

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
May 8, 2025
Two Rivers Steak and Fish House, Pasadena, MD**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Co-President Doyle.

Pledge to the Flag: Rick Wiles led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greetings and Introductions: Co-President Doyle welcomed our guests:

- First Time Attendees
 - Barbara Nixon
- Emeritus Attendee
 - Jeanne Hawes
- Special Guests
 - Scholarship Winner: Abigail Jeffers and Parents Julie & Roland Jeffers
 - MRSPA President Betty Weller
 - Area II North Director MRSPA Nancy Gordon
 - Voices in Melody Chorus

Memorial Service

Millie Gardner & Linda Poole led the Memorial service which included readings, poetry and The Voices in Melody musical selections led by Terry Stackley.

Business Meeting

Minutes

Sharyn Doyle shared the minutes posted on our website from February 13, 2025, and asked attendees to accept the minutes as posted. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Our membership is less than projected which will impact the budget. There is a carryover from the last budget for our scholarship committee, \$23,766.32 balance. Scholarship funds will continue to be collected through June, and additional amounts from membership dues April-June will increase the amount available for scholarships in 2026. The Free School budget continues to be good. The Gunson Fund has been converted to CDs earning 4%. The FY2026 proposed budget was presented to the membership.

Anthony Anzalone shared a tribute to Max Muller for his years of service as treasurer for AARSPA.

*Note: An electronic vote was later taken on the budget approval with full approval.

Committee Reports Co-President Anzalone now led the meeting

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported the chorus was established in 1962. It continues to share music with local organizations. They are a diverse group that includes members who are more than just musically trained. Four concerts remain this year and rehearsals will continue on Tuesdays after a brief break. Two members were recognized in the Memorial Service.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley announced the 5 scholarship winners

- Abigail Jeffers, Severna Park H.S.
- Holden Fontaine, Southern H.S.
- Charlotte Crabtree, Broadneck H.S.
- Lexis Gamble, Arundel H.S.
- Shyann Giunta, North County H.S.

Ms. Barckley shared several thank you messages from the scholarship winners unable to attend our luncheon. She shared that there was \$125 from the Eastern Shore meeting and the fundraiser at Ram's Head, \$101. She reminded us of the upcoming fundraisers.

Membership Committee

Leslie Schell shared that 60 people attended the Eastern Shore luncheon on April 11th. She stated that the meeting was very successful. Ms. Schell and Susan Baugher planned two pre-retirement meetings. The May 1st meeting was poorly attended. The second meeting on May 22, will be at the Severna Park Library.

Legislative Committee

Virginia Crespo stated that AARSPA participation is strong at the state level. Ms. Crespo shared information about the current bills and budget at the state level. The state has \$3 billion dollars deficit. She stated that 1/10 federal employees live in Maryland. The school Blue Print is very important to the state and they will support funding for it. There is a shortage of teachers and there are 1,000-5,000 vacancies. The healthcare benefit we have is not negotiable, so pay close attention to the developments. What can we do? Ms. Crespo provided a list of senators and representatives for Maryland. She stated that contact by phone, email, and even visits will allow the representatives and senators to know how their constituents see the current issues. See attached document.

Free School Museum

Karlie Everett reported that the Open House activities have been planned which include a slide show of the school's renovations and reading to children. If you need additional information, contact Karlie Everett for information about the events at The Free School. See attached. Ms. Everette stated that Bob Kanach is checking the water pump at the school every week. She shared that Mr. Kanach has also placed candles in the attic window for the 250th celebration of Paul Revere's ride, April 18, 2025.

Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner thanked Bob Kanach and his wife for labeling all of The Informers to be mailed for the last edition. The location scheduled for this group labeling fell through.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley stopped the committee reports to introduce Abigail Jeffers and her parents. Abigail was unable to thank the organization due to tonsillitis. Ms. Barckley read her message to the group.

Community Service/Consumer Education

Phyllis Cherry thanked the membership for their support of Animal Care and Control, nursing homes, and school supplies. School supplies will be collected in the fall. Ms. Cherry reported that a teacher at North Glen Elementary won the mini-grant provided by AARSPA to complete her music project with needy kids. We just installed a Little Free Library at Deale Elementary and would be interested in supplying one for a daycare center in a high poverty area. Suggestions were solicited. Ms. Cherry reported that a group, NEON, is in need of volunteers on Wednesdays to pack food boxes for needy families.

Ms. Cherry also alerted the members of the group about the dangers of overheated medications. She shared some side effects caused by medicinal overheating. She urged us to never leave medications in our cars.

