AEA Retired Board Meeting Draft
May 10, 2011 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
AEA Headquarters, 345 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ

Attendance: Somo, Bing, Horwin, K. Campbell, M. Aicone, S. Austin, Barlow, J. Campbell, Freed, Mehok, Michels, Moy, Peters, Pierce, Ramos, Rosen, Sain, Swinford, Zuniga,
Committee Chairs/Coordinator: Coleman, Joseph, Sommer
Absent: Ramage-White, Stephenson, Aber, Boswell, Linder

Agenda Item	Minutes
1. Call to Order	Pres. Somo called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM She noted that there were several members missing because they are working with school districts to flip the Active members to EFT as the new method of paying their dues.
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved/2nd by Freed/J. Campbell to approve the agenda with flexibility: Add Alliance of Retired Americans report. PASSED
3. Approval of Minutes	Moved/2nd by Horwin/Bing to approve the minutes of March 8, 2011. PASSED
4. Financials	Treasurer, Jean Stephenson sent copied report of financials. Pres. Somo led discussion of finances to date. Moved by Peters/Freed to accept the report and file for audit. PASSED Audit: Pres. Somo discussed the audit accomplished by Judy Moy and Linda Thieken. Moved/2nd to accept and file, by Horwin/Zuniga. PASSED
5. Member-ship	Shirley Boswell sent in her report of membership to date. Pres. Somo led the discussion and noted that we have 1,931 members. Several members mentioned that they were invited to the retirement celebrations and have handed out – or will hand out – membership forms to potential members. Linda Somo passed out generic business cards with AEA Retired information – recruiters can put their name and contact information on the back.
6. Elections Report	Juan Zuniga reported about the recent elections at the Annual Meeting on April 28: At the Annual Meeting, AEA Retired delegates elected 2 officers, President and Treasurer, and 9 At-Large representatives to the AEA Retired Executive Board. One nomination was received for President, Linda Somo, and one nomination was received for Treasurer, Jean Stephenson. After a call for nominations from the floor, with no nominations coming forward, the nominations were declared closed, and Linda and Jean were elected by acclamation to their respective offices. 13 nominations were received for the 9 At-large positions on the Executive Board. Further nominations were taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting for each category. None were submitted. 57 delegates cast a ballot at the Annual Meeting. In the order of 1st through 9th, and the names of the nominees who were not elected: 1) Aurora Aber/48 votes, 2) Juan Zuniga/47 votes, 3) Kathy Ramage-White/46 votes, 4)Gary Mehok/44 votes, 5) Ken Freed/43 votes, 6) Suzan Austin/42 votes, 7) Carmen Peters/40 votes, 8) Sally Rosen/39 votes, 9) Susan Sain/32 votes, 10) George Grexa/ 25 votes, 11) Sandra Smith/ 23 votes, 12) Bart James/6 votes, and 13) Frieda Baker/ 5 votes. Juan Zuniga also thanked Steve Linder, who counted the votes, because Juan had to excuse himself because he was a candidate.
7. Officer's Reports	A. President Somo 1. Congratulations to our new and returning Board members: Aurora Aber, Juan Zuniga, Gary Mehok, Ken Freed, Carmen Peters, Sally Rosen, Susan Sain, Suzan Austin, and Kathy Ramage-White. Welcome to the Board and thank you for being willing to serve, or continue to serve. 2. Unfortunately, two of our members will not be continuing on the Board: Daina Swinford and Brenda Pierce chose not to seek re-election and will be sorely missed. 3. Final total for the NEA Fund contributions at the Annual Meeting was $3175 (compared to last year's total of $1825). Total for contributions to the AEA Fund was $4525, slightly down from last year's total of $4698. That was an average of $75 per delegate. 4. NEA's Priority Schools Program is being expanded and even states that have not been targeted in the past will be eligible to receive support. Dan Rivera, Director of NEA Affiliate Relationships, was very interested in the new business item that we passed at our Annual Meeting and wants more information about the our ideas and how we intend to implement. We will be discussing more about this at our September meeting. 5. NEA Board of Directors report – four important items to highlight: 1) NEA Fund & NEA BOD recommendation of Barack Obama for re-election; will be referred to NEA RA; 2) Teacher evaluation

policy changes; 3) NEA loss of membership (30,000), budget adjustments ($13 million), and budget cuts (conferences, governance, staff expenses, etc.); 4) Retirement of John Wilson, NEA Executive Director in July, will be replaced by John Stocks, Deputy Exec. Dir.

