



**Tuesday, November 15, 2022 ZOOM**  
**Called to order @ 9:30 am**

**PRESENT:** Anna Cicero, Ken Freed, Maria Leyva, Steve Linder, Julie Horwin, Luci Messing, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Peter Coston, Janice Dwosh, Jeanne Erickson, Marilyn Freed, Norma Jimenez, Deb Larned, Sharin Manes, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Marshall Militano, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Michele Smith, Susie Sommer, Sandra Warns, Steve Ramos, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen, Linda Somo, Ellie Perez-Pawlowski **GUEST:** Isela Blanc, AEA Lobbyist  
**EXCUSED ABSENTEES:** Kristine Ehlis, Ellie Feldner, Janie Hydrick, Bart James, Marilyn Kinnie, Jan Nichols, Frank Ratey, Ellen Shamah,

**Approval of Agenda-** with flexibility. Moved by Ken. Seconded by Steve L. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes** from October 11, 2022. Moved by Ken. Seconded by Steve L. Motion approved.

**Financial Report** -Steve L., Treasurer- Presented Budget, Budget vs Actuals and Check Report

**Approval of Financial Report-** Moved by Ken. Seconded by Janice. Motion approved.

### **Officer Reports:**

- **Anna-Pres.** – NEA updated regarding C.O.R.A.L. Coalition of Retired Activists & Leaders) grant. Grant was not approved, but there is a possibility that the same amount of money from the grant may be available through the AEA. Julie will try to investigate why the grant was not approved by NEA. Board Strategic Planning is progressing. Committees and ad hoc's are turning in their Responsibilities and Goals in a timely manner. All committees will be notified internally if they still need their draft of Sheet#1 and Sheet #2. March 10-12 NEA Leadership Summit – funding update before COVID, Dec. 12 deadline RFP
- **Ken-VP-** Health is improving and thanked everyone for their well-wishes.
- **Maria-Secretary-** Presented updates on AEA Retired website, attendance of Membership ZOOM and the Democratic Rally at Cesar Chavez HS with Pres. Barack Obama.
- **Julie- Past Pres/NEA Director-** Was extremely busy prior to the Nov. 8 election.

**Ellie Perez-Pawlowski-Liaison/Political Director** – Reported along with AEA Lobbyist, Isela Blanc about AZ Legislative gains and losses along with some local school board elections.

**Jessica Swanson- AEA Business Manager-** No report.

**New Business Items-** #1. Purchase request of a newer computer and/or technology. Rationale by co-editors of the Conduit was made on 10-11-22. Jan and Bart were absent, so NBI will be tabled until December's meeting. #2. Reimbursement of website admin. laptop cost-grant funds? AEA-R Technology Budget Line item? Amount? Should it be the property of AEA-R?

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership-** Nancy Putman, Shirley B., Michele S. Pictures from Judy Moy's memorial service were shared. Nancy P. attended NEA Membership ZOOM. There was a representative from NEA Member Benefits. Spirit Awards for success (5 Categories). All member survey, working in conjunction with the Communications Committee will be ready by mid-January 2023. Five Hundred and Thirty letters were sent out to new retirees. Marshall has extended the date for shirt orders. American Ed. Week is this week and board is encouraged via their Adopt-A-Local pledge(s) to reach out and maybe visit and/or send some reminder(s) to their locals. Wearing AEA-R shirts in public does make a difference and can spark a conversation about membership or advocacy on behalf of retired educators.

**Political Action-PAC-** Luci M. Reported updates on ballot initiatives, state elections, and some board races. There will be an advocacy training at the AEA headquarters on December 8. Encouraged as many people to attend the Leg. Opening Session on January 9 at the state capitol. AEA-R Lobby Days: Jan. 18 and Feb. 23 at the state capitol.

**Racial and Social Justice-** Janice D. Shared Conversations on Race and Belonging, Community Agreements and NEA Board of Directors (meeting “norms”) and video about the native peoples in the Greater Phoenix area.  
**Communications** – Steve R, Maria-Report out. Revisions to Website, All-Member Interests Survey in conjunction with Membership Committees will be drafted and ready by mid-January 2023. NEA Retired Summit will be on the West Coast.

**The Conduit-**Bart J/Jan N- Were absent. The Conduit content: Elections Form, Delegate Form, Awards Form, Documents changes published as per bylaws. Conduit Submission Deadlines: Nov. 28, 2022. 2023: Feb. 24, May 26, Aug. 25, Nov. 27

### **Special Committees or AD HOC:**

**ASRS** – Steve Ramos- Reported that open enrollment is still happening. Suggested everyone review current gym discounts through ASRS. There may be another PBI in the future.

**(Repurposed) M.O.R.E-** Chair-Linda S.- Met on Oct. 27 via ZOOM. Focus on more members’ needs. They are planning for one, in-person session in April. The topic is to be determined. Next meeting is Jan. 25.

Working with the AEA to hold a Pre-Retirement Seminar 1-2 in-person in Tucson and Phoenix and 1 virtual meeting.

**Fundraising** – Chair- Marilyn F. Needed to leave the meeting early.

**Annual Meeting** - Norma J.- Annual Meeting/Delegate Assembly will be at the Scottsdale/McCormick Ranch Resort on May 5-6. Committee will need to plan the details like food offerings, documents, etc.

**Elections-** Steve L. Nomination forms will be in December Conduit. Open board positions: President, Treasurer, 6 At-Large positions.

**Annual Award-** Nancy P. – Deadline to nominate is Feb. 14, 2023. Review of applications on Feb. 14.

**Documents-** Ken F. – Needed to leave the meeting early.

**Budget** – Steve L. – Normally would meet in Jan. Meeting will need to be rescheduled.

**Audit- Chair-** Carmen P- Carmen will coordinate with Steve L. to get vouchers.

### **Chapter Chair-Chair Update: Susie Sommer-** also ZOOM support

- Susie S. - West Valley/Glendale – Next meeting is Dec. 1 at Biscuit’s Café on 59<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Ellen S. - Kyrene – Absent. No report.
- Janie H. -East Valley- ZOOM – Absent. Anna and Susie S. assisted with meeting.
- Nancy R.-Scottsdale/ PV- Met at Macayo’s Restaurant. Discussed dangers of phone and online scams for seniors. Great resource available from Consumer Protection Agency. Steve R plans to attend the next meeting.
- Peter C.- Greater Southern Tucson – Monthly meetings rotate between AEA and TEA offices. Working with TEA for recruitment.
- Sally R. – Southern/Sierra Vista – Next meeting in January. Attendance reduced due to COVID.
- Danny B.- Interstate Northern Arizona (ZOOM) – Unable to hold Oct. meeting. Will reschedule.
- Deb L. –Marana (Northwest Tucson) – Future meetings may merge with Greater Tucson.
- Marilyn K.- Southwest Phoenix-Goodyear, Litchfield, Surprise, Buckeye, etc.)- Absent. No report.
- Phoenix Chapter – (Future project)

### **Alliances and Coalitions:**

**ARSC-** Daniella Smith- absent. (Reported by Anna) Next meeting is Nov. 16.

**AARA-** Julie H.- Received grants to amplify voice and advertising. Met with Chris Cuomo and Steve Bannon.

**PCIC/AIN Liaison** –Frank R.- absent. Anna reported involvement with counselors and mental health issues.

**Kinnaman Raffle** - Ken F. Tabled until December’s meeting.

**NEA Retired Online Auction-** Julie and Barb. HUGE “thank you” to Barb for her contributions.

**Adjourn Executive Board Meeting @ 12:51pm.**

**Next Meeting:** December 13, 2022