WEAC Region 10/Retired Vision and Mission Statements:

The vision of WEAC Region 10/Retired is an engaged community of advocates for promoting quality public education and the common good.
The mission of WEAC Region 10/Retired is to advocate for the security of its members, make connections that will unite communities, and foster quality, evidence-based public education.

WEAC Region 10/Retired Goal for 2019-2020: Engage 20% of our members to elect a pro-public education President of the United States in 2020.

Theme: Assist our members in becoming informed about the presidential candidates and their positions on public education issues. NEA’s 2020 election website is: educationvotes.nea.org

1) Welcome – President Ginny Bosse

2) Call to Order

3) Approval of the Minutes of the May 9, 2019, WEAC Region 10/Retired Annual Meeting

4) Remarks by WEAC President Ron “Duff” Martin

5) Reports of the WEAC Region 10/Retired Executive Committee (Available at www.region10.weac.org)
   a. President, Ginny Bosse
   b. Vice President, Tom Zigan
   c. Secretary/Treasurer, Carol Krogmann
   d. Membership Coordinator, Mary Jarvis
   e. At-Large Representative, Marlene Ott

6) Discussion/Information Items
   a. Introduction of the WEAC Region 10/Retired Board of Directors
   b. Call for donations to the WEAC PAC
   c. Introduction of the Retired WEAC Delegates to the 2020 NEA RA
   d. Call for donations to the NEA Children’s Fund

7) Action Item
   a. 2020 Proposed Amendments to the WEAC Region 10/Retired Constitution and Bylaws

8) Announcements

9) Adjournment
The meeting was called to order by President Ginny Bosse at 8:31 a.m. President Bosse welcomed and thanked all members and their guests for their attendance. She announced the WEAC Region 10/Retired Annual Meeting is required by constitution. President Bosse thanked the guests from NEA-Retired and the WEAC Leadership Team for attending; as retirees, we appreciate having these leaders join us today.

President Bosse also thanked the representatives present from both WEA Member Benefits and WEA Trust for their continued financial support of the Annual Conference.

Approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting on May 10, 2018, as printed, was moved by Carol Krogmann, seconded by Kay Krause. Motion carried.

NEA-Retired President Sarah Borgman was introduced by President Bosse. Sarah has been traveling for two weeks attending meetings with NEA-Retired members. There are 320,000 NEA-Retired members. Our meeting is her last stop before she returns to her Indiana home. NEA-Retired President Borgman will share NEA-Retired news as the keynote speaker at lunch.

Education Minnesota Retired President Julie Jagusch was also introduced by President Bosse. After greeting all of us with “Good Morning”, Julie stated that she was very happy to be here for our meeting. There has been initial discussion about planning a joint membership meeting with WEAC-Retired and Education Minnesota Retired. The officers will meet in the future to scope out the possibility of such a combined meeting. Julie said most of their meetings are held in the Twin Cities but they try to do regional meetings. Sometimes those meetings have been canceled due to a lack of participants. They experience some of the same membership challenges that we also realize.

WEAC President Ron “Duff” Martin thanked Ginny and Tom for the invitation to join the retirees. He emphasized that he has known quite a few WEAC retirees for many years. Duff introduce Becky Bachman who will serve as the WEAC Conference Coordinator following the retirement of Dianne Hellenbrand. Becky has already been busy assisting the Executive Committee and the Public Relations Committee as they prepare for today's annual meeting and conference.

Duff shared the excitement about the election of Tony Evers as Governor of Wisconsin. It was an important victory, but now our education friendly governor needs our support in this state’s hostile environment. The state legislature is not working for the people of Wisconsin; the GOP leadership only wants to strengthen their power, for example, the JFC is set to gut the Evers’ budget. Other exciting news is that the 2020 DNC will be held in Milwaukee in July. Wisconsin is a pivotal state in determining who will win the presidency next year. WEAC will continue to endorse candidates who support public education and the labor movement.
Duff shared his motto of “Respecting Our Past, Claiming Our Future”. He highlighted several retirees who had encouraged and helped him on resolutions and other leadership activities. He stated that he is proud to serve as president of the largest labor union in Wisconsin. Duff ended by saying, “Thanks, Have a great conference!”

