Wednesday, June 29

Attendance
334 delegates were eligible to vote; 316 delegates were present. A quorum was reached.
(Preliminary report given by Steve Gorrie, Elections Chair)

The meeting was called to order by the NEA-Retired President, Sarah Borgman, at 10:41 AM CST.

Speakers:
- Sarah Borgman, NEA-Retired President
- Princess Moss, NEA Vice-President
- Jim Duffy, IEA/NEA Retired President, IL
- Kathy Griffin, Illinois Education Association, President
- Becky Pringle, NEA President

Reports:
- Steve Gorrie, NEA-Retired Elections Chair, Preliminary Credentials Report
- Jean Dobashi, NEA-Retired Vice-President, PAC Captain’s Fundraising Co-Chair
- Marilyn Warner, NEA-Retired Secretary, PAC Captain’s Fundraising Co-Chair
- JoAnn Smith-Mashburn, NEA-Retired Executive Council, Jack Kinnaman Scholarship Fund

Opening: Introductory Presentations
- Land Acknowledgement - Gary McGrane, Maine Education Association-Retired, President
- Pledge of Allegiance – Michael Priser, NEA/FEA (Federal), President
- National Anthem – Robert Rodriguez (CA), NEA Executive Committee
- Invocation – Anita Gibson (AL), NEA-Retired NEA Board of Directors
- NEA Standards of Conduct – Janice Poirier (FL), NEA-Retired Executive Council
- Retired Vision and Missions Statement – Al Beamish (MI), MEA-Retired Member
Opening Remarks/Introductions – Sarah Borgman (IN), NEA-Retired President
Moment of Remembrance- Antoinette Smith, Georgia Retired Educators Association, President
Salute to Veterans – Noel Candelaria (TX), NEA Secretary/Treasurer

Adoption of Standing Rules
Linda McCrary moved, on behalf of the NEA-Retired Executive Council, the adoption of the Standing Rules to the 2022 NEA-Retired meeting as posted on the NEA-Retired website. Passed.

Adoption of Agenda
Sarah Borgman moved, on behalf of the NEA-Retired Executive Council, the adoption of the 2022 Retired Annual Meeting agenda. Passed.

Adoption of 2021 Retired Annual Meeting Minutes
Marilyn Warner moved, on behalf of the NEA-Retired Executive Council, the adoption of the minutes of the 2021 Retired Annual Meeting. Passed.

Adoption of New Business Guidelines
Linda McCrary moved, on behalf of the NEA-Retired Executive Council, the adoption of the new business guidelines as posted on the NEA-Retired website. Passed.

Adoption of Retired bylaws
Linda McCrary moved, on behalf of the NEA-Retired Executive Council, the adoption of the procedures for amending the NEA-Retired bylaws as posted on the NEA-Retired website and emailed to the NEA-Retired delegates. Passed.

NEA-Retired Elections for NEA-Retired Resolutions Committee
Steve Gorrie, NEA-Retired Elections Chair, reviewed the election rules and procedures for qualified candidates to the NEA-Retired Resolutions Committee elections. By virtue of the NEA-Retired Bylaws, since the number of qualified candidates equals the number of spaces available, the following are elected:
  Ginny Bosse (WI)
  Pat Jordan (CT)
  Gary McGrane (ME)
  Bobby J. Pierson (AL)
  Kathleen Purdy (OH)
  Karen Solheim (GA)

Proposed Amendments
Linda McCrary presented, on behalf of the NEA-Retired Executive Council, the proposed amendments to the NEA-Retired Bylaws.

Proposed Amendment 1:
Article III, Objectives, H (new)
Inform NEA of the challenges faced by its retired members and the resources needed to meet these challenges.

Proposed Amendment 2:
Article VII, NEA-Retired Executive Officers
Section 1. Executive Officers
The NEA-Retired Executive Officers shall include the President, Vice-President and Secretary. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected at the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting for three-year staggered terms of office through an open nomination process and secret ballot election. Only NEA-Retired members shall be eligible to be candidates. Voting shall be restricted to the Retired delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly. If there is only one (1) candidate for the position, the presiding officer shall declare such candidate elected.

