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**IEA-Retired Council**

**May 14, 15, 2009**

**Springfield**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tucker at 12:10 P.M.

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Stacy Burroughs

**Guests:** Rich Frankenfeld, Bill Wright, C. E. Welch and Ken Swanson.

Linda Stolt **moved** that the minutes from the April 3, 2009 meeting be approved. Motion was **seconded** by Chuck Starke. **Motion carried.**

**NEA Advisory Report:** Gene Craig had submitted a written report.

**Vice Chair Report:** JoAnn distributed a written report and highlighted areas of that report. She asked that we focus more on mission statements at the President's meeting next spring. It was also suggested that we do a session on Chapter Websites.

**Budget Issues:** Barb and JoAnn reviewed the budget report that the Oversight Committee had prepared. We are doing much better but we will probably be a little over budget this year. Our budget next year will be \$126,000. We also received a membership grant from NEA for \$4,160.00. It was noted in Gene Craig's NEA-Retired Advisory Council Meeting written report that Illinois was also one of two states the committee identified that were very well written and for possible use in a grant writing training session. In her Vice Chair report JoAnn listed the individuals who had served on the budget committee. Linda Walcher called our attention to the fact that Chuck Weishaupt's name was missing from that list. JoAnn also mentioned that the budget committee would be named later and we would be meeting in July or August.

**Conference Planning Committee:** C. E. Welch announced that the program is set for the fall Conference in Springfield. The Conference brochure was reviewed and corrections were made. C. E. asked if a person could come back on the Conference Committee after an absence of one year. Linda Walcher **moved** that as per IEA policy, the Conference Planning Committee members may be reappointed after at least one year of not serving on the committee. The motion was **seconded** by Linda Stolt. **Motion carried.** Dottie Beeler, Minnie Glover, and Linda Walcher will go off of the Planning Committee this fall. Lana Haines will be the Chair of the Committee. Mary Ann Platt and Liz Burton will be serving their third

year on the committee. Martha Bowman will be serving her second year on the committee. Additions to the committee were discussed. There was a discussion of using the Governor's Mansion for a meal on Friday night October 2 before the Conference. A chicken dinner would cost \$32.00 and a filet would cost \$38.00. We will get some more information and make a decision later. We do have to have a minimum of 50 people attending.

**Ken Swanson:** President Swanson had some good news in regards to membership figures for next year. The feeling is that we would be able to maintain current membership figures and maybe see a little growth. S. B. 1292, the two-tiered pension system, was reported out of committee on a 6-4 vote this morning. Parental leave purchase is included and an individual could retire at 62 with 35 years of service, which is a change from their previous language. Jack asked about the Executive Director position and Ken replied that posting closes on July 5 for Executive Director of IEA. The hope is to complete interviews in August and have a recommendation for the BOD in September.

**Living Library/Mentoring:** Janet Kilgus had written reports and highlighted areas in those reports.

**Recruitment:** Efforts are being made in Decatur to get more people involved. Barb and Marge reported on the pre-retirement seminar that they held in regions 8 and 9 which was attended by about 150 people and included both TRS and IMRF members. Stacy had prepared a list showing the number of retired members per retired Chapter. West Suburban Retired has asked for \$300.00 for a recruitment luncheon. Linda Stolt **moved** that we approve the recruitment luncheon for the West Suburban Chapter. The motion was **seconded** by Janet Kilgus. **Motion** carried.

**Join IEA Retired Today!:** The booklet needs to be reprinted as we are out of copies. It was suggested that we need something on the Conference(s), need to make some changes to Living Library and Mentoring, need to include the continuous IPACE form someplace, need to add something about Higher Ed. and ESP and a number of changes need to be made in regards to figures and grammar.

Marge Houghland was honored and thanked for her 6 years on the Council as she leaves this position.

**Recess at 5:15 PM**

**Meeting Resumed at 9:05 AM**

Barb Gilhaus rescinded her motion that appointed Dave Bishop Chair of the Awards Committee since it was out of order.

**Awards:** Chairperson Jack Tucker appointed Dave Bishop Chair of the Awards Committee with approval by the Council. The Council made suggestions for updating the nomination folders for the Awards.

**Calendar for 2009-2010:**

Sept. 10-11, 2009-Retired Council meeting

Oct.3 Fall Conference-Springfield

Oct. 22-23, 2009-Retired Council meeting

Feb. 25-26, 2010-Retired Council meeting

March 18-20, 2010-IEA RA-Rosemont

April 12-14, 2010-NEA Leadership-Minneapolis, MN

April 20-22, 2010-NEA Leadership-Asheville, North Carolina

April 23, 2010-President's Meeting

April 24, 2010-Spring Conference

May 13-14, 2010-Retired Council

June 27-29, 2010-NEA-Retired Annual Meeting (?)

July 1-6, 2010, NEA-RA

Janet Kilgus **moved** that we adopt the above calendar. The motion was **seconded** by Dave Bishop. **Motion carried.**

Linda Stolt **moved** that we go to the Asheville, N. C. NEA Regional Conference. The motion was **seconded** by Dottie Beeler. **Motion Carried.**

Dottie Beeler **moved** that we reconsider the motion to pay the registration fee for delegates only to the NEA-Retired Annual meeting. Linda Stolt **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

Marge Houghland **moved** that we not pay the registration fee for the NEA-Retired Annual Conference for non-delegates but that we refer this to the budget committee for budget consideration in future years. Dave Bishop **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Rich Frankenfeld:** Rich distributed a handout describing the Governor's Pension Proposals for TRS. He also gave the Council a list of Co-sponsors for the repeal of GPO and WEP.

**Bill Wright:** Bill indicated that the federal legislators are working to get the GPO/WEP bill to the floor for a vote.

There were many questions for Rich and Bill concerning the above topics.

**Central Section Representative on the Retired Council:** Due to the vacancy the Council will appoint someone to fill the seat until the spring elections. Jack had asked the 4 people who expressed an interest in the position to write a statement of candidacy. Jack read the statements of Ray Bill, Mary Ann Platt, C. E. Welch, and Elaine Ferguson.

A secret ballot election was held.

C.E. Welch was **declared elected** to the position of Central Section Representative on the Retired Council to fill the vacancy until the spring election.

**Voting Policy?:** A retired member may belong to more than one Chapter and have voting rights within those Chapter(s).

For purposes of electing a Sectional Representative to the IEA Retired Council a person's mailing address or Chapter number (address and Chapter numbers don't always match) will determine which Sectional ballot they receive. Jack will check with Debbie Knox and we will finish our discussion of this issue at our September meeting. He will also ask about how a member can change to the section of their choice if they live in one section and belong to a Chapter in another.

**Informer:** Dave distributed assignments for the summer issue of the Informer. Articles are due July 1 except that the RA articles are due July 15.

Committees:

Informer-Dave Bishop, Chair

Conference-Lana Haines, Chair

Budget-JoAnn, Barb, Jack

Awards-Dave Bishop

Mentor Program-Linda Walcher

Living Library-Janet Kilgus

Janet Kilgus volunteered to work on the Council policies Notes from the Old minutes before the September meeting.

Barb Gilhaus **moved** that we adjourn. The motion was **seconded** by Linda Stolt. **Motion** carried.

**Adjourn: 12:00 noon.**

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Gilhaus

Secretary/Treasurer