WEAC Vice President Peggy Wirtz-Olsen looks forward to the retiree conference. She emphasized that today is a day of learning. It is difficult to choose between so many interesting sessions. She supports our activities and efforts as she views the retirees as a membership group that built the union. As we build advocacy, we should connect with those who we know in our former local. She shared the effectiveness of the WEAC leadership team as they work together. Peggy said she was proud to be part of our group today.

President’s Report: Ginny Bosse began by stating what an honor it is to serve as president for the retired members of WEAC. She introduced the other members of the WEAC Region 10/Retired Executive Committee. While attending the Summer Leadership Academy last summer, the Executive Committee worked on goals for 2019-2020, which included updating the membership contacts and increasing membership participation.

As of May 6th, our retired membership totals 11,941. We had 46 retired delegates who volunteered for the 2019 WEAC RA and 13 elected retired delegates for the 2019 NEA RA in Houston.

One goal is to increase the frequency of emailing the KITOL, Keeping in Touch Online newsletter. The next KITOL is due out on May 29th. Another goal is to increase participation in the WEAC PAC, the WEAC conduit, and the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education.

If your local retired chapter has local events, contact anyone on the Executive Committee and we can post that information on the website and in the KITOL.

Vice President’s Report: Tom Zigan, as the Liaison for the PR Committee, shared his experiences serving on the committee working to plan this conference. He serves as an alternate to the WEAC Board and “other duties as assigned”. Additionally, Tom, as a member of the WEA Academy Board, shared updates on the activities available for retirees through the WEA Academy. He also encouraged voluntary financial support for the WEA Academy.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report: Carol Krogmann presented the 2018-2019 WEAC-Retired financial statement as of April 30, 2019. Moved by Krogmann, seconded by Mary Bell to approve the financial report, as printed. After discussion about the income source and about some expenses, the motion to approve the report passed. One suggestion is to include a line item stating the source and the amount of our operating funds. WEAC Region 10/Retired received $50,000 annual operating funds for 2018-2019 by action at the 2018 WEAC RA when the RA adopted the proposed WEAC Budget.

After eight months of activity, the year-to-date expenses are $12,606.58, which is 25% of the total budget. Remaining expenses for this year include mileage, lodging, and meals for retired
delegates to the WEAC RA, the last Board Meeting on May 8th and the Annual Meeting and Conference on May 9th. Also, the stipends for 13 retired delegates to the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting will be distributed in June. The region was able to operate within those budgeted funds last year and is on track to do so again this year.

The 2018-2019 Grant Account balance, as of May 6, 2019, was $17,084.90.

Please keep your contact information updated. You can email corrections to membership@weac.org or to me or any other Executive Committee member. Also, you can contact your Executive Committee with your concerns and/or suggestions. Our email addresses are located on the website at: region10.weac.org

Membership Coordinator’s Report: Mary Jarvis reported that our membership numbers have gone from 11,837 to 11,941 which is an increase of 104 members. Additionally, 157 pre-retired members have joined as lifetime members. Thank you to all who helped with the successful “Join Now and Save” membership campaign. As members, please keep your contact information current with WEAC. The online survey from the ACE Committee group was emailed on April 22, 2019; please complete the survey and share your suggestions and ideas.

At-Large Representative’s Report: Marleen Ott is a member of the Executive Committee and serves as a delegate to the WEAC RA. She is available to report on specific topics as assigned by President Bosse. Marlene encouraged all present today to participate with the WEAC PAC; it is so important so get other retired members to donate. Marlene also keeps our group informed about the activities of the Wisconsin Alliance of Retired Americans.

WEAC Governance Liaison’s Report: Kim Schroeder, WEAC Secretary -Treasurer, also serves as Governance Liaison for the retirees. He is impressed that the retirees do so much. He commented about the election commitment by retirees, the local retired chapter activities, the endless meetings retirees attend, and the super involvement in community work. The retirees are really doing retirement positively. Kin stated, “Seriously, thank you to the retired WEAC members. You are fearless and so committed. Keep up the activity, WEAC still needs you.”

Action Item: Endorsement of Ginny Bosse as an NEA-Retired candidate for the NEA Resolutions Committee was moved by the WEAC Region 10/Retired Board of Directors. Vice President Zigan led the discussion. Mike Lipp moved the endorsement by unanimous consent, seconded by Tom Zigan. Motion passed.

