AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM AEA Headquarters, 345 E. Palm Ln, Phx

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

Time	Agenda Item
1. Call to order	President L. Somo called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved & 2nd by S. Austin/S. Linder to approve the agenda with flexibility and the following changes: Candidate Convention PASSED
3. Approval of minutes	Moved & 2nd by G. Mehok/F. Bing to approve minutes from March 9, 2010. PASSED
4. Financials	Financials – Treasurer J. Stephenson 1. Budget Moved, 2nd to accept April Financial report, and file for audit by J. Stephenson/J. Moy. PASSED Discussion included following: ▪ Budget is based on 1873 members. ▪ AEA Ret. Fiscal year is from May 1-April 30. ▪ We will discuss at September Retreat aligning AEA Retired fiscal year with AEA's fiscal year. ▪ Also, to be discussed, aligning the budget with our goals: Membership, Political Action, Strengthen Chapters, Governance. ▪ We may need to add to NEA West Regional line money due to boycott of Arizona. The Regional was planned to be in AZ, but has been withdrawn due to SB 1070. ▪ $150.00 of our NEA-Retired NEA Fund Give-Away Raffle will be sent in now. 2. Audit Committee – L. Thieken, J. Moy Moved & 2nd to accept Audit Report by J. Horwin/C. Michels. PASSED Discussion: Audit has not been fully completed due to checks that have not yet been deposited from Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly at the end of April.
5. New Business	President Somo welcomed new and re-elected board members: 1. Welcome new board members: Annual Meeting, delegates elected the following incumbents who had been appointed last year; C. Michels, Shirley Boswell; reelected Steve Ramos and Julie Horwin; and elected new board members, Danny Barlow and John Campbell. 2. Summer Leadership Conference July 14 Wigwam Resort ▪ Members who volunteered to register for conference: Danny Barlow, Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Gary Mehok, Linda Somo, Jean Stephenson, Frank Bing, Shirley Boswell. Judy Moy will go via AEA B.O.D. ▪ Members who volunteered to go to conference to work at the fundraising/membership table: Brenda Pierce, Frank Bing, Daina Swinford, Shirley Boswell.

	▪ There will be a $100.00 cash raffle for those who join NEA Retired lifetime membership. 3. September Retreat. 2 Days, Sept. 14, 15. 4. 2010-2011 AEA Retired Calendar. See attached. D. Barlow/J. Zuniga moved to adopt the 2010-11 AEA Retired calendar. PASSED 5. Candidate Convention June 12 Hilton Garden Inn on Central Ave. Steve Linder noted that every 4 years AEA has a Candidate Convention for statewide office elections. Local associations get a block of votes based on the amount of $ donated to The Fund. More information will be forwarded to board members as it is received by Linda Somo.
6. Old Business	3. (None at this time)
7. Member ship	Shirley Boswell/Daina Swinford facilitated a discussion about the following: ▪ 1910 members to-date. 1277 currently on payroll deduct ▪ Membership year is Sept. 10-August 11. ▪ NEA Retired Lifetime & AEA/AEA Retired dues for 1st time sign up =$250.00 ▪ Successful membership drive at Delegate Assembly: 32 members recruited as follows; 16 NEA pre-retirees, 16 new members on payroll deduction. Retirement celebrations coming up at active locals. AEA will send out a membership letter to those known retiring, June 1, after roll-over. Steve Ramos will work with Daina Swinford, Linda Somo and Julie Horwin to draft a new recruitment letter to newly retired members.
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9. Election	J. Moy reported that at the 2010 AEA-R Annual meeting an election was held for the office of Secretary and 5 Representatives at Large. There were no constitutional amendments to

11. ASRS	Steve Ramos reported on strength of FUND and Legislative outcomes relative to ASRS in the legislative session just closed. See attached report.
12. Annual Meeting	AnnJi Craig-Wooten and Suzan Austin reported that our AEA-Retired Annual Meeting on April 22, 2010 was a successful event. Julie Howin had a wonderful tribute for Marion Pickens. The rest of you are to be recommended highly for all that you did to help make this a smooth running Annual Meeting. A big thank you to all of you who donated items for the NEA Fundraiser and who brought door prizes. This could not have been achieved without the workers who set up the items and drew the names of the lucky winners. The NEA Fundraiser set a new record. All of you dug down again and raised a very good amount in about 20 minutes for Penny Kotterman's campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction. The caucus meetings led by our President and AEA Director Linda Somo were very interesting especially with all the candidates stopping by to say a few words. The rented portable sound system made for better hearing and allowed for others to speak more easily. As President Somo stated that is something to do another year. We continue to improve on our purchasing each year by keeping records of what we buy and use. Our numbers are about the same as the past two years. Suzan and I really enjoy being your hostess and working with all of you. Next year Suzan Austin will be chairing this Annual Meeting with the help of Cindy Michels. It was suggested that direction be given when asking for donated gifts for the door prizes and auction items in order that there is value in those donated gifts.

13. Chapter Chairs	1. Phoenix – Frank Bing reported that Frank Bing and John Campbell will present "3 Wishes" at next meeting Thursday, May 14. 2. Glendale/West Phx – Susie Sommer reported that chapt. meets Wed. May 13. Jackie Thrasher Dist. 10 Leg. Candidate will speak. Next meeting will be in October. 3. Scottsdale/PV – Suzan Austin reported that Monday, May 17 11 AM next meeting. NEA member benefits, Sean Mabey will speak. 4. Prescott- Gary Mehok, Linda Somo, Steve Ramos traveled to Prescott. 7 members in attendance. Helga Krantz is recovering from illness. Great attendance. 5. Mesa – Steve Ramos reported that Penny Kotterman was at their meeting, petitions passed out and donations collected for her campaign. 6. Tucson - Aurora Aber reported that they had a Chapter meeting Tuesday, May 11th, at the TEA Office, 4625 E. 2nd Street, at 10:00. It was final meeting for this year. Discussed the election of new officers. As Old Business, they will share the outcome of Teacher Appreciation Day. Another meeting was held on April 20th. They had Sean Mabey, of NEA Member Benefits, Jason Schnee and Chris Maza as guest speakers. Decided that each would take a veggie or cheese tray to their own neighborhood school for Teacher Appreciation Day, May 4, 2010.
14. Raffle	Ken Freed conducted the raffle. Steve Linder won the amount of $44: $22 for Fund, $22 to keep.
15. Adjourn	President L. Somo adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM Next meeting date: September 14-15 10:15 AM start time.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin
AEA Retired Recording Secretary