IEA was represented at the NEA-Retired annual meeting and the NEA Representative Assembly by eleven IEA-Retired members; Jim Duffy, Jack Tucker, Mae Smith, Pearl Mack, Ross Dill, Sharon Pier-scioneck, Bob Kaplan, Linda Walcher, Loretta Tisdel, JoAnne Kenner, and Janet Kilgus. Also participating as self-funded members were Judy Dill, Gene Craig, Dave Kilgus and pre-retired member Rainy Kaplan.

This two-day business meeting included reports from: NEA-Retired President Tom Curran; the NEA Res-olutions Committee; NEA Grants; an update from NEA General Counsel Alice O’Brien along with the NEA Finance Committee report.

Attendees were also addressed by NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia; NEA Vice President Becky Pringle; NEA Secretary-Treasurer Princess Moss; and Director of NEA Government Relations Mary Kusler.

Awards
The NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award was presented to Ulysses Floyd from Florida. The Jack Kinnaman Memorial Scholarship was presented to two student members studying to be teachers. The $542 contribution by IEA-Retired Illinois was one of the highest among retired groups in other states.

Elections
The elections of Mae Smith to the NEA Board of Directors and Ross Dill to the NEA Resolutions Committee among the top highlights of the meeting. In other elections, John Jensen was re-elected in a close race as vice-president of NEA-Retired, Marilyn Warner from Florida was elected to the other open NEA Board of Directors seat, Sarah Borgman was re-elected to the NEA-Retired Executive Council and Linda McCrary was elected to an open seat on the council.

The other five resolutions committee members elected were Charlotte Green, Judy Rohde, Ron Moss, Sidney Kardon and Sandra Hatley.

There were 13 new business items to consider at this year’s meeting. Click here to review the new business items. NBI 1 became NBI 10 and passed with no opposing speakers with a $15,000 cost assignment.

Pension security, as well as Medicare and Social Security, were hot topics throughout the meeting. Visit the NEA Retirement Security Resources website regularly to keep informed with up-to-date information on the national level.

IEA-Retired Chair Janet Kilgus participated in a retired state presidents’ meeting at the conclusion of the business on the first day.
**NEA Fund**

IEA-Retired marked another successful fundraising effort for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education during the retired meeting and at the Illinois caucus meetings during the NEA RA which followed July 2-7.

IEA-Retired delegates contributed the second highest amount per delegate in the Illinois caucus at $504.63 per delegate. IEA-Retired Chair Janet Kilgus was the highest contributor from Illinois.

Additionally, the retired delegates took up a collection to assist the two student delegates with their PAC contributions.

The highlight for many at the RA was the speech by Democratic candidate for President Hillary Clinton. The secret ballot vote by the delegates gave an 84.1 percent decision in favor of the endorsement of Hillary Clinton.

Visit [NEA's website](http://www.nea.org) for more about the NEA RA.

[IEA-Retired annual meeting minutes](http://www.ieanea.org/members/retired).