Discussion/Information Items:

a. Introduction of the WEAC region 10/Retired Board of Directors

The directors and alternates, in addition to the Executive Committee, present today are: Bill Stuessel, Janice Kienbaum, Karen Lach, Lucy Nefstead, Julie Hannon, Kim Jordan, Vicki Burke, Christy Anderson Joe Hanser, Linda Rieson, and Allen Knop.

b. The thirteen 2019 retired NEA RA and NEA-Retired Annual Meeting delegates are: Ginny Bosse, Allen Knop, Kay Krause, Carol Krogmann, Karen Lach, Dianne Lang, Lucy Nefstead, David
(Skip) Niedfeldt, Marlene Ott, Pat Schmidt, Carol Sims, Diane Slivka, and Tom Zigan. Conference attendees were asked to consider making a contribution to the NEA Fund on behalf of these retired NEA RA delegates.

c. Diane Slivka, Chairperson of the PR Committee, spoke about the work done by the committee to prepare for the conference. She explained the logistics of the conference. Diane explained the procedures for the silent auction, which closes at 1:00 p.m., and the donations for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. These NEA PAC funds are used for national elections. Diane also introduced the 2018-19 Public Relations Committee members: Diane Slivka, Chairperson, Mary Fortier, Jon Ingle, Debbie Kadon, Mike Lipp, Glenn Schmidt, and Tom Zigan as the Liaison for Region 10/Retired Board. Diane also expressed the gratitude of the committee for Becky Bachman, the WEAC Conference Coordinator.

**Announcements:** Even though she has already retired and was not present, we recognized and expressed gratitude to Dianne Hellenbrand, upon her retirement. Also, since this was Diane Slivka’s sixth and last year as the amazing leader for the PR Committee, Vice President Zigan presented her with a basket of flowers and our appreciation. Then, Diane emphasized that conference planning was a great team effort.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Krogmann

Secretary/Treasurer

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The COVID-19 pandemic continually makes each of us think about what is truly important in our lives. We are a part of WEAC, but WEAC isn’t as essential to us now as it is to active members. All of our WEAC officers and staff are incredibly caring, as well as amazingly competent! They have needed to reinvent the way our union accomplishes what needs to be done as a labor union, while at the same time helping each active member reinvent how they educate their students in order to do it from home. I sincerely hope all of our members realize how blessed we are to be a part of this vibrant organization!

As a union, labor laws dictate how our meetings must be conducted. Our WEAC Region 10/Retired Board has met three times so far this year, on September 18th, November 12th, and March 3rd. Our fourth and final Board meeting was scheduled for May 6th, the day before our Annual Meeting and Conference was to be held. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the Conference, and the final Board meeting was postponed (date TBD) and, like our postponed Annual Meeting, will also be held as a Zoom meeting. If our Annual Meeting were an RA, the rules would be much more stringent!

I am extremely happy that there are several Constitution and Bylaws amendments to be voted on during our Annual Meeting! One of them returns us to our original name, WEAC-Retired, which will be less confusing to potential members as well as to our current members, especially those who retired before WEAC’s reorganization into Regions after Act 10! All of the proposed amendments are supported by the Board of Directors.

As Region 10 President, I represent us on the WEAC Board of Directors. The Budget and Finance Committee, my Board committee assignment, generally meets on the Friday evening before each regular Board meeting. Because I am a compulsive note taker, I volunteered to write the Minutes of the meetings. The WEAC Board met face-to-face in September and November and via Zoom in January. The February WEAC Board meeting was the last face-to-face meeting for the foreseeable future. The last Board meeting is scheduled for June 13th. With the number of additional Board meetings needed because of the challenges the coronavirus has posed, we can at least be thankful for the technology that gets us together virtually! This is equally true for the teaching and learning that has been going on at home!

We have 48 retired delegates to the Saturday, May 23rd WEAC RA, once again the largest delegation. Because of the Zoom format, the agenda is abbreviated, but covers the essential items like the 2020-2021 WEAC Budget and setting dues for 2020-2021. All delegates should attend the virtual WEAC Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13th.

