



AEA Retired Annual Meeting Agenda May 12, 2023  
"Paving the Way with Unbreakable Solidarity"

## MINUTES - ADOPTED

- 8:30-9:30 **Registration**- Door Prize tickets, Lunch tickets, Silent Auction
- 9:30-9:50 **President's Welcome!** Land Acknowledgement & Community Agreements  
Introductions of Board Members  
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
- 9:50-10:00 Steve Ramos- Introduction- Celebration~ 70<sup>th</sup> Year- ASRS Anniversary (1953) Reminded our members about the pension protection language in the AZ Constitution, history of the PBI and the current threats to our pension. Encouraged us to become an informed army to help fight and protect our pension and it's constitution from threats.
- 10:00-10:20 **Speaker:** ASRS –Arizona State Retirement System- Mr. David Cannella- He shared the solid state of the retirement fund. He detailed various facets of of the fund, health care and other benefits.
- 10:20- 10:35 **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.
- 10:35-10:45 **Break**- Door Prize Tickets, bid on Auction, Donate to the Fund
- 10:45-11:05 **Congratulations! Les Reynolds Distinguished Senior Service Award**  
Presenter Nancy Putman. **Steve Linder was the recipient for his many years of service to AEA-Retired and his community. His role of Treasurer and collector of all vouchers merited receiving an engraved stapler.**
- 11:10 **Elections Report** – Steve Linder- Chair  
Election of Officers & Representatives At-Large, Nominations & Candidate Speeches. Anna Cicero was elected for a second term to the position of President, Steve Linder was elected Treasurer, and the following were elected to the 6 open Representative At-Large positions: Lizzie Menefee, Cynthia Charlberg-Hale, Gary Mehok, Cynthia Couture, Nancy Riley, and Jeanne Erickson. All positions are for a 3-year term.**Elections were by acclimation. No competitive races. No ballot or election was necessary.**
- 12:00 (11:30) **Break & Voting**- Only elected delegates vote.  
Theme Message: "Paving the Way With Unbreakable Solidarity "  
Introductions by Anna Cicero, AEA Retired President (MC) "Walk of Stars" . Our guests of honor were past presidents of AEA, AEA-Retired, NEA and NEA-R. These pioneers have lifted today's leaders and paved the way to continue to move our mission forward. We stand on the shoulders of all our past leaders and welcome them today. **In attendance: John Wright, Andrew Morrill, Dennis Van Roekel, Penny Kotterman, Kay Brilliant, Barb Matteson, Linda Somo, Julie Horwin, AEA President, Marisol Garcia.**
- 12:00-1:00 **LUNCH** – enjoy conversations, tickets, donate to NEA Fund & AEA PAC

- 1:00-1:30 **KEYNOTE Speaker-** NEA Past President, Dennis Van Roekel. **We stand on the shoulders of great leaders with unbreakable solidarity. This was the opening line of his introduction. Dennis delivered an inspirational message brining the entire room of participants to a standing ovation. The man’s “still got it” were some of the reactions. Dennis shared his feelings of disappointment to see the disrespect for the profession. He left us with an important task, “Vision without action, changes little...Vision with a plan can change the world”. Encouraged us to organize and work together to keep the walk well paved for future leaders.**
- 1:30-1:40 **Election Results Report-** – Election Chair-Steve Linder
- 1:40-1:50 **Legislative-Political Action Report-** Ellie Perez-Pawloski/Isela Blanc
- 1:50-2:10 **Speaker- ARSC – AZ Retirement Security Coalition,** Daniella Yaloz-Smith AEA-Retired is invested in the excellent efforts and action plans by this coalition. She detailed the past, present and possible future attempts to attack the ASRS. Detrimental bills have been stopped by working together. She encouraged all retirees to remain engaged and vigilant to protect their pensions.
- 2:10-2:20 **Treasurer’s Report-** 2023-24 Budget- Steve Linder-shared financials to our members and introduced the 2024-2025 adopted budget.
- 2:20-2:35 **Speaker:** Message – AEA President Marisol Garcia. Inspirational message to continue our work together with Unbreakable Solidarity.
- 2:35-2:40 **Run-off Election Report-** AEA-Retired board positions - **No run-off election was needed.**
- 2:35-2:40 **Evaluation & Feedback** – Report will be shared with our members in the June newsletter, The Conduit. Maria Leyva
- 2:40- 2:50 **New Business Items:** Closing Remarks, Announcement of the \$100 email drawing winner, Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items pick up.
- 2:50 **Adjourned @ 2:47 PM** 2023 AEA –Retired Annual Meeting