

Board of Directors Report
IEA-Retired
Janet Kilgus, Chairperson
May 15-16, 2015



- Retired membership continues to grow with a total of over 11,000 including pre-retired memberships. Thank you for any assistance you have been in this success. Remember, retired members are ready, experienced, and free to provide association support while active members are at work. Please help us get the names and home email addresses of your new retirees. Retirees can't afford to retire and remove themselves from the information loop regarding pensions, insurance, other retiree issues, and educational issues. And remember "If it doesn't start with IEA, it isn't us... IEA-Retired."
- The 25th Anniversary of IEA-Retired was celebrated at our Retired Conference April 11 in Oakbrook with many members from our past in attendance to be recognized and honored. There were 12 breakout sessions from which to select in Political, Technology, Lifestyle, and Entertainment strands. Prior to that we held our Chapter Presidents and Retired Council Training/Networking Meeting on April 10. All but 3 chapters were represented.
- Our 28th retired chapter, in the Villages area of Florida, is to be chartered at this meeting. Gary Miller, John and Sandy Phillips, Barb Gilhaus, and Sharon Roarke Pierscioneck are the leaders in getting this accomplished. We are coordinating with leaders in NEA Florida-Retired.
- We funded one Mary Lou and Keith Hauge Scholarship to a child of an IEA member this year. Funds for these scholarships are raised by chapters and at our retired conference each year. This year we raised enough just at the conference to fund 2 scholarships next year. Part of this was thanks to the generosity of Stew Adams who donated the money to fully fund one himself, saying, "It was time to give back."
- We are working on our "Developing Political Activists" retired members' school at SLA which is funded by an NEA-Retired grant.
- Our NEA-Retired "Developing Chapters" grant is progressing with a variety of activities and funding to help chapters grow their memberships, to become more effective, and to better meet the needs of their members.
- A number of our members have been attending the speaking at public meetings across the state where the right-to-work zones Rauner resolution is being considered.
- Ten of our retired members volunteered at the recent IEA Student Conference in East Peoria and met face-to-face with their mentees while there.
- We will be honoring Barb Gilhaus, Mae Smith, and Jack Tucker at our May Council meeting for their many years of service as they leave the Council. We welcome Bob Haisman and Nancy Darrough as new members of the Council.
- Our membership table at the IEA RA was very successful with the signing up of many new pre-retired members. Please pass the word. This is the easy way to stay connected after retirement and pay in 3 or 5 payments while your income is higher.

- Retired representatives have been meeting this past year with representatives from ESP and Higher Ed to plan a joint conference in Oakbrook October 16-17. This will replace for retired members our annual spring conference.
- We have plans to attend the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans Board Meeting in late May in Chicago.
- Work is beginning on applications for 2 new NEA-Retired grants of \$5000 each for 2015-16.
- Thank you for your support of our 2 Bylaw proposals to the IEA RA in April. One is to establish term limits for Council members (similar to Region Chair term limits) to give more retired members an opportunity to get involved. This seems very timely with the current ballot for Council of Retirees Member At-Large having 11 candidates on the ballot for this spring election. The second one is proposing to add an Ethnic Minority Representative position on the Council. The cost to fund this position will come out of the Retired Program budget by tightening some other costs, by using electronic communications even more, and electronic meetings when appropriate, so will have no impact on the rest of the IEA members.
- We continue to monitor the Retired section of the IEA website to keep it current. Please check us out.
- We continue to award Chapter Assistance Grants out of the retired budget for new chapter organizing and special chapter activities.
- Gayla Dial will become the next Mentor Program Coordinator in July.
- We continue to promote and work with the technology providers from the Living Library. Please check us out and consider adding a lesson or classroom activity. www.livinglibrary.us
- We will be happy to come to your regions to explain retired membership and what the retired program does. Just be in touch with me to set a date and work out the details.

Please see our website, which is regularly updated, at www.ieanea.org/members/retired.

As always, contact us if you have questions or needs as it relates to IEA-Retired.

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