We have 13 retired delegates to the 2020 NEA RA and NEA-R Annual Meeting. Planning a union RA of around 8,000 delegates has been a definite challenge, but our awesome NEA officers, Board and staff were up to it! Also an abbreviated virtual meeting, the NEA RA will be held on July 2nd and 3rd, and elections and voting on the budget, dues, and other necessary items will be done via USPS. Before the first day of the RA, there will be three WEAC Caucus meetings via Zoom that all WI delegates must attend.

One new event took place this year, a Joint Conference with Education Minnesota Retired on November 19th. It was enjoyed, and considered a great success, by each of the 73 people in attendance. A huge thank you to Vice President Tom Zigan and WEAC staff member Becky Bachman, the two who spearheaded the planning, and to all who helped in any way – and to all those who attended!

Ginny Bosse, President
As WEAC-Retired Vice President, my main focus was to work with the Public Relations Committee as the Board Liaison, as it prepared for the Retired Annual Meeting and Conference. It was set to be held at the Marriott Milwaukee West on May 7, 2020. Glenn Schmidt, chair of the PR Committee, and its committee members, Jon Ingle, Mary Fortier, Diane Lang, Mimi Aspan, Debbie Kadon, and WEAC Conference Coordinator, Becky Bachman, all worked diligently to contact and book speakers, walk-through the conference site to finalize room and dining menus with the banquet staff, and set-up registration, along with on-going publicity for it. Due to the health crisis, the conference needed to be cancelled. It is hoped that many of the scheduled speakers from this year will be able to be part of the conference next May. Debbie Kadon who had worked for a number of years helping to organize this conference passed away earlier this year and will be missed.

I did organize our first-ever joint-state conference with Education Minnesota Retired in Eau Claire on November 19, 2019. John Stocks was the keynote speaker and spoke about the interference from other countries into our 2020 election through social media. Sarah Borgman, NEA-Retired President also addressed the audience. There were various break-out sessions, lunch, and door prizes. The conference was attended by nearly 75 people and Minnesota expressed an interest in hosting a similar conference with us in November 2020, if possible.

This year, I continued my work as a Board member of the WEA Academy (www.weaacademy.org). In doing so, I worked to make sure there were offerings of interest to retired members, including a variety of courses and book studies.

Finally, I was asked to read and score applications for the Kohl Fellowship Award again this year, which I did in January. Those who received a fellowship are now in nomination for Teacher of the Year.

Submitted by Tom Zigan

WEAC-Retired Vice President
As WEAC Region 10/Retired Secretary/Treasurer, I facilitate much of the correspondence between the President, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, the Retired Chapter Presidents, the Governance Liaison, and the retired members. Ten days prior to a scheduled WEAC Region 10/Retired Board meeting, the agenda, the minutes (prepared by the secretary) of the previous meeting and all written reports are emailed and/or given to all directors and alternates on the Board. Most reports are also emailed to the presidents of the retired chapters so they can share the information with their members.

Each year, prior to the September Board meeting a calendar draft is prepared by the secretary, then it is discussed and edited with the Executive Committee. After that the calendar is brought to the entire Board for approval. My correspondence activities sometimes include keeping in touch with members or others in NEA and/or WEAC- Retired and active membership who may be ill. This year, we experienced both the illness and passing of two retired current board and committee members. They were: Debbie Kadon, age 68, Green Bay, who passed away on March 4, 2020 and Barb Grabow, age 76, Monroe, who passed away on March 7, 2020. They both had served as WEAC RA delegates, as Board members, and on WEAC and WEAC-Retired committees. They both have attended and helped many years at the Annual Conference. Also, passing this year was Bob Gustafson, age 76, Webster, who passed away on Dec. 3, 2019. Bob was a former NEA Director; he continued to be active with local and state WEAC- Retired and community events. George Alafouzos, age 80, Wausau, passed away on April 14, 2020. George was actively involved in WEAC- Retired including attendance at the Annual meetings. Debbie, Barb, Bob, and George, each, are greatly missed.

WEAC Region 10/Retired does not officially have a budget of its own – our annual funding is provided by a line item in the WEAC Budget. That funding for operations is approved by the WEAC RA and overseen by Executive Director Bob Baxter and WEAC President Ron “Duff” Martin. The fiduciary responsibility is covered through the WEAC Region 10/Retired Board and the WEAC Board.

