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AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, Wednesday, Sept. 15 AEA Headquarters, 345 East Palm Ln Phoenix

	Agenda Item
1. Call to order	President Somo called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM Welcomed participants to the first meeting of 2010-2011 year.
2. Agenda	Moved, 2nd by J. Moy/K. Freed to approve the agenda with flexibility. PASSED
3. Minutes	Moved/2nd by K. Freed/S. Linder to accept the mintues of May, 2010. PASSED
4. Finan-cials	Treasurer J. Stephenson reported and answered questions about September budget and financial report. See attached balance sheets and 2010-11 budget. Moved, 2nd by J. Horwin/G. Mehok to accept report and file for audit. PASSED
5. New Busi-ness	a. Resignations and Appointments to the AEA Ret. Executive Board Linda Thieken's resignation from AEA Retired Executive Board was accepted, Carmen Peters appointed to fill her spot. Moved/2nd above by K. Freed/F. Bing PASSED Mark Rosin resigned as Phx Chapter Chair, Barbara Joseph will be chair of that chapter. Ted Coleman will chair Prescott Chapter Susan Sain was appointed as AEA Retired State Legislative Co-chair. a. Calendar 2010-11, Committee Assignments. Pres. Somo introduced the AEA Retired calendar, committee assignments, Board and Committee chair contact information. b. Glendale Project – Linda Somo Pres. Somo introduced doctoral project. AEA Retired will help with mentoring Teach for America teachers in Glendale School District. c. Eroding Retirement Benefits – J. Horwin discussed convening a forum regarding eroding retirement benefits which would be an organizing tool/messaging for AEA Retired. Due to budget cuts across states, many retirees are seeing their retirement benefits, especially around health care and substitute pay decrease. Discussion was tabled in order to do more research into venue/time, and to research with AEA leadership. d. Funding members not on Exec. Board to NEA-R K. Freed led discussion about possibility of funding members not on board to NEA-R Annual Meeting. Decision for Budget Committee to review board policy – who is funded presently, at what level of re-imbursement. Past practice has been that any board member/committee chair who wishes to attend is funded – by division of budgeted amount for the NEA-R Annual Meeting. e. Social Committee – Executive Board Lunches. Daina Swinford will send out reminders to board members for set up and clean up. Linda Somo and Judy Moy will order lunches and purchase snacks.

6. Member-ship	1. S. Boswell reported that there are presently 1981 members, 30 honorary, and 54 new members. 1326 members are on pension deduct.
7. Officer Reports	2. Officer Reports a. Pres. Linda Somo – President's & NEA B.O.D. Reports See attached NEA Retired Annual Meeting, and NEA Board of Directors reports. 1. NEA Retired Annual Meeting – John Campbell elected to NEA B.O.D. representing NEA Retired. J. Horwin awarded national web page design. 2. NEA Retirement & Benefits Forum Nov. 4, 5. J. Stephenson, L. Somo, J. Moy, F. Bing, Ted Coleman, Juan Zuniga, Gary Mehok,M. Aicone attending. 3. Mobilization against attacks to ASRS pension fund, and on Social Security. 4. Fundraising/mobilizing for Penny Kotterman campaign. Opportunities to phone bank every Tuesday & Wed. at AEA Headquarters. b. Secretary, Julie Horwin, announced that we have our own Facebook Page, Youtube channel, our own Twitter account. Links are as follows: i. Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arizona-Education-Retired ii. Youtube: http://www.youtube.com/user/AEARetired iii. Twitter: http://twitter.com/AEARetired
8. AEA Director	AEA Director – Dir. Judy Moy attached AEA report for August, 2010. Judy passed out post cards to be addressed and sent to voters for Penny Kotterman campaign. AEA report is attached to these minutes. Go to www.pennnykotterman.com for information about how to volunteer/donate. Phone banks begin first weekend in October, needed: 5-10 people per night. You may choose to phone bank from home.
9. ASRS	R. Spitzer attached report regarding ASRS Health Care coverage. Open enrollment period is October through November. Meetings to inform members of changes will take place in November. Go to www.azasrs.gov for information about place/times for those meetings. Members are encouraged to attend those meetings in order to fully understand and take advantage of the health and dental care provided. https://www.azasrs.gov/content/pdf/2010_OE_Meet_Schedule.pdf for dates/places of open enrollment meetings. No reservations required.
10. Fund-raising	Aurora Aber, Fundraising chair reported on earnings from Wigwam Leaders Conference this July – $114.00 raised. Half was sent to AZ IMPACT fund, and the other half to AEA Retired.
11. Public Rela-tions	F. Bing reported that he needed a new printer, because the old one in the office is "dead." J. Campbell moved, F. Bing 2nd to purchase a new printer. PASSED Table at AEA Committee Day: Frank asked for volunteers to man the AEA Retired information and membership table at Saturday, Sept. 25 Committee Day.
12. Lunch Break	Penny Kotterman – Candidate, Supt. Of Public Instruction was guest speaker at lunch. She praised AEA Retired members for their efforts and donations to her campaign, and asked to continue support, including donations, phone banks, and signage.

