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**IEA-Retired Council**

**Nov. 3-4, 2011**

**Springfield**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tucker at 12:02 P.M.

**In Attendance:** Chair, Jack Tucker, Vice Chair, JoAnn Kenner, Sec./Treas., Barb Gilhaus, Janet Kilgus, Dottie Beeler, Linda Walcher, Ed Rosenthal, Linda Stolt, and Dave Bishop.

**Staff in Attendance:** Kim Riley, Mary Burrus, and Anthony Jeffries.

**Guests:** Rich Frankenfeld, TRS; Kathi Griffin, IEA Vice President; Emily Stuart, Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans; Cinda Klickna, IEA President; Al Lorens, IEA Secretary/Treasurer; Bob Blade, Legislative Committee Chair; Alene Blade, and Sara Kaufman.

**TRS:** Rich Frankenfeld gave a report from TRS showing their investment results are very good.

**Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans:** Emily Stuart distributed information to the Council about IARA and talked about the Super Committee, the Health Insurance Exchange, Fixing the State Budget, and Voter Education.

**SB 512:** Cinda Klickna and Kathi Griffin updated the Council on the latest information as to what is happening in the Legislature with SB 512.

There was a **motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Dave Bishop, that the minutes of the Sept 8-9, 2011 Council meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

**Living Library Report:** Janet Kilgus had a report which was distributed to the Council and she highlighted areas of importance.

**Mentoring Program:** Linda Walcher handed out the Mentoring report to the Council and discussed some items on the report.

**LMPA:** Barb Gilhaus distributed a language change to Life Membership Program Agreement and explained it. **Motion** by Janet Kilgus that we revise our agreement with the proposed language and resubmit the agreement to the IEA Board in January and then to NEA, **seconded** by Linda Stolt. **Motion carried.** We will also develop a "Blue Light Special" membership plan for selling life memberships at \$250.00.

**\$150.00 Membership:** **Motion** by Janet Kilgus, that Barb mail a letter to those individuals that have not responded to our phone calls, **seconded** by Dave Bishop. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Dottie Beeler, **seconded** by Barb Gilhaus, that Ed Rosenthal mail thank you notes/reminders to those individuals who have agreed to pay the remaining balance of their \$150.00 life membership dues. **Motion carried.**

**Awards:** Dottie Beeler reported that the applications forms are out. Janet Kilgus suggested that Dottie Beeler ask Meredith Byers to send out a reminder to student chapters about the awards.

**Scholarship Fund:** Linda Stolt distributed a form that had been used in the past for a scholarship grant fund. She asked that she be able to revise the form with the help of Gaye Larison so that we could use it for the Mary Lou Hauge Scholarship Fund. The Council approved her request.

**Newsletter Assignments:** Dave had prepared a handout of suggested topics and writers for the upcoming online newsletter. Deadline for the articles is Dec. 1, 2011.

**Director of Field Services:** Anthony Jeffries asked what he could do as our new staff contact. Janet Kilgus asked that area coordinators put us on their agenda for their quarterly meetings. Barb Gilhaus requested that there be uniformity of services from the Uniserv offices. She said we appreciate all the services that we do receive.

**Motion** by Ed Rosenthal, that we propose a bylaw change at the 2012 RA to add 2 Retired Sectional Representatives on the IEA Board of Directors in addition to the Retired Council Chair, **seconded** by Linda Stolt. **Motion carried.** Jack will send out an email to the Council requesting rationale for the bylaw.

**Box Light and Case:** Has been purchased using NEA grant funds.

**Financial Report:** Barb Gilhaus explained the financial report that she had prepared. To date, we are doing ok on our budget.

**Presidents' Meeting:** JoAnn indicated that she and Janet Kilgus were going to collaborate on planning some of the time at the Presidents' meeting at the Conference with materials that Janet has been working on (Chapter Communications Network). Linda Stolt suggested that we use some time to talk about the "Blue Light Special" membership drive. We will also discuss the Chapter Assistance Funding and the Guidelines that accompany the form. JoAnn Kenner will send out a note to the presidents to have them bring one of their best program ideas for distribution. Barb Gilhaus suggested that we allow some time for the Presidents to "talk" in small groups.

**Recess at 4:40 PM**

**Resume at 9:05 AM**

**Motion** by Linda Stolt, **seconded** by Dottie Beeler, that we approve the expenses for the accessories for the box light. **Motion carried.**

**Council Policies:** Janet Kilgus distributed the revised policies. We reviewed the Chapter Assistance Funding form and guidelines for applying for the funds. **Motion** by Barb Gilhaus, **seconded** by Dave

Bishop, that we approve the revised form and policies. **Motion carried.** Kim Riley will electronically send the form and guidelines to Chapter Presidents. **Motion** by Janet, **seconded** by Linda Walcher, that we approve the policy on Council Equipment and Supplies. **Motion carried.** **Motion** to reconsider by JoAnn Kenner, **seconded** by Dottie Beeler. **Motion carried.** **Motion** by JoAnn Kenner, that we strike chapter meetings from policy, **seconded** by Dottie Beeler. **Motion carried.**

**Legislative Committee:** Bob Blade, Chair of the Legislative committee, asked for suggestions to the legislative platform. All suggestions must be in to the Government Relations Department by Dec. 2, 2011. **Motion** by Ed Rosenthal, **seconded** by Linda Stolt, that we resubmit to the Legislative platform the opposition to taxation of retirement income. **Motion carried.** The Council also recommended that the legislative platform include language that would ensure that we continue to have affordable health insurance.

**SB 178:** Ed Rosenthal asked on behalf of Ray Bill what the IEA had done in regards to SB 178. A discussion followed. No action was taken.

**Postcard/letter writing:** It was a great success. Thanks to all who worked on this campaign.

**Printed Materials:** We will hold off re-printing of the Charting Your Career Path Toward Retirement Booklet until we know more about any changes that may be done to our pensions.

**Staffing Review:** Kim Riley will be housed in the Bloomington office. Mary Burrus will help with things that need to be done in Springfield but we need to go through Kim first. We will have organizational help as needed. Anthony Jeffries will oversee the Retired Program. We will get help from Program Development Department for the Retired Conference.

**Zone Meetings:** Need to prepare the agenda items for the meetings so that when Anthony Jefferies gets the meeting dates set up we will be ready to go. Need to add information about the "Blue Light Special." We will be ready to go after our February Council meeting.

**New Chapters:** Things are proceeding with Skokie and Elgin.

**NBI 16:** Janet Kilgus, Jack Tucker, and Ed Rosenthal are Council members that serve on the committee. Members of the committee are contacts to regions and making presentations to groups in their assigned areas. There is a pension tab on the IEA home page that contains the latest on pensions. The committee has selected/developed many of the items on this section of the website.

**Conference Committee Report:** Minnie Glover had sent her report. **Motion** by JoAnn Kenner, **seconded** by Barb Gilhaus, to approve the Conference Report. **Motion carried.**

**On-Line Voting-Nominating:** Still reviewing the options so we will keep this on our list to have Debbie Knox explain the details as they become available.

**Grant Proposal:** Kim Riley will ask Tim Crawford and Meredith Byers for any assistance she may need in writing an NEA Membership Grant.

**Tool Kit/Cadres:** We want to develop a hands-on tool kit that would be given to leaders who are trying to develop a new chapter and will also be available on-line. We will also make a list of retired leaders for a Cadre to be available to assist those leaders as they go through the process of setting up a Chapter.

**Adjourn: 12:01 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Gilhaus

Secretary/Treasurer