The annual operating line item appropriated by the delegates at the WEAC RA on April 27, 2019 was $50,000. Our Region 10/Retired was able to operate within those operating funds the past two years and we are on track to do so again this year.

As treasurer, it is my responsibility to analyze/interpret the financial statements received from WEAC accounting. Explanations are requested when an expense seems larger than anticipated or when an expense was unexpected. I receive a year-to-date itemized ledger listing expenses in the designated accounts. I monitor the expenses so we have operating funds for the entire year. Our fiscal year is from September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2020. At each WEAC Region 10/Retired Board meeting a copy of the financial statement is shared with the directors on the Board. Details regarding funds that have been spent and the funds left for the rest of the year for our activities are explained. The Board then votes whether to approve the financial report.

As of April 30, 2020, from our annual operating funds of $50,000, WEAC Region 10/Retired has spent year to date $32,653.60, which after eight months (67%) is about 65% of our total annual amount.

This has been a unique year regarding our expenses. Our last face to face Board meeting was at the WEAC building on March 3, 2020; we had expenses for food, mileage and limited lodging.
Region10/Retired had three Board meetings: on September 18th, November 12th, and March 3rd. The PR Committee had two face-to-face meetings and one conference call. The ACE Committee met four times. Many events since early March have been either canceled or rescheduled as virtual meetings. Our travel expenses are under $19,000 which is down only slightly. Our lodging expenses are way down since we did not house any delegates for the 2020 WEAC RA and we had one less Board meeting than last year. Our meals are about the same as in other years. Since our annual conference was canceled, we did refund the support contributions made for that conference. We shared some food and venue expenses for the WEAC-Retired/Education Minnesota Retired Joint Conference in Eau Claire on November 19, 2019.

Another savings that we experienced this year is that we will not be paying any stipends for our retired delegates to attend the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting; instead of two days in Atlanta it will now be two days of two-hour Zoom meetings.

An expense this year that was larger than anticipated was the cost to run two elections. The external printing costs were almost three times what I anticipated. However, the election for NEA RA in 2020 was for three years so the expense for that election will not occur again until January 2023. Along with the extra printing costs was the extra cost of mailing the ballots and conference details to almost 12,000 retirees.

An expense unique to our present situation with Covid-19 was the participation of retired members in the all member tele-town hall call on April 22nd. The cost of the service provider to contact all our retirees was $2,145. Tele-town hall calls are expensive; the cost increases as more members are invited to be on the call. Therefore, WEAC does not do these calls very often.

The Zoom call has little to no expense. WEAC already has the Zoom subscription. The main difference is that people have to register and then log on themselves with Zoom. Also, WEAC has Christina Brey or someone else with the knowledge to manage the Zoom meeting. Besides the lower cost, Zoom offers the ability to be on the computer, rather than just the phone, which for RAs and/or the Annual Meeting is preferred.

Although not part of the $50,000 annual operating account approved by the WEAC RA, this is an opportunity to report on our Deferred Income-NEA Grants Account, with a current balance of $17,084.90. The unspent balance in this account carries over into the next year.

As of May 18, 2020, sixty-five retired members have contributed $2,740 to the WEAC PAC.

Carol Krogmann
Secretary/Treasurer
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2020 NEA RA and NEA-Retired Annual Meeting Delegates (Retired) with their delegate/NEA/WEAC membership ID# and their email address.

Thank you for donating to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. This NEA PAC fund is used for federal election activity. It is not tax deductible. When you donate to the NEA Fund, you have the opportunity to credit your contribution to one or more of the thirteen 2020 WEAC Region 10/Retired NEA RA delegates. Included below is a list of those retired delegates with their ID number and their email address. If you wish, you can email the delegate that he/she was credited for the donation.

Please mail your contribution to: WEAC, Attn: Kim Schroeder, P.O. BOX 8003, Madison, WI 53708-8003 or to: Carol Krogmann, 2342 S. Sunnyslope Road, New Berlin, WI 53151-3068. If you want your donation credited to someone else, please include that person’s name with your donation. If you have questions, please call Carol Krogmann at: 262-894-2496.