It is possible that in 2012 Lifetime membership will raise in cost to $250.00. Budget cost savings will be as far from members as possible. Savings will be in shorter conferences, savings to governance costs, staff expenses. Suzan Austin suggested that chapter chairs inform their members that Lifetime cost going up. Some may wish to pay Lifetime before it goes up. Pays for itself in 5 years.

6. The following people will be going to the NEA Retired Annual Meeting in June in Chicago: Jean Stephenson, Judy Moy, Suzan Austin, Shirley Boswell, Ken & Marilyn Freed, Gary Mehok, and Ted Coleman. Juan Zuniga would also like to attend, but has no one to room with. If anyone else would like to attend and room with Juan, we could fund two more. Please let me know if you are interested. They will join Julie Horwin, Frank Bing, Kathy Campbell (our three elected delegates), John Campbell, Barbara Matteson and me as Ex Officio Delegates. The six delegates will also be attending the NEA RA.

7. Adoption of proposed Board meeting dates for 2011-2012. See attached calendar, and below.

2010-2011 AEA-Retired Calendar

September 2011
5 Labor Day
13-14 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

October 2011
11 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

November 2011
8 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

December 2011
13 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

January 2012
10 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

February 2012
14 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

March 2012
13 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

April 2012
26 AEA-Retired Annual Meeting (Mesa Marriott)
26 AEA Board of Directors Meeting
27-28 AEA Delegate Assembly
(Mesa Convention Center)

May 2012
4-5 NEA Board of Directors Meeting (DC)
8 AEA-Retired Board Meeting

June 2012
NEA-Retired Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)

July 2012
NEA Representative Assembly (D.C.)
AEA Board Retreat
AEA Officers Training/Pre-Conference

August 2012
AEA Board of Directors Meeting

Moved/2nd by Freed/Austin to adopt the 2011-12 calendar. PASSED
Sept. 13, 14 (see above) Sept. 13 will be a regular, AEA Retired board meeting, and Sept. 14 will be a committee day. This committee day will be announced in the June-July Conduit, Chpt chairs are encouraged to invite their members to Committee day. K. Campbell suggested presentation training at some time in the day. Email new retirees. Linda Somo said that a registration form would go out to members.

B. Judy Moy, AEA Director – sent in minutes of AEA Board Meeting for March, 2011.

C. Julie Horwin – Gave presentation: Annual Meeting Evaluations – excellent ratings all around, and participants especially enjoyed the choices for lunch. Strong approval of guest speakers ASRS Dir. Paul Matson, Alliance, Tory Anderson, and Pam Simon (video).

8. Annual Meeting Summary

Suzan Austin gave summary report for last week's AEA Retired Annual Meeting. The 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 created a wonderful tribute to Mary Bishop that is available online along with the Paul Matson's PowerPoint presentation on AEARetired Youtube