Trips and Travel

Mr. Stawas made the report for the committee. He shared that the Cherry Blossom trip was fun, but there were no cherry blossoms on the trees. The next trip is Buddy Holly on September 6, 2025. Currently there are 13 people registered. He also stated that to look in the next Informer for the Christmas trip.

Election of Officers

Sharyn Doyle announced the slate of officers and asked for any other individuals on the floor who should be added to the slate. There were no others and the slate was accepted as presented.

- Co-Presidents: Kate Gilbert and Ray Bibeault
- Recording Secretary: Deborah Turner
- Assistant Recording Secretary: Zetta Hart
- Treasurer: Denise Anderson
- Assistant Treasurer: Robert Kanach
- Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Gibson

Installation of Officers

Betty Weller, MRSPA President installed the new officers who will take over in the new fiscal year.

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Old Business

No Old business

New Business

No new business

Announcements

Birthday Drawing: Millie Gardner

Raffle Drawing: \$140 was from the 50/50 raffle drawing

Scholarship Total Collection: \$140 from the 50/50 raffle, \$400 was donated in cash, and \$650 was donated to the Foundation.

The staff at the Two Rivers Steak and Fish house was thanked for their service.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Fri. May 22, 2025	Pre-Retirement Meeting, Severna Park Library
Th., June 12, 2025	Executive Board Meeting, The Free School, 1298 Lavall Drive, Davidsonville, MD, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Th. July 10, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – 10:00am – 12:00pm — Board of Education Parham Building, room 2A
Mon. July 21, 2025	Deadline for August 2025 AARSPA Informer
Sat. Sept. 6, 2025	The Buddy Holly Story – Lancaster, PA
Th. Sept. 11, 2025	General membership meeting and luncheon – Severna Park Elks Lodge 160 Truck House Road, Severna Park, MD- 9:45am registration and meeting begins at 10:30am
Mon. Sept 22, 2025	Deadline for October 2025 AARSPA Informer
Th. Oct. 9, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – 10:00 – 12:00PM – MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton MD 21113
Th. Nov. 13, 2025	General Membership Meeting and Luncheon –CAT-North at 800 Stevenson Road, Severn. MD 21144 9:45 am registration & meeting 10:30am. (Tentative)
Th. Dec. 4, 2025	Stone Gables Estate Holiday – Elizabethtown, PA
Fri. Dec. 20, 2025	Deadline for January 2026 AARSPA Informer
Th. Jan. 8, 2026	Executive Board Meeting – 10:00 – 12:00PM – MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton MD 21113

Respectfully submitted by,
Zetta Hart
Recording Secretary

• United States Congress

District	Title	Name	Party	Since	Term	Next Election*
	Senator	Angela Alsobrooks	Democratic	2025	1st	2026
			Address: 374 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-4524			
	Senator	Chris Van Hollen	Democratic	2017	2nd	2026
			Address: 730 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 Phone: (202) 224-4654			
01	Representative	Andrew Harris	Republican	2011	8th	2026
			Address: 1536 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-5311			
02	Representative	Johnny Olszewski	Democratic	2025	1st	2026
			Address: 1339 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-3061			
03	Representative	Sarah Elfreth	Democratic	2025	1st	2026
			Address: 1213 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-4016			
04	Representative	Glenn Ivey	Democratic	2023	2nd	2026
			Address: 1610 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-8699			
05	Representative	Steny Hoyer	Democratic	1981	23rd	2026
			Address: 1705 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-4131			
06	Representative	April McClain Delaney	Democratic	2025	1st	2026
			Address: 1130 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-2721			
07	Representative	Kweisi Mfume	Democratic	2020	4th	2026
			Address: 2263 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-4741			
08	Representative	Jamie Raskin	Democratic	2017	5th	2026
			Address: 2242 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-5341			

Annearrundell County Free School Museum
1298 Lavall Drive, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Open Houses – 2025

Open from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm // Special timed events are noted
Dates and Activities

April 13, 2025 – Display of math textbooks and teaching
tools, i.e. abacus

May 11, 2025 - At 2:00 pm there will be a slide
demonstration on the renovation process

June 8, 2025 – Materials will be provided and guests can
make a clay pinch pot to take home

July 13, 2025 – At 2:00 pm a docent will conduct a story
time for elementary school-aged children.
Guests will be able to take home a children's
book from a present-day collection of books

August 10, 2025 - Open House

For additional information contact Karlie Everett
at karlieeverett@verizon.net

All activities and materials are free for participants