The 2020 retired NEA RA delegates are:

1. Mary Bell -- # 3084921 -- rapidsbell@tds.net
2. Ginny Bosse -- # 3150314 -- gbosse@live.com
3. Britt Hall -- # 3134945 -- britt-hall@sbcglobal.net
4. Robert J. Henning -- # 3104900 -- rhenning4065@gmail.com
5. Mary Jarvis -- # 3105435 -- mejar@aol.com
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8. Marlene Ott -- # 3077405 -- solidarity.ott@gmail.com
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12. William (Bill) Stuessel -- # 5006043 -- wstuessel@yahoo.com
13. Tom Zigan -- # 3079643 -- tomzigan@aol.com

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2019-20 Membership Coordinator and ACE Committee Annual Meeting Report
May 28, 2020
Respectfully Submitted by Mary Jarvis, Membership Coordinator

The Membership Coordinator report and the ACE Committee report have been combined for your convenience.

- Our current membership retention remains stable with our WEAC-Retired membership at 11,842.

The 2019-20 ACE Committee’s overall Charges are to assess, update and revitalize the ACE Committee teams of Alliance, Communication and Engagement.

A. creating an updated version of a WEAC-Retired membership survey
B. implementing ways to promote the “Join Now & Save” campaign to increase membership
C. assessing the current Display Board with needed updates
D. engaging members and potential members at the chapter and state levels
E. increasing the visibility of Region 10/Retired (WEAC-Retired) to the Actives

A. The WEAC-Retired Membership Survey has been finalized and ready for distribution to all members that have a working email address. Dissemination will be done soon.

B. As part of the Join Now & Save Campaign a retired member personally managed a membership table along with the updated display board at all main WEAC and WEAC-Retired events until Aug. 31, 2019.

The Join Now & Save handout was created for the in-person table and various mailings. It was emailed to all 2019 retirees. Leaders were also encouraged to promote the campaign statewide and locally. The campaign ended August 31, 2019, when NEA-Retired increased their dues.

C. The current Display Board has been updated with pictures; membership information & the NEA-Retired dues increase of $50. The 2019-20 Membership Form was updated to reflect the NEA-Retired increase.

The 2019-20 NEA & WEAC dues are currently at $475 Lifetime Educational Professional (Teacher), $387.50 (ESP). Note: there are some chapter dues updates as well.

D. The Join Now & Save Flyer has now been updated to the “Did You Know” flyer and can be used with mailings, events and the updated table display board when regular, in-person meetings have resumed. Let me know if you would like some copies.

All members with working emails were asked to update their contact information. We are pleased to announce we had over 180 responses. This is a project that is continually in process. If your contact information changes, please, notify WEAC by Email membership@weac.org or call: 800-362-8034 Ext. 507.

E. The ACE Committee has started WEAC-Retired pictures file. If you have pictures from events that feature WEAC-members, let me know. Please know they will only be shared internally with WEAC or WEAC-R communication.

Because of the pandemic, the WEAC-Retired Survey Summary has been delayed, but is ready to be disseminated soon to all WEAC-Retired members, who have a working email. We believe you will find the survey interesting and useful for informing and engaging current and potential members.

A map of our WEAC-Retired chapters throughout the state will soon be added to our website. We think you will find this map useful for identifying chapter locations and contact information. Check it out!

F. I repeat: If your contact information changes, notify by Email membership@weac.org or call: 800-362-8034 Ext. 507.

Thank you for reading this report!
As the At-Large Representative my position includes serving on the Executive Committee, being a delegate to the WEAC RA, sharing news from WiARA, and reporting on specific topics as assigned by President Bosse. Encouraging retirees to be supporters of public education and the quality of life for the middle class is part of my political agenda. Political action has never been more important for retirees.

I also serve as liaison to the Wisconsin Alliance of Retired Americans. It has been a busy year with a very successful Fall Awards Luncheon. The group has hired Alex Brower as its new Executive Director. Alex started on May 15.

The Alliance has been involved as a party in two cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. As president of WiARA, I was among four retired citizens asking for an all Vote by Mail election in May to protect vulnerable senior citizens from the deadly Corona-19 virus. As we expected, we lost that case, but we are carrying it forward to the next level where it may play a role in attempts to expand Vote by Mail to the fall elections.