Section 2. Vacancies
Vacancies for the positions of NEA-Retired President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be filled as follows:
   A. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President who shall complete the term.
   B. If during the first or second year of the term, a vacancy in either the office of Vice-President or Secretary occurs, such vacancy shall be filled by the NEA-Retired Executive Council, which shall elect a successor to serve until the next NEA-Retired Annual Meeting. NEA-Retired delegates to the Representative Assembly shall then elect a successor for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs during the third year of a term, the Executive Council shall elect a successor for the remainder of the term.

Proposed Amendment 3:
Article X - Retired Alternates to the NEA Board Directors (NEW – Subsequent Articles Require Renumbering)
Section 1. REPRESENTATION
Members of NEA-Retired shall have alternate representatives in the event elected Directors cannot attend the NEA Board meetings.

Section 2. NUMBER OF RETIRED ALTERNATE DIRECTORS TO THE NEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NEA-Retired shall elect a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) Retired Alternate Directors to the NEA Board of Directors, by adding one seat for each of three years in a three-year election cycle, to a total of six elected Alternate Directors.

Section 3. Eligibility
Only NEA-Retired members shall be eligible to serve in the position of Retired Alternates to the NEA Board of Directors.

Section 4. Election
Retired Alternate Directors shall be elected at the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting consistent with the NEA requirements for three-year staggered terms. Nominations for office shall be open, and election shall be by secret ballot. Each Retired delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly in attendance shall be
entitled to vote. If the number of candidates nominated equals the number of positions to be filled, the
presiding officer shall declare such candidates elected.

Section 5. Vacancy
The NEA-Retired Executive Council shall recommend an individual to fill a Retired Alternate Director’s place. The vacancy shall be filled by the NEA Board of Directors when in session or, when not in session, by the NEA Executive Committee. The individual appointed shall serve until the next NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, at which time a duly called election shall be held to fill the unexpired term of office.

Proposed Amendment 4
Article XII, Section 4
NEA-Retired members who are not delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly cannot vote or make or second motions but may otherwise participate in the proceedings.

Communications Awards
Roberta Margo, NEA-Retired Executive Council, presented the 2022 Communications Awards.

NEA-RETIRED SPOTLIGHT AWARD
Winner - CEA-Retired Connecticut “CEA Advisor Magazine”

WEBSITE AWARD
Winner - New Jersey Retired Educators’ Association

STATE RETIRED NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED LESS THAN 3 YEARS
Winner – Florida Education Association-Retired “FEA Florida Retired Newsletter”

ESTABLISHED STATE RETIRED NEWSLETTER
Winner – Alabama “The AERA Voice”
Runner-up – MEA Michigan “Michigan Retirement Report”
Runner-up – KNEA Kansas Retired “The Apple Corps”

ESTABLISHED LOCAL RETIRED NEWSLETTER
Winner – LEA-Retired Connection Out of Lincoln, Nebraska
Runner-up – Monmouth County Retired Educators Association, New Jersey

E-NEWSLETTER
Winner – “The Clarion,” Maine
Runner-up – Virginia Retired Connections

Recess
The meeting was recessed at 4:57 PM CST.
Thursday, June 30

Attendance
334 delegates were eligible to vote; 298 were signed in virtually and in person. A quorum was reached.
(Preliminary report given by Steve Gorrie, Elections Chair)

The NEA-Retired Annual meeting was reconvened at 10:34 AM CST.

