Report of NEA-Retired Directors
NEA Board of Directors Meeting
June 29 & July 1, 2011
Chicago, IL

Wednesday, June 29

President's Overview

President Van Roekel began the meeting by informing the Board that Ohio members had successfully gathered 1,293,301 signatures in their effort to overturn the anti-union laws passed by their governor and legislature. Only 241,000 signatures were required to get on the ballot.
(Update on the Ohio Referendum is GREAT news! The parade in downtown Columbus was miles long to deliver signature petitions. Required signatures: 214,000. Signatures collected: 1,298,301. Required: 3% of voters in 44 counties. Collected: over 6% in ALL 88 counties. Grassroots POWER!!)

Actions of the Board

The Board took the following actions:

- Approved the nominees for the 2011 Elections Committee
- Elected Melondia Corpus, Cathy Koehler, Michael Musser, & Jeffrey Johnson to the Board ICC Committee
- Elected Michelle Yakopcic & Leslie Dake to the Member Benefits Committee
- Elected Carla Camp to represent the Board on the NEA Fund for Children & Public Education Council
- Approved the proposed Policy Statement on Teacher Evaluation and Accountability as submitted on June 29th, with a few friendly amendments, for action at the RA; amended copies available online and in hard copy for delegates to review and debate prior to floor debate and vote.
- Approved New Business Item A on ESEA Reauthorization and Regulatory Relief. Delegates will have access to the complete language prior to floor voting. Basically, the NBI asks the US Department of Education to "provide schools with immediate regulatory relief from the negative consequences of NCLB without adding more layers of different rules." The NBI includes a plan of action during and after the NEA RA.
- Approved New Business Item B on Department of Education accountability to be submitted to the RA that directs NEA President Van Roekel to communicate aggressively, forcefully, and immediately to President Obama and Education Secretary Duncan regarding a list of 13 grievances with USDOE actions/policies. Delegates will have access to the complete language prior to floor voting.
- Approved New Business Item C on sponsorship of the July Save Our Schools March to be submitted to the RA

Report of the Secretary Treasurer

Becky Pringle, NEA Secretary Treasurer, reported that there have been no changes since the May report.

Report of the Vice President

Lily Eskelsen, NEA Vice President, submitted a written report of her activities and offered no further comments.

Report of the Executive Director

John Wilson, NEA Executive Director, encouraged members to attend the Day of Learning in conjunction with the NEA RA.

Report of the General Counsel

Alice O'Brian, General Counsel, reported on numerous lawsuits in which the NEA is participating.

The meeting ended with the recognition of retiring Board members and state presidents.

NEA Retired Annual Meeting
June 27-29, 2011
Chicago, IL

Elections

At the NEA Retired Annual Meeting delegates elected:

- **Tom Curran (ME)** to serve as president
- **John Jensen (NE)** to serve as Vice President
- **Al Beamish (MI) and Martha Karlovetz (MO)** to serve a second term on the NEA Retired Executive council; and **Sarah Borgman (IN)** to serve a two-year term to replace John Jensen
- **Monica Beaudoin (ID) and Sid Johnson (AR)** to serve a second term on the NEA Board of Directors
- **Grady Yancey (GA)** to serve a second term as Alternate Director for the NEA Board
- **Bobby Margo (MN), Mary Moran (PA), Martha Livingston (AL), Agnes Chavis (NC), Ulysses Floyd (FL), and Janet Carrico (KY)** to serve on the NEA Resolutions Committee.

Congratulations to all!

Report compiled by Linda Somo (**Special note**: Because of being on the Board Steering Committee, my note taking was interrupted repeatedly during the Board meeting. My apologies for the lack of more specific detail in Alice O'Brian's report.)

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Important Reminders

*Sign up as an education advocate at www.EducationVotes.NEA.org
*Sign up as a friend on the NEA Retired Facebook page
*Mark your calendar for the last week of March, 2012 for the NEA Retired Leaders Conference

***The NEA Toolkit for protecting pensions is now available through the NEA.org website. Use the search window at the top of the NEA.org website to locate "Retirement Protection".**