	channel. 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 as follows: (Our numbers are up a little from the past three years.) • 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 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.
9. Fundrais-ing Totals	Aurora Aber Annual Meeting; AEA Delegate Assembly Quilt fundraiser earned $636.00, with $318 to AZ IMPACT and $318 to AEA income.
10. Chapter Chair Reports	**1. Phoenix – Barb Joseph** Facebook presentation at their next meeting: May 24. Calendar will be set for that meeting. **2. Southern AZ – Sally Rosen** Our final regular meeting for the year is scheduled for May 18 at Ricardo's Restaurant in Hereford, AZ. We are also working to set up a special meeting for a Senior Medicare Patrol Project (SMP) Presentation. Some of us are working to help in the transfer to EFT dues payments for our local active colleagues. **3. Prescott/Ashfork – Ted Coleman** Facebook presentation at their next meeting: May 16 **4. Scottsdale/PV – Suzie Austin** May meeting was May 7. 12 participants. They had the "5 Wishes" presentation by Frank Bing. **5. Mesa – Steve Ramos** Next meeting May 11. Topic: Dementia **6. West Valley – Susie Sommer** May meeting was May 5. 13 participants. Their topic was Medicare Fraud. Participants were enthusiastic in their thanks. Susie noted that their entire board attended the AEA-Ret. Annual Meeting. Next meeting: Oct. 6 **7. Tucson – Aurora Aber** Next meeting May 24. They will be electing officers. They normally meet the Tuesday after board meetings. **8. Northern AZ – Danny Barlow** Working to get the word out to retirees that a chapter is being formed. Looking for leaders and participants.
11. ASRS	Steve Ramos reported that ASRS External Affairs committee met last Friday. At that meeting, he thanked Paul Matson for his great presentation at the AEA Retired Annual Meeting. He noted that they were happy that the governor vetoed the "guns in public buildings" bill, because they felt safer at their meeting. They also celebrated her veto of the TABOR bill. Steve noted that he would leave early from today's board meeting because there is another ASRS meeting today. They would be discussing legal issues – whether to sue over the pension bill (53%/47%).
12. Alliance of Retired Americans	John Campbell reported on the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans. He noted that the Ryan budget privatizes Medicare and turns it into a voucher program. It makes seniors pay more for Medicare while giving the wealthiest Americans a tax break. He invited the board to attend one or all of the rallies at Az congressional offices of Gosar, Schweikert and Quayle. He handed out fliers with details: Details: Rep. Gosar Start: May 18, 2011 6:30 pm End: May 18, 2011 7:30 pm Location: Grand Canyon Airport, Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Facility, 871 Liberator Drive , Tusayan, AZ 86023 Rep. Quayle May 16 - 6:30pm 39905 Gaviilan Peak Parkway Anthem, AZ Rep.Schweikert When: Monday, May 16, 2011 Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. PT One-on-one sessions by appointment only 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. PT Open forum discussion Where: City of Scottsdale, Appaloosa Library 7377 E. Silverstone Drive,

	Scottsdale, AZ 85255 When: Thursday May 19, 2011 Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. PT One-on-one sessions by appointment only 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. PT Open forum discussion Where: Riverview Toyota 2020 W. Riverview Auto Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201 *Please use the west parking lot, immediately behind the auto dealer.
13.AZ IMPACT	Ken Freed reported on Tucson area IMPACT activities. They had two events recently: Interview session that was quite successful, and their end-of-year gathering.
14.Half-Back Raffle	Ken collected money for half-back Daina Swinford won $21, and $21 for AEA-Retired account.
15. Committees	Pres. Somo conducted a discussion of AEA Retired committees. She directed us to our AEA Retired handbooks that include committee descriptions, and responsibilities. The board discussed each committee and determined if each was a working committee, or actually an activity directed or coordinated by one or two people, or an ad hoc committee. The outcome was as follows: Four (4) Committees: **1. Outreach/Membership** **2. Public Relations This committee will encompass current Presentation committee, along with Social Media, Conduit, E-News, Youtube & photo arichivists** **3. Budget** **4. Chapter Chair** **5. Annual Awards Commmittee** Seven (7) Coordinators consist of the following: • ASRS Representatives • Audit Coordinator(s) • Elections Coordinator(s) • Fundraising Coordinator(s) • Political Action Coordinator(s) • Grant Coordinator(s) • Health Insurance Representatives Ad hoc committees (Ask for volunteers when needed, and appointed by President) • Constitution & Bylaws • Health Insurance The following committees will meet on September 14 committee day: • Public Relations (training for presentations) • Chapter Chairs • Membership/Outreach
16.Adjourn-ment	Meeting was adjourned by Pres. Somo at 1:50 PM Next Meeting: September 13 and 14, AEA Headquarters 345 East Palm Ln, Phoenix 10:00 AM. Those who travel more than 100 miles one way will be reimbursed for accommodations.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin
AEA Retired Secretary