

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes of November 11, 2014

1. Call to Order at 10:07 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, John Campbell, Judy Moy, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Ed Bufford, Marilyn Freed, Maryanne Goodluck, Michael Gordy, Liz Hendrickson, Luci Messing, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Kathy Ramage-White, Sally Rosen, Susie Sommer, Jean Stephenson. Chapter Chairs; Ted Coleman, Barbara Joseph, Gary Mehok, Ellen Shamah. ASRS Chair; Steve Ramos. Members; Connie Wittig, Ellie Feldner, Renee Newman, Brenda Pierce, Linda Thieken, Lucinda Michels, Juan Ziniga, Jan Nichols, Larry Wittig. Liaison: Mike Aicone.

Each member present shared their relationship with the military followed by a moment of silence to honor Veteran's Day.

2. Approval of Agenda (Somo/Campbell) **Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of the October 14 meeting as amended. (Putman/Somo)  
**Approved**

4. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

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| Assets      | \$53,650 |
| Liabilities | \$17,769 |
| Equity      | \$35,880 |

Approval of the report and file for audit (Boswell/Messing) **Approved**  
(See written report for more information.)

Additionally, we were informed that assets of an additional \$14,441 will be noted in next month's report. Also, in response to a question from last meeting, Treasurer Linder shared that the approximate cost to hold a board meeting is \$1,125.

5. Membership Chair Boswell shared most recent membership data. Currently we have increased to 2170 members with 1562 using dues deduct. (See printed report for more information.)

6. Officers' Reports

**President Horwin**-shared information on membership trends and related growth patterns of AEA-Retired.

Reminded Board members about AEA Committee Day on 11/15. Thanked Nancy and Judy for hosting the AEA-Retired table.

Asked us to remind our members that AEA-R is a statewide local and that in the same way they sought out their local president, when active members, they should seek out President Horwin prior to attempting to reach a staff person. Also, if it is necessary to see a staff person, they are to make an appointment, not just drop in.

The President asked who was interested in attending the NEA-Retired Organizing Conference on March 24-26, in Atlanta. Prior to taking names, she explained that President Morrill selected Putman to be our membership coordinating representative at the conference. NEA-Retired will fund Nancy's Room. Putman will be fully funded, with the rest of the money coming from the AEA-Retired leadership conference line in the budget. Other members who are selected to attend will evenly divide the remaining money in that line. With 10 volunteers (and counting), people can expect that they will be sharing some of the cost personally. (Registration=\$90, Hotel=\$150 double occupancy, Plane=\$350 minimum, Food=?) Those who have expressed interest thus far are; Linder, K. Freed, M. Freed, Peters, Messing, Shamah, Mehok, Austin, Feldner, Stephenson. Horwin and Moy have their own lines for this conference.

Horwin reported that she personally spoke to 500 of our 2000 members during the campaign and has committed to calling 100 per month. In this way, the members will feel more connected to the AEA-R.

**Vice-President Austin**-reported about the successful valley-wide mixer that took place on 10/20 at headquarters, with 36 in attendance.

She also shared information about the recently concluded TURN conference which she attended with Bufford and Gordy. TURN's mission includes unions (NEA/AFT) joining other stakeholders to promote teaching excellence. She has some question how we, the retired, fit into this program. (See printed report for more information.)

**Liaison Aicone**-reported that membership is up 372 members. We have grown by 343 certs and 29 ESP.

He also reported on the new technology just purchased by AEA, which will make virtual conferencing a realistic option as soon as it is all installed and someone learns how to operate it. The new technology was purchased from the Facilities Fund in cash.

Rick Lesko has retired and Paula Armquist hired.

Our Every Member Option letters will be sent shortly.

**AEA Director Moy/alternate Putman**-Draft minutes of the Oct. 24-25 were provided. It was pointed out that AEA has apportioned NEA-RA statewide delegates to 14 Regional Delegates and 1 Statewide.

