Draft Agenda

AEA Retired Board Meeting
September 13, 2011 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
AEA Headquarters, 345 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ

Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	Pres. Somo called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. She gave an update on continuing recovery of Frank Bing, Vice President. Julie passed around a voluntary donation envelope for cash gift for Frank. $100 was collected.
2. Agenda	Moved and 2nd by K. Freed/ S. Linder to accept the agenda with flexibility and the following addition: Secretary report of EFT help. PASSED
3. Minutes	Moved, 2nd K. Freed/S. Linder to approve and accept the minutes for May 10, 2011 AEA Retired Executive Board Meeting. PASSED
4. Financials	Treasurer Jean Stephenson reported on strong financial footing of AEA Retired. See attached report. Moved/2nd J. Horwin/D. Barlow to accept the report and file for audit. PASSED
5. Member-ship	6. Chair Shirley Boswell reported on 3 months of membership activity for June, July, and August. See attached report: 2,020 members, which represents an increase of 89 members.
7. Officer's Reports A. Pres. Somo	A. President Somo Welcome newly elected board members; congratulations to continuing board members, & recognition of guests. She also talked about summer, 2011 NEA Retired Annual Meeting, and NEA-RA in Chicago. Asked those who attended these events to speak about their experiences. It was noted that among the many business items approved by the delegates were the Teacher Evaluation and Accountability Policy Statement, Early Endorsement of Obama for President, Crises Assessment of $20 per member. Linda also noted that we are using a new "copy form" (see attached) in order that we can now audit all bills given to us by AEA from copy machine. She mentioned that the annual AZ Convention for the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans is meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29. The following members volunteered to attend and will be funded by AEA Retired: 1. John Campbell 2. Gary Mehok 3. Suzan Austin 4. Steve Ramos 5. Nancy Putnam Linda also sent around a sign-up list for set-up and clean-up of our snacks & luncheons at these board meetings for 2011-12. Judy Moy volunteered to remind each of us when we signed up.
B. NEA Board of Directors – Linda Somo, John Campbell	B. NEA Board of Directors –Linda Somo, John Campbell – See attached report from June, 2011 NEA Board of Directors. John Campbell add that in December, because there most members of Congress are not in D.C., and to save money in the NEA budget, that NEA Board meeting will be only one day in DC, and be preceded by a "virtual" meeting the day before the directors arrive.
C. Calendar, Board Roster,	C. Revised 2011-12 AEA Retired Calendar, and Board Roster – see attached.
D. Grant Report	D. Grant Reports: Pres. Somo celebrated that AEA Retired did get two grants: one for $4390 for strategic planning and the other for $3819 to increase membership through technology. Each application was reduced by a factor of 0.87791495 to keep our total expenditures to $160,000 for grants. Linda noted that we are still searching for a volunteer to take over the ASU Intergenerational Mentoring program coordinator.

E. AEA Board of Directors Judy Moy F. Julie Horwin	E. Judy Moy, AEA Director, noted that in a 3-hour conference call they discussed outcomes of the "flipping" campaign, regarding new ways to pay dues for active members, and the impact that the numbers have on budget of AEA. These impacts include: no out of state travel, no staff replacements, early retirement incentives, RIF, Thanksgiving, Dec. 19-25 office closed, all purchases must have pre-approval. As of last Thursday, 58% of members across the state have flipped. AEA is confident that this number will rise. 12,396 have flipped. 1,691 classified have flipped. See attached initial draft of minutes for Aug. 12-13 AEA Board of Directors Meeting. Julie passed out fliers regarding 8-day predictive dialing phone call campaign at AEA headquarters beginning Sept. 19, with pay, for those who are available. She also sent out an email with same information to Maricopa County AEA Retired members. She also passed out copies of DVR's speech at NEA-RA. Noted that there are copies of AEA Retired Constitution, Bylaws and Policies available for those who need them. Noted that links to the AEA Retired Constitution, Bylaws and Policies, AEA Retired Calendar, and the minutes are all available as links on http://www.azedretired.com – along with a link to movie tribute to Past NEA Retired President, Barbara Matteson.
8. New Business	Committees, Assignments and Charges for 2011-2012. Pres. Somo shared the draft of committee appointments. See attached. Appointments PASSED. Pres. Somo then shared the new committees structure and asked for input. Committees will meet tomorrow during AEA Retired Committee Day. John Campbell moved, J. Horwin 2nd to spend $35.00 from the AZ Alliance line on ½ page ad in the Alliance program for the Alliance Convention which will be held on 9/29/11. PASSED
9. Lunch Break	
10. Chapter Chair Reports	• Suzan Austin **Scottsdale/Paradise Valley Chapter:** The first meeting this year was held on Sept. 26. Meetings are at Macayo's on Scottsdale Rd. north of Shea Blvd. for lunch from 11AM-1PM. For info about the next meeting contact **Suzan Austin** at (480) 947-2089 or visit http:/www.azedretired.com/SCOTTSDALE/index.html. • Barb Joseph **Phoenix Chapter:** The first meeting this fall was held at Metro Tech in the Culinary Department on Sept. 27. For info contact **Barb Joseph** at (602) 859-0165 or (602) 765-0788 or btjoseph@cox.net. • Aurora Aber **Greater Tucson Area Chapter:** A well attended meeting was held on Sept. 20 at the Southern Region Office in Tucson. For more information go to http:/www.azedretired.com/TUCSON/index.html. • Steve Ramos **Mesa / East Valley Chapter:** The first meeting was held on Sept. 14 and Jerry Lewis, Sen. Russell Pearce's challenger, spoke. The guest speaker was Elizabeth Harris who reported on Medicare Fraud. Future meeting dates for 2011-2012 are 11/9, 1/11/12, 3/21/12, and 5/9/12 from 11-AM to 1 PM at the Sunrise Bank Bldg., 63 E. Main St., Mesa. Lunch costs $6. Contact **Steve Ramos** at steveramos2@cox.net or (480) 924-0771 for info. • Ted Coleman **Prescott Chapter:** A meeting was held on Sept. 12. Future meetings will be held on Fridays. To join this chapter, contact chair **Ted Coleman** at (928) 856-9135 or tdashfork@azwildblue.com.

