

## **APA Executive Board Meeting August 17, 2010**

### **Call to Order**

2:24 pm

### **Members Present**

- Jean Chisnell
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy
- Vivian Leung
- Sharon Nichols
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Rachel Zakhem

Uniserv

- Melissa Sortman

### **Members Absent**

Excused

- Nick Bourland
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Vikki Tormala

### **Approval of Agenda**

- Motion: To approve the agenda.
  - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Deb
  - Passed unanimously, the agenda was approved

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion: To approve the minutes.
  - Moved by Sharon, seconded by Deb
  - Passed unanimously, the minutes were approved

### **President's Report**

- A written report was presented
- The Grand Rapids campus is now open and Maury will be visiting them on Thursday, August 19
- Members are being moved into the APA due to moves in their departments
  - Some are wondering about the probation period and how that should work
- Dennis Denno and Sam Singh were endorsed by the MEA Democrat Educators Caucus for the MSU Board of Trustees election
- Cynthia dealt with issues concerning JHCC bargaining, EBSP overtime and BCN

## **Treasurer's Report**

- A written report was presented

## **Committee Reports**

- Constitution and Bylaws Committee
  - Reminder was given to cast ballot for the C & B changes that were sent out
- Uniserv Report
  - A written report was presented
  - The MEA eliminated some positions to help reduce operating costs
  - The APA will be getting added staff as determined to be appropriate by the MEA in recognition of the growth of the APA over the last several years
    - The new added position with the APA will begin January 1, 2011

## **Member Concerns and Comments**

- Deb, Cynthia and John dealt with a member that received a layoff notice

## **Business Items**

- Budget
  - Leo feels we should consider a stipend for the vice chair position so that it is similar to the chair position
  - There was discussion about dues since the MEA raised the cap on dues at the Spring RA
    - Raises will be minimal over the next few years in the APA
    - How will this affect members if we need to raise dues in the future?
  - Motion: Commencing with the October paycheck, monthly dues will be \$70 per member per month.
    - Moved by Leo, seconded by Deb
  - Motion: To move to executive session.
    - Moved by Leo, seconded by Cynthia
    - Passed unanimously, the board moved into executive session at 4:10 pm
  - Motion: To rise and report from executive session.
    - Moved by Leo, seconded by Rachel
    - Passed unanimously, the board moved out of executive session at 4:36 pm
  - Report from executive session
    - The board discussed budgetary matters
  - The board went back to the above motion on the floor
    - Motion: Commencing with the October paycheck, monthly dues will be \$70 per member per month.
      - Moved by Leo, seconded by Deb
      - Passed with one abstention
- Appeal of the decision of grievance committee was scheduled
  - Grievant did not appear
  - Default judgement was determined for failure to appear

## **Adjournment**

- Motion: To adjourn.
  - Moved by Leo, seconded by Vivian
  - Passed unanimously, meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary