



MINUTES - ADOPTED

- 8:30-9:30 **Registration-** Door Prize tickets, Lunch tickets, Silent Auction
- 9:30-10:00 **President's Welcome!**
Land Acknowledgement & Community Agreements- Janice Dwosh and Maria Leyva presented family Mexican and Yaqui ancestry.
Introductions of Board Members and Outgoing Board members were honored.
Adoption of the Agenda with flexibility - Moved by Ken Freed. Seconded by Steve Linder. Motion passed.
Approval of the Minutes - Moved by Ken Freed. Seconded by Steve Linder. Motion passed.
Folder Content Review- Maria Leyva, Secretary
- 10:00-10:15 **ASRS Report** - Steve Ramos- Introduction- by Ken Freed. Steve R. presented information about supplemental retirement plans [403b], C.O.L.A. and P.B.I's. Steve R. thanked Kristene Ellis, Janet Fee, Barb Webber, and Jean Stephenson. Many of them attended ASRS Health Benefit meetings.
- 10:15-10:25 **Membership Report "The Lifeblood of the Association"**— Nancy Putman. Nancy reported total membership of 2,052 (72 new members, 32 members passed on), and a new active recruiter incentive of \$50. Nancy also reported that 33 active locals were adopted by Board members and leaders.
- 10:30-10:45 **NEA Fund Report** — Barb Matteson reported on current fundraising totals.
- 10:45-11:00 **Break** — 15 minutes.
- 11:00-11:10 **Congratulations! Les Reynolds Distinguished Senior Service Award**
Nancy Putman-recipient ~ Presented by Anna Cicero
- 11:10 **Elections Report** — Steve Linder- Steve L. reported there were no nominations from the floor. Candidate Speeches were made by candidates.
- 12:00 **Lunch Set Up – Break & Voting**
- 12:15 **Return for Lunch** — Welcome back and prepare for guest speaker by Anna Cicero.
- 12:15-1:00 **NEA Fund Report-** Barb Matteson & AEA Fund- Julie Horwin . Encouraged donations to the NEA and AEA Political Action fund. Reminded us of the importance of engaging, electing friends of education and running for office in local school boards.
- 1:00-1:30 **Guest Speaker:** Secretary of State, the Honorable Adrian Fontes spoke about the November elections. Lizzie Menefee presented the Secretary of State. Highlights of the speech were that there are NO voting machines. All Arizona voters use paper ballots to vote.
- 1:30-1:50 **Election Results-** Steve Linder reported no run-off elections were necessary, and reported results.
- 1:50-2:05 **Speaker-Legislative/Political Action Report-** AEA Legislative Liaison, Isela Blanc, presented. Introduction by Ken Freed.
- 2:05-2:20 **Speaker-ASRC-** Arizona Retirement Security Coalition-Daniella Smith. Introduction by Linda Somo.
- 2:20-2:30 **Treasurer's Report-** Steve Linder presented the 2025-2026 Budget.
- 2:30-2:45 **Speaker: AEA President-Marisol Garcia** "Your Fight is My Fight is Our Fight!" Highlights of the speech were that this is the first time the AEA D.A. will be in a union hotel. NEA President Becky Pringle is here as is First Lady Dr. Jill Biden. AZ is "in play" for the Nov. election. The graduating high school senior class of 2024 will be another class who have never experienced a fully-funded classroom.
- 2:45-3:00 **Run-Off Election Report-** Steve Linder reported there were no run-off elections.
Evaluation & Feedback- QR code was presented to take the evaluation survey.
Closing Remarks- \$100 email drawing winner was Patricia Bryant. Everyone was reminded to pick up any silent auction items, door prizes and other items to pick up.

Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.