13. Chapter Chairs	Chapter Chair Reports Tucson: A. Aber reported that Chip Parson is the new Tucson Chair, Kay Passmore is the new Vice-Chair with Patricia Small our new secretary. Jan Moeller remains our Treasurer. The new officers will be presented at our next meeting on September 21st at the TEA Office, at 10:00 am. The Agenda for our Tuesday, September 21, 2010, Tucson Area Chapter meeting will include insurance information presented by Richard Spitzer and legislative updates, and the threatening of our Pensions presented by Steve Linder. We will meet at the TEA Office at 4625 E. 2nd, at 10:00 am. Our new officers will also be presented. Southern Region – Sally Rosen reported that their last meeting was August 1. Prescott - Ted Coleman reported that he will report in detail in October meeting. He will be contacting all Prescott area AEA Retired members. Northern Region – Danny Barlow reported that he will attend a Reservation-wide meeting of AEA and inform members about AEA Retired. He will get as many names/contacts of AEA retirees as possible from the attending presidents. Mesa/East – Steve Ramos reported that in their last meeting, guest speakers were J. Campbell, F. Bing and AEA Lobbyist Jennifer Loredo. She warned about possible retirement legislation attempting to change funding of ASRS to defined contribution (as opposed to defined benefit we now have.) They will meet the 2nd week of November on a Wednesday. Phoenix - Frank Bing reported that Barbara Joseph has accepted leadership of this chapter. Next meeting is Sept. 23 at Metrotech. PV/Scottsdale – Sept. 27 is next meeting. 11 AM at Macayo's on Scottsdale Road. (Scts & Shea Blvd) Suzan Austin leads this chapter. Glendale – Next meeting is October 14 with guest speaker, Jennifer Loredo. Go to http://www.azedretired.com/GLENDALE/Index.html for detailed information and contact.
14. AZ IMPACT	L. Thieken, K. Freed reported on AZ IMPACT activities. Linda organized a meeting for Sept. 14 at AEA headquarters after today's meeting. Frank Bing attended the ASU Student Teaching Seminars and met with great interest. Linda reports 12 mentees have been paired with mentors. She has scheduled a December 4 professional development seminar with NEA Sean Mabey. Any AEA member in their first 5 years of teaching will be invited and welcomed, along with the new mentees. Ken reported success with pairing new mentees with mentors, and the program is well on its way this year.
15. Coalitions	J. Campbell reported that he is working at re-energizing the Coalition, including inviting more education organizations to join in order to respond to the attacks on pension funds. Grandparents' month is in September, and Social Security activities have been planned. The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility appointed by Pres. Obama is attempting to reduce the Federal budget by 3% per year.

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16. Raffle	Pres. Somo drew the winning raffle ticket. Total collected: $46.00 $23 deposited to AEA Retired, and $23 to winner, Ken Freed. Discussion about Raffle will take place during

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18. Call to order	President Somo called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM
19. Raffle	Ken led a discussion about whether we wished to continue the raffle, because we have met our original goal and sent $150.00 to NEA Retired. John Campbell moved, Ken Freed 2nd to continue the monthly $2.00/ticket raffle at AEA Retired Exec. Board meetings in order to give $200.00 to our original goal (NEA Retired Give-Away), and any overage to any other endeavor that AEA Retired Executive Board chooses. PASSED.
20. Review Strate-gic Goals and update activi-ties	Jean Stephenson presented graphic alignment of budget with Strategic Goals. She reviewed the 3 main strategic goals and the activities that have been achieved or on which committees are presently working. (1. Strengthening Chapters, 2. Political power, 3. Membership Outreach) The Executive Board members present broke into 3 groups to discuss plans for this year, and to report any new activities under each goal. Each group used "Winning Ideas" with ideas generated from participants at the AEA Retired Annual Meeting, and those that were generated during the two-day workshop led by NEA Barbie Worrell last summer. Each group reported on activities they will add to their goals, resources needed, persons responsible and dates by which to accomplish.
21. Report	Groups reconvened to discuss activities, and get added input from entire group.
22. Adjourn	Pres. Somo adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM . Next meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 10 AM, AEA Headquarters

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Horwin, AEA Retired Secretary