\$10,000 was contributed to the Latino Outreach Public Relations Campaign from the EIF.

AEA Board discussed an early endorsement process for the 2016 Presidential election.

**NEA Director Campbell**-Reported that NEA had dropped the ball on his planning meeting for this year's Organizing Conference. The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, 11/17.

## 7. Committee Reports

A. Public Relations-(Printed report) They will be concentrating on doable areas. They have eliminated some of the charges and added others and assignments have been made.

B. Membership Outreach-(Printed report) Reviewed charges and mad changes as necessary.

C. Political Action-Report will be made at the December meeting.

8. Old Business

Virtual meetings and conference calls were investigated by the appointed committee. Currently the AEA office is not equipped to efficiently handle virtual meetings. With the recent purchase of technology equipment virtual meetings will become doable. The committee will continue to monitor the situation.

Our donation of \$250 to the Grandparents Ambassador Program is greatly appreciated.

Board was reminded, by President Horwin, of the motion passed at our last meeting requiring New Business items be submitted at the call for agenda items..

9. New Business

None

10. ASRS Report (Ramos)

ASRS Ramos indicated that not much had been going on. He shared that Proposition 487 was soundly defeated and that the funding for 487 was provided by a former Enron executive. He also noted that Public Safety Retirement is still an issue.

11. Chapter Chair Reports

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)-Had a meeting on 10/31 with 20 people in attendance..

Next meeting is in January.

Greater Phoenix (Joseph) will meet on 11/25 at Beatitudes with a speaker yet to be determined. In January their speaker will be David Ramirez, Sky Harbor Information Director.

Greater Tucson (Messing) reported that met on 10/21 and had a speaker from the Jazz Society. The speaker shared information about the first Tucson Jazz Festival. They will meet at the TEA office on 11/18. East

Valley/Mesa (Ramos) The next meeting is 11/12 with Jennifer Loreda

Presenting. The meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Mesa Administration Building.

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer) Next meeting will be 12/4 at Ironwoods restaurant at 4:00.

Yavapai (Coleman) Will next meet on January 10 at the IHOP. The speaker will be Cindy Daniels, Assistant Superintendent of Chino Valley USD.

Northern Arizona (Goodluck) Has determined that random meetings have better attendance than called meetings. She recently met with several members

at a local restaurant. Shared that many members of the Navajo nation were told that there was no election because of difficulties with the tribal election.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Austin) Next meeting is on 11/17, with David Ramirez from Sky Harbor Airport as the speaker. It will be held at the Denny's at 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd. Gathered donations totaling \$43.16 for the Jack Kinnamen Fund at the Valley-Wide mixer.

Kyrene (Shamah) Will meet next on 11/17, with Karen Latham speaking on sex trafficking. Margaret Bowerman will speak about state assessments in January.

#### 11.5 Fundraising Report (Pierce)

Pierce reported that a previously won quilt was donated by Campbells. She asked us to continue to bring in donated items. Nancy Putman brought in a donated item from a resort.

#### 12. Political Action and Election Updates (Messing/Morrill)

Messing reported that though the election did not produce the desired results, we need to look to the positive. We held on to at least 4 of the 5 Congressional seats, we were able to protect many of our education "friends" and there are some new additions to the State House (Ackerly, Friese) who will be major proponents for education.

Morrill offered thanks to AEA-Retired for our efforts. He indicated that the polling did not match up with the voting. He shared that we have to attempt to develop a relationship with both Douglas and Ducey for the good of our Association and our membership.

#### 13. Alliance and Coalitions

Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-Campbell/Somo provided written minutes of the November 6 meeting. The next meeting is Dec. 4

Arizona Wins-Labor Pension Coalition-President Horwin informed us that there will be a December retreat to determine the coalition's future.

14. Half-back Raffle of \$34 was won by Horwin with her donating \$32 to the Kinnaman Fund.

15. Adjournment at 1:50. Next meeting is December 9 at 10:00AM at headquarters.

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A lunch of 22 minutes was taken.