

**Corrected MINUTES
Of The
NEA-NM Retired Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2019
Embassy Suites, Albuquerque**

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by President Teweleit.

Roll Call: James Conyers, Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano, Eduardo Holguin, Peggy Mace, Mary Howard, Bobbie Stratton, Mary Underwood, Lucille Angela Lucero, Eloy Gonzales, Debbie Schoonover, Judith Pingel, Kathy Porter, Geraldine Franco, and Carol Teweleit.

Pre-Retired: Lucille Martinez-Holguin

Staff: Julie Gonzales, Brian Huebner

Debbie moves, Bobbie seconds to approve agenda with flexibility. **Motion carries**

Carol reviews Committee assignments and possible work products for each committee when meeting breaks into committee work for a half hour. Bobbie reported on a recent ERB public hearing in ABQ on ERB supported legislation that passed in the 2019 legislative session. Much discussion ensued and many questions were raised and remain as to the efficacy of the new rules governing substituting by retired members of ERB and how much they can work under the new rules.

Carol reported on the NEA Organizing Grant application that NEA just approved. NEA-NM Retired asked for \$6968 and received \$6097. NEA-NM is providing 20% in-kind as required by the grant. The grant is a continuation of last year's used to inform/educate potential current and retired educators on NEA Member Benefits offerings through a 2 hour interactive game show format presentation. A Training of Trainers will take place Friday, 10/25/19 for all wanting to attend.

Regional presentations are tentatively planned for the last week in January with target locations of Lovington/Hobbs, Roswell, Belen/Los Lunas, Bernalillo/Rio Rancho, and Santa Fe/Pojoaque/Espanola.

Carol has also applied to present the workshop at the NEA Membership Summit and NEA Retired Conference in March 2020.

Eduardo moves, Rosalinda seconds for NEA-NM Retired to propose a New Business Item at Delegate Council for NEA-NM to fight against any further cuts to the ERB COLA and work for eventual reinstatement of the 2% COLA. **Motion carries.**

Vice-President Judy presents the 2019-20 proposed budget. Mary U. moves and Rosalinda seconds approval of the proposed budget as presented. **Motion carries.**

Meeting moves into a half hour of Committee work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution/ByLaws

Eduardo moved on behalf of the committee:

1. Proposed Constitutional Amendment (for all member ballot)

A. Article VI Section 1

delete "...at least 30 days prior to..."

add in its place "...before or during..."

Rationale: 30 day deadline is not being currently met, since the documents are being reviewed for possible changes at the Annual Meeting.

B. Article VI Section 1

Move "c" in Section 1 and make it new "a" in Section 2 and re-letter the rest.

Rationale: Section 2 specifically refers to withdrawing of changes proposed to the documents.

C. Article VI Section 1

delete "Secretary/Treasurer"

Rationale: Redundant as the Secretary is a Board member.

D. Article IV Sections 1, 3a, 3b, Section 4.4

change "Secretary/Treasurer" to "Secretary"

Rationale: The Secretary has no financial or fiduciary responsibilities as NEA-NM handles the finances with the assistance of the Retired President and Vice-President.

The body approved the proposed Constitutional amendments for placement on the all-member spring ballot.

The body also approved the following changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules which take effect immediately:

By laws 3.1b, 5.3(title and first line), 5.3i, 6.1c, and 8.2b

changing "Secretary/Treasurer" to "Secretary"

By Law 2.2b by addition after "...NEA-NM Retired Review Board as set forth in 7.1"

Standing Rule 4.A2,4.D1 change "Secretary/Treasurer" to "Secretary"

Editorial Changes

Rule 4A Combine 2 and 3 as they are supposed to be one complete sentence.

Rule 4D Combine 1 and 2 as they are supposed to be one complete sentence.

The body also approved an editorial change to Constitution Article I Section 1 by adding the word "Retired" in front of the word "Association" for clarification.

Elections Committee

Bobbie moves on behalf of the committee to ratify the 2018-19 election results. **Motion carries.**

Bobbie moves on behalf of the committee that nominations for Retired officers will open in December and voting will occur in April 2020. **Motion carries.**

Discussion ensued as to whether the 3 offices, currently being held by interim filling of vacancies, will be open for the remainder of the current 3 year term or for a new 3 year term. Gauging the mood of the body the following motion was proposed as an addition to the Standing Rules:

Eduardo moves and Mary H. seconds "Vacancies to officer positions will be open for election at the next general election for the full 3 year terms" **Motion carries.**

Membership Committee

Rosalinda presented a list of recommendations that will aide NEA-NM Retired in its efforts to recruit more members into our Retired organization.

Rosalinda moves approval of the recommendations on behalf of the committee. **Motion carries.**

Legislative Committee

Kathy outlined plans for pushing EdPAC contributions on the council floor. Mary H. discussed the ERB changes and APS's use of Kelly Services for substitute teachers.

Mary H. also presented a petition she will present at Council asking that ERB divest itself of investments in private prisons.

Judy moves and Kathy seconds to have NEA-NM Retired present a new Business Item at Council for NEA-NM to work for ERB divestiture of investment holdings in private prison corporations. **Motion carries**

Mary H. will present the NBI at Council

Eduardo brought greetings to the body from Retired colleague, Dorothy Eachus from Roswell who still remains informed and active on ERB and retirement issues.

Seeing no further business, President Teweleit adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm.

Submitted by

Eduardo Holguin

NEA-NM Retired Secretary

Approved by email—as of Nov. 15, 2019

With minor editorial changes (suggested by Geri Franco) Approved by:

Carol Teweleit, Judy Pingel, Lucille Martinez-Holguin, Eduardo Holguin, Rosalinda Altamirano, Geri Franco, Angie Lucero, James Conyers, and Peggy Mace.