

Dear Friends of Retired Educators of Idaho,

Introduction:

In enjoying our hiatus from the winter months, that which we are always actively engaged during the summer months, we are about as stoic as petrified wood. Most of you have already met with your elected officials and have prepared plans for 2020/2021 unit's agendas. Because of Covid-19, there has and will be changes affecting how we operate. The reality is that the REA of I being in the high-risk group we stand about as much chance of surviving the virus as trying to support a drug habit on a MacDonald's salary. I can't exemplify enough the need for caution and safety!

Business:

We as a Board, have some items that we want to share with all of you. I will present them to you in the order of priority. We need to have immediate feedback on some of the items listed so that we can act upon them as soon as possible.

1. **Grant Application to National Retired Teacher's Association**
 - A. Our Executive Director has told us of money available of up to \$3,000 per State because of the Covid-19 disruption...will be allocated to help those who wish to receive it for their respective needs and goals to be achieved.
 - B. AMBA will set up a Facebook page for us free of charge called **"2020 Membership campaign"**
 - C. The ideas could help funding for requisites to bolster our membership, such as in the form of videos, newspaper ads, brochures, travel, meetings or a license for ZOOM Conferencing.
 - D. The Grant must be written and submitted within 7 days. Those suggestions need to reach Barbara quickly **ASAP**, send to: < bearconsul@aol.com >
2. **AARP Virtual Fraud Seminar**
 - A. You are invited to participate in this endeavor. About 20 of our membership (should you volunteer) will engage in sort of a Lab rat experiment online in which you will be convinced of a fraud. This should be informative and fun to be a part of the equation.
 - B. The seminar will take place on Tues. June 23rd. Please allow time to sign up with Barb.
 - C. Contact Barbara for the details to sign up. <bearconsul@aol.com>
3. **AMBA, Facebook Page**
 - A. Mr. Greg Mowery, the representative for Idaho, has offered a way for us to perhaps enlarge our membership.
 - B. AMBA will set up a Facebook page for us free of charge called **"2020 Membership campaign"**
 - C. They have done this for other State organizations, Example: Missouri Retired Educator's Association sent out 2,000 soon-to-be-retired teachers impressions. Results were 350+ new members.
 - D. We don't think this needs voter approval, other than the REA of I Board approval and if it does not work, we can pull it, if we decide to go with it.
4. **Off- Year Conference in Boise in August Cancelled!**
 - A. Because of Covid-19, Barbara has informed us that the AAPR Building will not be available in August to host our meeting for the Executive Board, Committee Chairs and Presidents.
 - B. We will set up a ZOOM Meeting Conference on that day. The Board and Committee Chairs are instructed to attend at the convenience of you home computers. There must be a quorum to conduct business.
 - C. One can familiarize yourself with an easy online tutorial if you go to **"You Tube"** and visit it. <https://blog.zoom.us/?1705>
 - D. Once the meeting is set...one will get a number to call on a specific time and date and another number to dial on your phone. That's it; you will then be part of the group. People will be able to see your face and you will be able to see them. People will also be able to talk with one another.
 - E. An agenda and time schedule will be e-mailed to you prior to the Conference. Presidents will have to inform all of their unit if they want to see it.
 - F. We will conduct business as normal as possible; we can create motions and discuss them, as well as voter input.
 - G. All membership can sit in on the meeting; they just won't be able to participate in discussions and voting.

Your Executive Board of Petrified Wooden Heads,

Mona, Stan, Barbara, Lois, Pat

(Contact us through the REA of I Website link) click on Leadership for questions.