Speakers:
Mary Kusler, Director of the NEA Center for Advocacy

Reports:
Meg Gruber, NEA-Retired Executive Council, Legislative Chair
JoAnn Smith-Mashburn, NEA-Retired Executive Council, Kinnaman Scholarship Chair
Julie Horwin, NEA Board of Directors Representing Retirees, Virtual Auction Co-Chair
Barb Schram, NEA Board of Directors Representing Retirees, Virtual Auction Co-Chair
Steve Gorrie, NEA-Retired Elections Chair
Janice Poirier, NEA-Retired Executive Council, Grants and Member Benefits Chair

Jack Kinnaman Memorial Scholarship Awards
NEA-Retired presented scholarships to these college students:
Jaclyn E. Deal (Wingate University, NC)
Hannah St. Clair (University of Oregon)
Roman Trejo (Saint Xavier University, IL)
Sofia Vanderluis (University of Wisconsin)
Dajsha Williams (Ohio State)

Voting Results on Proposed Amendments
- Proposed Amendment 1 passed
- Proposed Amendment 2 passed
- Proposed Amendment 3 passed
- Proposed Amendment 4 passed

Report of Action Taken on 2021 New Business Items
Linda McCrary reported on the action taken on the 2021 New Business Items.
(1) Moved that NEA Delegates support NEA Bylaw Amendment #2- reduced lifetime dues for ESPs. Response: Passed
(2) Moved that NEA-Retired adopt the proposed Mission and Vision Statement. Response: Passed

New Business Items
New Business Item 1:
Tom Wellman (NV) moved, seconded by Roberta Margo (MN), that NEA create a lobbying cadre of one Active and one Retired member from each impacted state, recommended by state presidents, focused solely on the repeal of Government Pension Offset-Windfall Elimination Provision (GPO-WEP). The GPO-WEP impedes NEA members and other individuals in the public sector from living with independence and dignity in retirement. This task force will bring the repeal of this egregious federal legislation to the forefront of NEA’s legislative priorities. Cost of Implementation: $135,000. Passed.

New Business Item 2:
Dennis Pfenning (VA) moved, seconded by Martha Wood (VA), that the NEA Retired President and the Executive Committee actively lobby the NEA Executive Director to take steps to create a line on the NEA phone switchboard for retired issues and, when employed, it is answered by a staffer who can assist the caller. That same staffer will be directed to ensure that all US Post and email messages/questions to NEA centering on retiree issues are responded to in some fashion.

This motion was ruled out of order by President Borgman because it did not conform to the submission of New Business Items.

Karen Mossman (HI) moved, seconded by Leesa Kuhlmann (WY), to appeal the ruling by the Chair; should the decision of the Chair be sustained? Failed.

Leesa Kuhlmann (WY) moved, seconded by George Sheridan (CA,) to divide the motion. Passed.

Discussion on first part of motion (that NEA Retired President and the Executive Committee actively lobby the NEA Executive Director to take steps to create a line on the NEA phone switchboard for retired issues). Passed.

Discussion on second part of motion (when employed, it is answered by a staffer who can assist the caller. That same staffer will be directed to ensure that all US Post and email messages/questions to NEA centering on retiree issues are responded to in some fashion). Failed.

New Business Item 3:
Tom Wellman (NV) moved, seconded by Dana Dillion (CA), that the NEA create and develop a media campaign (through existing media sources and outside media when possible) to more fully educate and inform members about the importance and value of defined benefit pension programs which provide for financial security, which allows our members to live with dignity in their retirement. Passed.

Membership Awards
Tom Wellman, NEA-Retired Executive Council, presented the 2022 Membership Awards.
   NEA-Retired Membership Growth Award
   Winner – Pennsylvania Education Association
   Runner-up – California Teachers Association/NEA-retired
Largest Percentage Increase Award
   Winner – Education Minnesota – Retired
   Runner-up – California Teachers Association/ NEA Retired

Spirit of Membership Award
   Winner – Georgia Association of Educators
   Honorable Mention – Missouri NEA-Retired
   Honorable Mention - Ohio Education Association-Retired

**Installation/Recognition**
Sarah Borgman installed the newly elected members of the NEA-Retired Resolutions Committee and NEA-Retired Member representing Retirees on the NEA Board of Directors as an alternate, Diane Larson.

Mae Smith (IL) was recognized as an out-going NEA-Retired Governance leader.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM CST.