

## **RA Minutes 4.28.03**

Call to order 3: 48

Schools **not** represented: Riverwoods, Naper, Kingsley, and Maplebrook.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill Madsen

2003/2004 Budget, First Reading Major changes: NEA Ra was increased; IEA conferences cut back; cut back CB conference; Meals was raised to accommodate extra meetings that come along; Forum \$ was taken out (no more newsletter); RA refreshments was reduced; membership support went up; President's release was raised to accommodate possible increase; association release time went up; political action raised (extra stipend); new teacher's luncheon reduce (change of venue.)

It was suggested to look at the level our savings should be at, next year at some point..

Greg Houke motioned to accepted the report. Dave McMurtrie 2<sup>nd</sup> .  
Motion carried

**Retirement Celebration:** Nina Mennes – all are welcome to the reception 3:30 –6. After the reception, there will be a dinner for those wishing to attend the dinner (at \$30 per person). Nina asked for help, donations from schools for reception or for group gifts.

### **NUPACE**

Phil Cappelleri

Phil asked the members to think of someone who could take over the political action committee chair.

Phil was commended for his fine job.

**STIPEND committee:** Wayne Anderson and Russ Bryan have distributed a letter to the members and staff for any changes requested for stipends. We need high school and elementary members for this committee. Please contact Wayne Anderson at Washington.

### **President's Report:**

**State Legislation** –There are several pieces of legislation that are pending in Springfield. One establishes a separate Teacher Certification Board. This is huge as this board will determine how recertification is implemented. Another increases the number of sick days to accumulate to 350.

**IEA Summer Leadership Academy July 30-Aug 1** – The annual IEA SLA will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday July 30 through August 1 2003. This is a very valuable conference. It provides training and information regarding anything relating

to the Association and service to members. If you are interested in the work of the Association then this conference is for you. I have found it to be valuable every time I go. There will be more information coming.

3. **New ARs** – If you have not already done so, please forward names of the members who will be representing your building next year. It is helpful as we are now in the process of putting together the directory and updating databases and e-mail lists for next year.
4. **NUEA Appreciation Dinner June 3, 2003** – Our annual Leadership Appreciation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 3 with cocktails starting at 3:45. Dinner will start at 5:00. We will be meeting at the White Eagle Club. Please make a notation in your calendar for this event. The NUEA has so much to be thankful for.

**General Membership Meeting May 21, 2003** – The annual meeting of the general membership will be held on Wednesday, May 21. We will hold the meeting at the IEA offices. The reports from all standing committees will be presented as well as the “State of the Association.” The most important item for action is the adoption of the new NUEA Bylaws.

**NUEA Bylaws** – The proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws are very significant. They have not been examined and changed to reflect the structure, organization and work of the NUEA since the early 1980’s. The proposed bylaws have been examined and now reflect what the NUEA does. The proposed changes have been in the building since the beginning of March. The bylaws will be acted on at the General Membership meeting.

**2003 Retirees** – There are over 50 NUEA members retiring this year. This is more than any year since the 5X5 early retirement went into effect. The traditional NUEA retirement gift is getting expensive. We are looking into alternative to the clock that has personal meaning to them.

Judy Gratz motioned and Dave McMurtrie 2<sup>nd</sup> to keep the Waterford Clock as gifts for the retiring teachers. Motion carried.

NEA Director’s Report

Ed Rosenthal

May 7<sup>th</sup> is lobby day in Springfield. Release time is available for those interested. Contact Phil Cappalerra if you want to attend.

State ballots, if you have those, get those to Dave so that he can submit those ballots.

Adjournment: 5:40