retired contact list.
5. **Officers reports--- Janie H. President** Year at a glance in the packet was presented and requests for additional information needed please send to Janie, as well as chapter info and committee lists. Attend any chapter meetings.. Attend as many committee meetings as available. **Let Janie know if you are interested in joining any other committees.** Julie moved to accept the committees. Add Steve Ramos as ARSC liaison. Add AEA Board member --alternate currently Luci Messing. Motion was approved with flexibility as committees are needed or revised.

Janice -- Secretary Reminder to send all packet attachments to Janice by the deadlines in the call for agenda, otherwise they may not get included until the next packet. Please be respectful in this regard.

AEA Board info -- Ken Freed & Luci Messing -- Luci was the official meeting attendee, Ken was there as an observer.. Discussions on Prop 208 (Invest in Ed). Recommended Hiral Tipernini (to replace Schweikert) for congressional district 6.

AEA-Liaison-- Ellie Perez, Margaret Sleeper --Margaret will assist with the transition this year. Ellie gave the report for AEA. New Govt. Relations director -- Shannon Shell, Taylor G. -- new legal associate, new govt. exec assistant Kathryn Shuffield. , bldg. limited access at AEA- no more than 10 at a time. Contact Margaret if you need access to the building. Plexiglass installed, Sanitation stations, signs added for directions in hallways. "Join now" to get new members. 931 new members joined - AEA #1 affiliate for new online membership. Certified 15,563 members, 1,899 classified members, 2,149 members retired. OC's working with locals to help in return to school for educators.

Prop 208 -- Invest in Ed-- texting, statewide day of action --Sept. 12th, Invest in Ed on AEA Zoom tomorrow 9/9/2020, plan for AEA Retired to assist on this vote. Helios Ed. foundation endorses Invest in Ed, next four Thursday -- Town Hall -Federal, State, Local candidates -- ask questions

6. New Business -- Janie Hydrick --Renewal of membership with AARA (AZ Alliance of Retired Americans) moved by Julie Horwin to rejoin AARA and pay the \$1,450 to renew our membership, Barb Matteson seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Steve Ramos -- mileage reimbursement for K. Ehlis (filling in for ASRS) moved to pay K. Ehlis for her travel mileage for the participation in the ASRS medical/dental committee \$270 meetings reimbursed from the NEA Pension awareness grant. Ken Freed seconded the motion. Motion has passed.

Ken Freed --moved that AEA-Retired contributes \$5,000 for Prop. 208 (AEA-R). Seconded by Sandy Warns. Discussions ensued . Motion was defeated at this time.

Ken Freed moved a request for AEA-Retired President to write an email letter soliciting donation funds from members of AEA-Retired for Prop 208. Motion was seconded by Julie Horwin. Discussion ensued and motion was passed.

Luci Messing -- moved AEA-Retired plan of action for Prop 208 and election support . Seconded by Julie Horwin. Motion passed .

7 a. Membership – Shirley Boswell

AEA -Retired members total 2,126 as of 8/31/20 Our membership is not growing as needed, due to losing some members to death and not getting the younger retirees to join right after retiring. We need to recruit more new members.

7b. Membership Outreach –

Nancy Putman, Shirley Boswell, Michele Smith Nancy is planning to attend some of the chapter meetings and ask chapters to reach out to get new membership. Join tomorrow at the membership committee meeting to get more information and strategies.

7c. MORE Committee update--- **Linda Somo, Susie Sommer Wed. Oct. 7th 1-3 p.m.** online mixer, political issues at state, local and national level, as well as pension info. Postcards to be mailed out to invite our NEA members that live in AZ now. Expect up to 300 or so to join us. Committee meeting tomorrow.

8. Chapter reports-- Susie Sommer - list of chapter chairs (contact info) attached to the meeting packet .

Glendale West Valley-- Susie S. (chairpersons listed below) join the Zoom meetings as available.

Mesa/E. Valley-- Janie H.

Greater Tucson -- Marion P.

Phoenix -- Michele S.

Scottsdale/ PV --Nancy R. and Ann M.

Southeast AZ -- Sally R.

Northern AZ -- Danny B. and Lenny R.

Kyrene -- Ellen Shamah

Yavapai -- looking for chairperson

Yuma -- looking for chairperson

Conduit -- Sept. 30th is the next Conduit deadline. Please send info and articles to Jan Nichols **ASAP**.

9. Alliances and Coalitions --

Janie -- AARA membership renewed by earlier motion.

Larry W. -- VIP/AIN (F. Ratey) no news at this time

Anna C. -- School Counselors conference in Feb. (Zoom)

Steve R. /Julie Horwin -- ARSC rehired Daniella Smith as lobbyist, writing grant for funding

ASRS--Steve Ramos-- .76% positive rate of return. not great but better than expected with Covid and market declines, open enrollment Nov. 1st, one booklet (medicare and non-medicare), webinars upcoming about health care and dental insurance. New insurance plans -- save \$30 million with new bids for healthcare. Two dental choices and improvements.

10. Adjournment of executive board meeting by Janie Hydrick, President at 12:28 p.m.
Get involved -- Prop 208, committee, chapters, membership . We need all of you !

Political Advocacy Committee meeting 1-3 p.m. after lunch break. Chair Luci Messing

Other committee meetings on Wed. Sept. 9th- check for Zoom link to join in

9-10 am **Membership/membership outreach- chairs: Nancy P., Shirley B., Michele S.**

10-11 am **Racial equity and social justice- co chairs Janice D. and Ann M.**

11-12 pm **Social media/PR/Communication -- chairs Linda S. , Steve R. , Jan N.**

12-12:30 pm **Documents -- Chair Ken Freed**

12:30-1 p.m. **MORE --Chairs -- Susie S and Linda S.**

Next Executive board meeting is scheduled for Tues. Oct. 13th

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Dwosh 9/09/2020

Please stay safe, healthy and connected with family and friends!
