

## ***Representative Assembly***

### **Minutes**

The February 27, 2006 meeting began at 3:53 p.m. at the NUEA Offices.

1. Approval of the Minutes, January Meeting Brian Bahke made the motion to approve the minutes and Holly Lee seconded. No discussion and approval was unanimous.
2. Treasurer's Report was presented by Mark Bailey. Carol Dagin moved and Ed Rosenthal seconded to approve the report. No discussion and approval was unanimous. Dave reported that the NUEA computer for the office, that the Executive Board approved, has not been included in the current report.
3. Elections, March 14 were discussed by Pat Fallon.  
Write-ins are encouraged since we do not have enough candidates on the ballot to attend the NEA-RA. Candidate statements were passed out. All election materials will be sent separately to the reps.
4. President's Report presented by David Griffith
  - Capitol Actions Days – April 5 the NUEA would like to rent a bus. Ed explained some of the issues that are before the state now and how they would impact teachers.
  - IEA RA and the budget: Dave McMurtrie reported information about dues. Retired members need to maintain membership if they have any types of insurance or other financial connections with the NEA.
  - Grievance Committee: Mark Bailey agreed to be the chair.
  - The School Board and the Abatement: It was 5-2 against to motion to abate taxes. Dr. Leis made a presentation about the progress of the district since 1990. Our ACT scores since 1990 have risen from 23.4 to 24.8. This while the numbers of students taking the test went up from 81% to nearly 100%. This is a phenomenal increase.
  - Highly Qualified and HOUSSE: The IEA site has an interactive worksheet to inform members about being highly qualified.
  - State Board of Education sent out proposed amendments for class size.
  - IRS 403(b) rules: The IRS is proposing new rules that could impact every one of us. It is a consolidation plan that could restrict members' access to the programs they want.
  - IEA Membership cards are now available.
  - Sonja presented information about the NUEA scholarships. Everything is on line for students to complete on the NUEA web site. Interviews will not be held until early May. Any senior may apply who has been accepted to a college. The scholarship has been changed to the John Cotton Memorial Scholarship. There will be a request for funds for donations as soon as a separate account has been set up.

5. Stipend Committee will be meeting soon. Wayne Anderson is the co chair with Tom Paulson. New members are needed at all levels, at least one per level. Any one interested contact Dave.
6. Retirement:
  - Pipeline people are not in the new contract. They qualify for the benefits under the old contract.
  - The new deadline for retirees to put a letter in to the District for retirement in 2008 will be March 24, 2006.
  - There is a side letter committee to look at issues beyond 2008.
  - There may be age discrimination issues if people are denied jobs based on their age (approaching retirement).
  - Contracts are available on our web site except for the retirement salary enhancements. Printed contracts will be available as soon as all of the lawyers and the school board are in agreement to the salary enhancements.
7. PR – News Articles: Dianne McGuire presented the first articles that NUEA members have written. These are being printed in the Naperville Sun and the Daily Herald. There is still room for additional authors. Union members need to contact Dianne if they decide to participate in writing.
8. Lottery winners were: Cheryl Manidee, and Barb Untch
9. Adjournment moved by Sonja Cappalleri and seconded by Char Stockwell. Unanimous approval.