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**Second:** Beverly Green, CO  
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Rationale: We need to spend our money to support our beliefs. Those who want to dictate personal choices need know there is a cost involved.

Cost: $ 0

Submitted by: Jack Tucker, IL    Second: Lindy Hiatt-Hecox, IL

Motion adopted as modified

New Business Item 2019-4

Motion: I move that NEA-Retired support a friendly amendment to Constitution Amendment #2 so that it reads “Teachers - Educators”

Rationale: Inclusivity is very important, but the word “Teacher” should not be erased from the NEA Constitution.

Cost: $0

Submitted by: Bob Myers, NJ    Second: Minnie Mozee, NJ

Motion failed

New Business Item 2019-5

Motion: I move that NEA-Retired support NEA NBI A: Migrant Detention and Family Separation: A Humanitarian Crisis. NEA will immediately call on the Trump Administration, the US Senate, the House of Representatives and the Courts, for the immediate end to the detention and criminalization of immigrant children and their families; including an end to large-scale ICE raids, which inflict chaos, fear, and instability on entire communities.

Specifically, NEA will call on the US government to address the human rights violations in detention centers across the country by demanding that:

Rationale: Immigrant children currently incarcerated by the U.S. government be treated as human beings with infinite worth and potential, and not be exposed to conditions that harm or traumatize them.

Detention facilities be open to visits by doctors, educators, social workers, clergy and other children’s advocates.

The U.S. government comply with the guidelines for basis standards of care of children set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
The U.S. government stop sending children and immigrant families to for-profit detention centers.

Cost:  $0

Submitted by: Juliana Rivera Horwin, AZ    Second: Barbara Schram, MI
Motion carried

New Business Item 2019-6

Motion: I move that the NEA will call for the impeachment of President Trump. Support for and the rationale of this action shall be printed in NEA Today.

Rationale: Under President Trump, the children of families attempting to immigrate to the United States have been separated from their parents. This cruel and deliberate policy and the conditions of incarceration of these children has already resulted in the deaths of two children. As advocates for the welfare of students we cannot stand by and merely watch.

Cost:  The cost of printing an article in an existing NEA publication will be minimal.

Submitted by: Sidney Kardon, MI    Second: Pam DeGryse, MI
Motion carried to postpone indefinitely

New Business Item 2019-7

Motion: I move that the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award presentation be made only after all elections are finalized and announced.

Rationale: To ensure that our elections are not unduly impacted by any presentations or awards given to members.

Cost:  $0

Submitted by: Anne Hoeffler, PA    Second: Robert C Barzdukas, CO
Motion withdrawn

New Business Item 2019-8

Motion: I move to phase out discontinue the hard-copy, NEA-Retired Affiliates Newsletter Award within the next 3-5 years and replace it with Communications Awards with emphasis on electronic newsletters, association websites, listserv
messages, Facebook and other means of electronic communication at state, regional and/or local levels.

**Rationale:** With ever-increasing postage and copying costs, this will be a significant budget savings, while accomplishing the same purpose as hard-print newsletters. Electronic communication also appeals to newer retirees who are more comfortable and familiar with this style of informing members.

**Cost:** $0

**Submitted by:** Carol Weatherford, MO  **Second:** Martha Karlovetz, MO

**Motion carried to refer to the NEA-Retired Executive Council**

**New Business Item 2019-9**

**Motion:** I move that the NEA-Retired support the creation of a 40th year commemorative booklet and on-line version of the History Life and Times of NEA-Retired.

**Rationale:** Our history, past and present deserves a respectable format to collectively chronicle on whose shoulders we stand, one that will depict our struggles, successes and challenges for generations to come.

**Cost:** $10,000

**Submitted by:** Lynda W. Smith, GA  **Second:** Karen Solheim, GA

**Motion carried to refer to the NEA-Retired Executive Council**

**New Business Item 2019-10**

**Motion:** I move that NEA-Retired respectively requests that the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service awardee be recognized during the NEA RA each year.

**Rationale:** We are simply asking that the NEA President take an opportunity to recognize the person who is awarded the highest honor in the retired division of NEA. This can be accomplished in a multitude of ways that will not take away from the RA, nor add more than a few short minutes, such as if the awardee is in attendance at the RA and was asked to stand as our awardee.

**Cost:** $0

**Submitted by:** Anita Gibson, AL  **Second:** Meg Gruber, VA

**Motion carried**
Motion: I move that NEA-Retired requests that the following be included with the current variety of articles in future publications of the NEA-Retired members’ magazine:

- An article highlighting the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award winner each year.
- A list of the Communication awardees in all categories accompanied by an article interviewing winners and possibly an example of their work.
- A list of the membership category awardees accompanied by an article interviewing the winners.
- Pictures and highlights of workshops and interviews with a sampling of presenters at the Retired Conference each year.
- A report on New Business Items submitted and action taken on each by the NEA-Retired delegates at the Annual Meeting.
- An article on our very successful PAC efforts and the results of those efforts.
- An article adding the history of the NEA-Retired.
- Jack Kinnaman Scholarship Fund.

Rationale: While many of the articles in the NEA-Retired member magazine highlight activities of our retirees, by highlighting honors, awards, and events at our conference we will create a greater interest in participation among our members, while advancing our status as retirees in the NEA family.

Cost: $0

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Motion carried to refer to the NEA-Retired Executive Council