	• Sally Rosen **Southern Region:** A meeting was held on Aug. 18 in a great new restaurant in Huachuca City. The next meeting is on Oct. 18. Please contact **Sally Rosen** at (520) 459-0430 or Azcatsally@aol.com for more info. • Susie Sommer **Glendale/West Valley Chapter-** Meetings for 2011 are October 6 and December 1 at 4 PM at Ironworks Restaurant at BellAire Golf Course. The group contributes new books to children at Andrea's Closet. For info contact **Susie Sommer** at http:/www.azedretired.com/GLENDALE/index.html. • Gary Mehok reported: **Northern Arizona:** If you are interested in joining this new chapter, contact **Gary Mehok** at LOJO40@cox.net or **Danny Barlow** at dsjbarlow@yahoo.com. **White Mountain Chapter:** For information about this chapter, contact **Gary Mehok** at LO-JO40@cox.net. **Yuma Chapter:** Please contact **Gary Mehok** at LOJO40@cox.net if you are interested in reestablishing this chapter.

11. ASRS	Steve Ramos See attached report. He has continued to attend and monitor ASRS meeting, including the Board and External Affairs. His remarks included the following:
	• There have been several important issues discussed at meetings in June, August and September.
	• SB 1609 Established a Defined Contribution and Retirement Committee made up of the State Board of Investment, 3 Senators, 3 Representatives 1 ASRS and 1 PSPRS Trustee.
	• The committee must study and make recommendations regarding transferring existing members from a DB plan to a DC plan among other things.
	• ASRS Board Chair Dave Byers will be on the committee.
	• The issue of "member information" privacy was addressed at a board meeting in June and member group input was sought in a special meeting in September. It was decided that ASRS would continue to follow current laws regarding release of member information but may ask for changes to the laws sometime in the future.
	• Because of an Administrative Law Judge decision ASRS will establish policy that reflects the right of a non-beneficiary spouse to retain community property rights.
	• The ASRS fiscal year ended with funds at $28 billion and a return on investments of almost 25%, a new ASRS record.
	• An earlier then usual meeting of the External Affairs Committee was held to discuss potential ASRS 2012 legislative initiatives.
	• Making it easier for ASRS to collect money owed to the funds
	• Eliminate the Level Income Alternative
	• Clarify community property requirements
	• Employer withdrawal and transfer liability
	• Clarify Survivor Benefit
	• Eliminate the Health Benefit Supplement for retirees in other ASRS employer health plans
	• September 29th Work Study session.
	  o Discuss comparison of ASRS and other statewide public retirement plans.
	  o Discuss 2012 Health Care Plans
	  o Discuss Employer Withdrawal and Liability
	  o Discuss changing the PBI
	  o Discuss health care "self insurance"
	  o Sept 9th $27.6 billion in fund.

12. AEA Retired Half-Back Raffle	Ken Freed announced today's winner: Kathy Campbell. $23 for AEA Raffle Fund and $23 she donated to Frank Bing's gift envelope. Thank you, Kathy!
13. AZ Alliance of Retired Americans	Arizona Alliance Vice President John Campbell mentioned that he attended the Alliance's National Convention in D.C., with over 500 members from around the country. Topics included Medicare & Medicaid Fraud. Speakers included Wasserman Schultz, Kincaid, Dennis Van Roekel.
14. Adjournment	Pres. Linda Somo adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM. She noted meeting tomorrow September 14, for AEA Retired Committee Day. Many committee members will be joining us. Next AEA Retired Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 10:00 AM AEA Headquarters 345 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin
AEA Retired Secretary