

**APA Executive Board Meeting  
February 9, 2010**

**Call To Order**

2:05 pm

**Members Present**

- Nick Bourland
- Jean Chisnell
- Ann Hancock
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy
- Vivian Leung
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Vikki Tormala
- Rachel Zakhem

Uniserv

- John VanDyken

**Members Absent**

Excused

- Ramiro Gonzales
- Sharon Nichols

**Approval of Agenda**

- Added a discussion about the March APA Election to the agenda
- Moved by Vivian, seconded by Vikki
  - Passed unanimously, the agenda was approved

**Approval of Minutes**

- Moved by Vivian, seconded by Cynthia
  - Passed unanimously, the minutes were approved

Guest

Alfonso Salais

- Running for MEA Board and NEA Board of Directors seat
- Would like our support

**President's Report**

- Maury had a meeting about the University Services reorg
  - The situation is still being worked on

- There have been many questions regarding the Health Care TA from members
- March, April and May meeting dates were set
  - March 16, 2010
  - April 6, 2010
  - May 11, 2010
- Constitution and Bylaws ad hoc committee discussion
  - The MEA does not have past information from the APA
  - Leo, Nick, Vivian and Vikki are interested in being on the ad hoc committee to discuss the issue further
    - Nick will be the Chair of this committee
  - Maury asked for concurrence to appoint them to the ad hoc committee to discuss our Constitution and Bylaws
    - Moved by Leo, seconded by Nick
      - Passed unanimously

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Report was presented by Maury
  - He received it before the meeting from Sharon
  - The report was through the end of December 2009

### **Committee Reports**

- Document for the Area Reps discussion
  - We want to stick to what is outlined as AR duties in the Constitution and Bylaws
  - We will be having an orientation for the Area Reps
  - We will not be adopting an official document since the duties are in the Constitution and Bylaws
- Uniserv Report
  - Reminder of ESP Conference on March 19 and 20, in Troy

### **Members Concerns and Comments**

- There was concern about attainment and utilization of grants

### **Business Items**

- Update about the SPARKS program
  - The members had an overall good experience
  - The members would like more MEA board involvement
  - It was suggested that the APA Executive Board should have a retreat at the same time as the next SPARKS program
  - We would like to discuss the timing of the program
    - It may be better to have it over the summer
- MEA Budget discussion
  - The MEA has a deficit
  - MEA will be making some cuts mid year

- Maury is very concerned about this so we need to make sure to have every seat filled for the spring RA that is at the end of April
- The new MEA rates should be available by the end of April
- It would be good for us to have a presence at the next MEA budget meeting
- Health care vote breakdown and discussion
  - There were comments from our members that liked having the information that the APA presented on the TA on campus
  - The APA also held other sessions off campus
    - They were hosted by Cynthia (Macomb) and John (DMC) and Maury (Grand Rapids)
  - Motion to receive the report that 785 voted with 591 in favor and 194 in opposition
    - Moved by Leo, seconded by Deb
    - Passed unanimously
- March 2010 APA Election discussion
  - Sean and Maury will be meeting later to discuss in more detail
  - Cynthia, Deb, Jean and Vikki are up for election
    - All are full three year terms
  - The election will be in March per the Constitution and Bylaws
- Coming meetings
  - Our March meeting is on the 16th

### **Executive Session**

- Motion to go into Executive Session
  - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Sean
    - Passed unanimously - moved into Executive Session at 3:10 pm
- Motion to rise and report
  - Moved by Nick, seconded by Cynthia
    - Passed unanimously - exited Executive Session at 3:45 pm
- Report of Executive Session
  - We had a bargaining update

### **Adjournment**

- Moved by Deb, seconded by Ann
  - Passed unanimously, meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary