



**September**

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## *Representative Assembly*

### Agenda

9/28/2010 Monday

4:00 p.m.

NUEA/IEA Offices

#### **1. Welcome**

- IEA membership cards: new teachers' cards will be sent out later as the information is processed. We will distribute them later. Ann Reid Center teachers will receive their cards later.
- Elmwood School had two student teachers visiting here today.

#### **2. IEA Membership Volunteer Coordinator**

**Ed Rosenthal**

- Campaign - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Retirement Benefits and Salaries are of concern. Ed is requesting volunteers to assist in working on the gubernatorial issue. A flier was passed out comparing views of the two major candidates.
- Discussion of the pensions ensued pointing out that the state of Illinois has failed to pay their part into the pension plan whereas the teachers have paid into it consistently.
- IEA has endorsed Pat Quinn this year. Brady wants to change the pension plan- wants the schools to take a 10% cut .
- If anyone lives in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District, there is a need for people to volunteer to do a phone bank to support the candidate. Perhaps someone will canvas a neighborhood to let them know how important this race is to you. We need to become vocal about our IEA endorsed candidates elected.
- Get EVERYONE out to vote for education, for teachers now and in the future.
- The fliers can be xeroxed and HANDED out after a 10 minute meeting. Do not email this.
- Signs will be provided to through the district.
- We need to prevent other candidates from being elected to affect our pension plan in Illinois.

**3. Minutes from previous meeting:** Carol Higgins, Lisa Burke moved and seconded.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Budget items were read and discussed-

Melissa Tomei moved and seconded by Tom Blackburn

**5. NUEA Connect:** anyone can see the material on the NUEA.org site. Therefore to distribute confidential information, members need to go to NUEAconnect - cross check the list of members who are on NUEA Connect. Please e mail any names which should be deleted to dcarroll.

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6. **New membership lists** were passed out. Please go over the lists and cross out names who are no longer members. Xerox your list and send a copy to Mark Bailey.
  7. Dave Carroll demonstrated the use of **NUEA website**. The information on line will include important people, issues, and a means to connect to NUEA Connect. This will be relevant and current material. Be sure to encourage members to get signed in.
  8. **New Teachers Meeting**  
Thursday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at Cress Creek Country Club  
Encourage your new teachers to the District to attend; ARs are invited
  9. **President's Report:** you picked up a flyer which will discuss the dues. Some of your members will be concerned about the increase that was voted in last year:
    - \$10 Covers a media blitz that is designed to publish the value of teachers to the public
    - Also will cover how the union is being defamed. It is time to put the teachers back into the news in a positive way.Our NUEA dues have stayed the same. We have been fiscally responsible.
  10. **Scholarships:** if interested in scholarships for teacher's children can be found on the NUEA website. PDF will be on the website.
  11. There are some errors in the new contract:  
Salary errors, stipend schedule will be reprinted by the district and sent out to you later.
  12. **Race to the Top:** check the flier that was handed out today to explain how the new laws will affect us.
    - For any of this to be meaningful, we have insisted that there must be funding for new mandates. An evaluation process is to be tied to a different form of student performance but not the ISAT tests.
    - It is important to share this form from the IEA with the members to make them familiar with the new law. We need to be able to clear up misconceptions from the recent articles and movies concerning union teachers, charter schools, and the results of "merit pay."
  13. October 8<sup>th</sup>, **Economic Summit-** Mark and Joyce will attend  
Dr. Mitrovich was invited to attend by Mark. This is to encourage our relationship with PSAC and the Union.
  14. **Core Conference:** Oct. 29-30  
Notify Mark if you are interested in attending. It will cover the State of the union.
  15. **Professional Growth and classes:** when members have questions, we are following the letter of the contract. If the class is towards a master's degree program, it will be accepted. The TIDE courses must be accepted in a degree program. Workshops are not accepted. If you are getting an endorsement, the class must be pertinent to that endorsement. Be explicit on the forms you submit as to the reasoning behind why you want to take a class.
  16. **Building visits:** These will begin starting next week. Be sure to notify Mark of the dates you would like to have. If you haven't been responded to by Mark, notify Mark at his NUEA address again. Give him 3-4 possible dates. This is a meeting which will discuss what the Union has done for you and what you can do for the Union.
  17. **Binders-** Send old binders to Kathy Angelos at Meadow Glens. Empty the binder but shred the information.
  18. **Union Shirts-** consensus is to drop this.
  19. **Illinois Candidate Meet and Greet:**  
There was a rally in which upcoming candidates for state level positions spoke. They presented their positions. All of them discussed education.. Many of the
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Republicans do not really know what Brady stands for, so our job is to get out the word. We need to turn the tide to Democrats to protect public education. It was emphasized that early voting is important. Take note of the flier to make calls from the NUEA Headquarters on October 19<sup>th</sup>. 5-8 pm- Volunteer to make calls

**20. Dan Iverson—Illinois Political Action Committee**

- We can put signs in yards, ads on TV are great, but they do not vote!! We need people power!!
- Brady's positions on education are truly destructive to public education. He advises 10% cuts across the board on state funding. This is 10% from roads, education, etc. Anyone concerned about issues on education, needs to let your voice be heard---No Brady! His cuts will not even cover half of the deficit in the state.
- NUEA has 1300 members who need to get all they know to vote for Quinn.
- IEA is not a partisan organization, it speaks for EDUCATION and it has endorsed Quinn emphatically to avoid getting Brady into office.

**What can you do?**

- Hold your ten minute meeting. Take time to send a card to everyone you know. Talk to your neighbors. Bring your address book to your Ten Minute meeting.
- There must be at least one non political item on the agenda. Then close the meeting and do the political efforts. Inform people- but not over the district email account! If someone needs more information, send them to the IEA website. It will post Brady's positions that are so contrary to education.
- You *Can* mention Brady and Quinn.
- Do not use district email; do not post any political information in the hallways. Do not use taxpayer time to campaign. Do not use the District computers. Collect the teachers' personal emails at your meeting

**21. UniServ Director**

Please sign up to do the calling bank on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up for the Core Conference. We want to expand our pool of people.

**22. Adjournment**

Virginia Jamnicke won the drawing as we adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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