We also filed an Amicus Brief in the case which was heard May 5, by the Wisconsin Supreme Court presented by Republican legislators to curb Governor Evers’ and Secretary of Health Andrea Palm’s authority to issue stay at home orders. One justice went so far as to claim that this order was equivalent to the moving of Japanese Americans into crude barracks during WWII! The Chief Justice said our opposition was irrelevant because the people getting sick in the Green Bay meat packing plant didn’t count because they weren’t regular people. Considering the makeup of the court, we knew that getting this case tossed was also a long shot but one which had to be challenged. We lost but were pleasantly surprised that the vote was 4-3 with one of the conservatives voting against the Republican challenge. Future Wisconsin Supreme Court decisions will be made after the newly elected Justice Jill Jarofsky is seated, so we can hope we will have some surprises in our future.

Marlene Ott
2019-2020 WEAC Region 10/Retired Board of Directors
(as of 05/20/2020)

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Constitution Amendment 1:
Throughout the WEAC Region 10/Retired Constitution, “WEAC-Retired” will replace “WEAC Region 10/Retired” each place WEAC Region 10/Retired is written.

Rationale: Going back to the name in our original 1994 Constitution and Bylaws, which we are still called in the WEAC Constitution and Bylaws, makes sense. WEAC-Retired was our name for 20+ years and states who we are clearly to our members and potential members.

Submitted by: WEAC Region 10/Retired Executive Committee

Recommendation by: The WEAC Region 10/Retired Board recommends approval.

Vote required: a 2/3 affirmative vote of members voting at the 2020 Annual Meeting (date TBD)

Bylaw Amendment 1:
Throughout the WEAC Region 10/Retired Bylaws, “WEAC-Retired” will replace “WEAC Region 10/Retired” each place WEAC Region 10/Retired is found.

Rationale: Going back to the name in our original 1994 Constitution and Bylaws, which we are still called in the WEAC Constitution and Bylaws, makes sense. WEAC-Retired was our name for 20+ years and states who we are clearly to our members and potential members.

Submitted by: WEAC Region 10/Retired Executive Committee

Recommended by: The WEAC Region 10/Retired Board recommends approval.

Vote required: a majority affirmative vote of members voting at 2020 Annual Meeting (date TBD)
Bylaw Amendment 2:

BYLAW V – TERMS AND SUCCESSION

4. Whenever the position of Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Membership Coordinator or At-Large Representative shall become vacant between elections, the members of the WEAC Region 10/Retired WEAC-Retired Board of Directors shall elect one of their members to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Should no Board member be willing to serve, the Board may elect another WEAC Region 10/Retired WEAC-Retired member to fill the vacancy.

Implementation language to expire after the next scheduled WEAC Region 10/Retired statewide election: Before August 31, 2015, the WEAC Region 10/Retired President will facilitate the election of the Membership Coordinator and At-Large Representative by the WEAC Region 10/Retired Board of Directors. Those elected will serve from September 1, 2015 until the next scheduled election results are certified.

Rationale: This implementation language was needed when the Executive Committee offices of Membership Coordinator and At-Large Representative were created. The directive was followed and is no longer necessary.

Submitted by: WEAC Region 10/Retired Executive Committee

Recommendation by: The WEAC Region 10/Retired Board recommends approval.

Vote required: a majority affirmative vote of members voting at 2020 Annual Meeting (date TBD)

Bylaw Amendment 3:

BYLAW VI - ELECTIONS

1. The President shall appoint an Elections Committee which shall establish review the election procedures which of each election, guarantee that all elections shall provide for open nominations, act as observers during the counting of ballots, and certify the results.

In such cases where the number of candidates exceeds the number of positions available, or where write-in candidates are allowed, an election shall be held.

Rationale: The WEAC runs the elections for WEAC-Retired. The WEAC-Retired Election Committee should serve as observers so they are able to attest to the accuracy of the results.

Submitted by: WEAC Region 10/Retired Executive Committee

Recommendation by: The WEAC Region 10/Retired Board recommends approval.

Vote required: a majority affirmative vote of members voting at 2020 Annual Meeting (date TBD)