

Representative Assembly

Minutes

The meeting was called to order on 03/20/06 Monday at 3:51p.m. at the NUEA/IEA Offices.

1. Treasurer's Report was presented by Mark Bailey. Motion for approval by Brian Horner and seconded by Josh Micah. Approval was unanimous.
 - Budget Report: District bills have not been submitted by the District. Mark will be contacting the appropriate employees.
2. Elections Report from March 14 was presented by Pat Fallon.
3. Political Action – Call to Action!
 - Blizzard Days – March 23rd
 - Capitol Action Day – April 5, 2006

State Representatives and Senators need to be contacted. In the packet provided there are addresses. Postcards are provided for teachers and they may be sent back to Dave for postage.

IEA website has an easy way to contact reps and senators. The information is easily used on the website. They need to know how we feel about our messages!

April 5 is Lobby Day. Dave would like to have all reps take a personal day and go to Springfield. If personal days have been used the NUEA does have some days available. Lobby day puts a face in front of the reps. We are a special interest group and our special interest is public education in Illinois.
4. Report of the IEA Representative Assembly Delegates to the IEA RA
 - Joyce commented on the interesting procedures and said that everyone should have the opportunity to attend once. Sonja reported on the speakers, and the budget. She also stated that every year members say that dues shouldn't be raised and every year the IEA brings an increase which the attendees vote down. She also encouraged younger teachers to participate in the RA. Lisa described how the business was run. Pat, reacting to his second RA, found the process interesting and the political speakers were very good. Mark suggested that the important business should be taken care of prior to Saturday afternoon. He also stated that Illinois is dead last in funding for education. Ed shared that the IEA suggested that people be nice when the governor spoke. The teachers responded to him and said that taxes needed to be raised. IPACE will be interviewing for the state offices in June.
 - Ed said there was a \$0 increase in dues for the IEA and \$3 for the NEA.
 - The IEA staff has been expanded by 5 Uniserve directors.
 - There will be a new research position.
 - Ed said that retired dues will go from \$150 to \$250 on September 1. It is a good idea for those who are within 10 years of retirement to consider this.
5. Scholarship Fund was presented by Sonja Cappelleri:
 - The website has all of the updated information. Donations are being accepted to the fund.

6. President's Report presented by David Griffith:
 - Reminder to vote on Tuesday.
 - The contract has gone to print.
 - BSSI has been sold. They handle our insurance claims. The head of BSSI has quit along with a number of other top executives. The school board consultant has put out RFPs to look for a replacement. This is a possible concern. It will be watched carefully.
 - School Board: Tonight, there will be a proposal before the board to create a policy that would make it a conflict of interest to vote on the NUEA contract if a board member either has received money from the NUEA or has a family member that is a member of the NUEA. IEA legal is looking into this.

7. New Business

Ed presented that Mr. Davitt's seat on the Board is up this next year. We need to find potential members that are positive about education for the next election. Dianne reported on a recent article that references a website that uses information against 204s referendum. Bob Ray reported that bids came in for transportation.

8. Drawing winners included: Mark Bailey & Sonja Cappelleri

9. Adjournment motion was made by Dave Griffith and seconded by Lisa Yost. The motion passed unanimously at 5:00 p.m.