Report of NEA-Retired Directors
NEA Board of Directors Meeting
June 30 & July 2, 2010
New Orleans, LA

NEA Retired Annual Meeting June 27-29

At the NEA Retired Annual Meeting, your NEA Retired Delegates elected **Tom Curran** as Vice President (2nd term), **John Jensen** (2nd term) and **Jean Dobashi** to the Advisory Council, **John Campbell** and **Barbara Cunningham** to the NEA Board of Directors (to replace Sarah Borgman & Jean Dobashi who were term limited), and **Patti Lochner** as Alternate Director (2nd term). The following members were elected to represent retired on the NEA Resolutions Committee: **Steve Gorrie, Agnes Chavis, Nancy Lewis, Mary Moran, Ulysses Floyd, and Martha Livingston**. **The delegates also voted to change the name of the Advisory Council to Executive Council.**

Wednesday, June 30

Organizational Items
The Board took the following actions:

- Elected **Susan Martin and Rich Bioteau** to the Board Internal Concerns Committee
- Elected **Kathleen Griffin** as the Board representative to the NEA Member Benefits Board of Directors
- Approved the selection of members to the Elections Committee for the NEA RA

Report of the Executive Committee
The Executive Committee recommended and the Board approved:

- The proposed Board policy for implementing Article V., Section 1 of the NEA Constitution for implementing the 150 member limit on the Board of Directors
- An allocation of up to $1.5 million this year and up to $1.5 million next year for a total of $3 million from the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crises fund to support the SQ 744 campaign in Oklahoma to pass a constitutional amendment which would require the Legislature to fund pre-K through 12th-grade public schools at a level at least equal to the average per-pupil funding in the surrounding states
- An allocation of up to $5 million ($2 million this year and $3 million next year) from the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crises fund for the national ESEA campaign effort (see info below on the National Plan for Reauthorization)
- The NBI on Immigration (to be submitted to the RA by the Board) in response to Arizona's SB 1070
- The NBI on textbooks (to be submitted to the RA by the Board)
- The NBI on the reauthorization of ESEA (to be submitted to the RA by the Board)
- The NBI on the Department of Education programs and practices (to be submitted to the RA by the Board)

Report of the Secretary Treasurer

Becky Pringle, NEA Secretary Treasurer, reported that ESP membership has increased over 5,000 members, but active membership overall is down over 20,000. Student membership has increased by over 4,000 and **retired has increased by 5100**. Higher education membership is up by 2500. There is a balance of over $1 million in contingency and that will be increased in next year's budget.

Report of the Executive Director
John Wilson, Executive Director, reported that **Dan Rivera** has been hired as the Director of Constituent Relations, and that an Assistant Director will be hired soon. He emphasized that NEA is working hard to meet the needs of ESP members. He also mentioned that Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has accepted several invitations from NEA to visit schools in various states.

Report of the General Counsel
Alice O'Brien, General Counsel, gave a brief report on some of the recent Supreme Court decisions. She will send a full summary to Board members after the RA, and I will forward to you when I receive it.

National Plan for the Reauthorization of ESEA
John Stocks, Deputy Executive Director, began an overview of the Plan by showing three TV ads advocating passage of the Education Jobs Bill. He showed how the Plan ties it all together, and that NEA is using a multi-pronged approach which deals with four main areas: passing the pension fix for defined benefit plans (that was just passed and signed into law) which will help state affiliate associations; saving education jobs; increasing the amount of money to state legislatures to help pay for Medicaid; and rewriting and reauthorizing ESEA. **Kim Anderson**, Director of NEA Government Relations, reported that no member of Congress champions the Administration's "blueprint" for ESEA and there are mounting qualms about the "blueprint" from education groups, parents and religious groups. The NEA is responsible for stalling the "blueprint", and will continue to work with members of Congress to pass the NEA Positive Agenda for ESEA. Every state will be asked to organize a "day of action" between August 7 and September 12 as just one small part of the Plan.

Retiring State Presidents and Board Members
All state Presidents and Board members who would no longer be serving in their elected positions were honored prior to adjournment.

Friday, July 1

Budget
The Board approved the 2010-2011 Modified Strategic Plan and Budget and voted to refer it to the RA for adoption.

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