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IEA-Retired Council

Oct. 21-22, 2009

Springfield

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tucker at 12:08 P.M.

In Attendance: Chair, Jack Tucker, Vice-Chair, JoAnn Kenner, Sec./Treas., Barb Gilhaus, Janet Kilgus, Dottie Beeler, Linda Stolt, Linda Walcher, Dave Bishop, C. E. Welch and Gene Craig, NEA-R Secretary.

Staff in Attendance: Stacy Burroughs, Janet Sablotny, Meredith Byers, Sue Uzzo, Steve Hoff, Will Lovett. Audrey Soglin, Bob Blade and Cinda Klickna stopped by to say Hi.

Guests: Rich Frankenfeld, Sara Kaufman, Lana Haines.

There was a **motion** by Linda Walcher, **seconded** by Dave Bishop that the minutes from the Sept. 10-11, 2009 Council meeting be approved. **Motion carried.**

Partial Life Membership: Nothing to report.

Past Election Results: Jack distributed a report showing IEA and NEA RA elections for the years 2006-2009. There was a discussion about the "bed-sheet" ballot that we use to elect delegates for the RA's. We need more information to make an informed decision as to how to proceed with this.

Student/Retired Conference: A suggestion had been made to "combine" the student and retired conferences. Meredith Byers explained that although the students saw many advantages to that suggestion they wanted to continue to drive their own Conference. The students did want to have more Mentor/Mentee involvement. Nov. 19-20, 2010 is the Fall Student Conference date for next year. We need to do more research into the issue before any decisions can be made so the Council advised Meredith that we would not be ready to join together by 2010.

GPO/WEP: NEA wants to know how retired teachers are affected by GPO and WEP so Jack will be sending out an email with a link to a survey. Please send this out to all of your retired members as they need at least 1000 responses. Chapter Presidents will also be asked to share this with their members.

Staff Report: Stacy is having many of our brochures updated and reprinted. To date no one has been hired to fill Janet Sablotny's position and Stacy feels that it may be sometime in December before the position is filled. Evelyn Smith, Judy Leonard and Janet Bandy have been doing a wonderful job filling in as needed.

Newsletter Articles: Dave Bishop had asked for information concerning how many people had used the website when we put the newsletter on the site. The online newsletter was viewed a total of 290 times. He also asked how many people asked for a hard copy and 15 people asked for a hard copy.

The fall newsletter is at the press right now.

Assignments for Winter Newsletter:

Jack: From the Chair

Barb: Up to the Minutes

Dave will contact Council Members individually with assignments as needed for the next newsletter.

We will discuss more about online issues and/or number of issues at a later date.

Linda Stolt **moved** and Dave Bishop **seconded** that we investigate the possibility of a minority representative at the IEA RA. **Motion carried.**

Living Library: Janet Kilgus distributed a written report and highlighted areas in her oral report.

Budget Report: JoAnn Kenner reported that she, Barb Gilhaus, and Jack Tucker met with Diane Massey to get a detailed explanation of the general ledger. She also discussed the TRS fall meetings and the stipend that we are offering. Barb indicated that she would be sending out the spreadsheet with the year-to-date spending and balance in each SID category in the near future.

NEA Council Report: Gene and Mae distributed a written report. Gene gave an oral report.

Recess at 5:03PM

Resume at 9:00 AM

TRS: Rich Frankenfeld announced that one of the TRS Board members had resigned and that Marcia Boone had been appointed. She is an IFT member and had previously served on the TRS Board .

Rich also distributed a handout entitled Social Security/Medicare Update.

Scholarship: Motion by Barb Gilhaus, **seconded** by Janet Kilgus that we do one MLH scholarship for the 2010 year. **Motion carried.**

Policy: C.E. Welch had done some research on vouchers and how they are paid. A discussion followed about how IEA-Retired should deal with late vouchers. **Motion** by Janet Kilgus, **seconded** by Dave Bishop that any expenses not submitted within ninety days from the date the expenses were incurred will not be reimbursed unless exception is granted by the IEA President. All reimbursable expenses will be submitted on a voucher form. All items except mileage amounting to more than \$10 require receipt

for IRS Auditing (BOD 7.6) (This policy shall be attached to vouchers mailed to IEA-Retired members for retired activities except for RA's). **Motion Carried.**

Mentoring: Linda Walcher gave an oral report and distributed a written report of her work with the mentor program. There is now a section on Facebook for those interested fans of the Mentor program.

Legislative Program: Will Lovett gave an update of the retirement issues facing IEA. He discussed the Two-Tier pension benefits, Funding and Trip and CIP. Taxation of retirement income also came up during the Pension Modernization Task Force meetings. He has written a recommendation for IEA concerning the Task Force which can be found on the IEA website.

TRS Fall Meetings: Is it worth the effort to attend the meetings? Do we need to alter our materials? Barb mentioned that her Chapter, along with Chapter 8, holds a Pre-Retirement Seminar with TRS and IMRF representatives present. By hosting the seminar they get a chance to talk more about IEA-Retired and get more membership than by going to the TRS meetings and handing out material. We will discuss this more at our Feb. meeting and possibly at the President's meeting at the April Conference.

President's Meeting: JoAnn asked for suggestions for ideas for topics to be discussed at the President's meeting at the spring conference. Suggested items were: recruitment, missions statement, and chapter websites.

Awards: Dave Bishop announced that there were extra nomination forms in Stacy's office. Winners will be selected at the Feb. meeting.

Conference: Lana Haines, chair of the conference committee, distributed copies of her report and gave an oral report. She answered questions about the spring conference. **Motion** by Barb Gilhaus, **seconded** by Janet Kilgus that we accept the committee's report. **Motion carried.**

Zone Meetings: Janet Kilgus reported that someone from retired had attended all but Mike Lambs' zone meeting. Janet will find a Council member living near the meeting location to go to his next meeting. At this point the Minority Leadership group has not had time on their agenda to allow for a program on the Living Library.

Dave Bishop **moved** and Janet Kilgus **seconded** that we adjourn.

Adjourn: 12:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Gilhaus

Secretary/Treasurer