

# **APA Executive Board Meeting June 21, 2011**

## **Call To Order**

2:15 pm

## **Members Present**

- Sue Alchin
- Nick Bourland
- Jean Chisnell
- Deborah Sudduth Garland
- Maurice Koffman
- Aaron Ledger
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Jen Shangraw
- Vikki Tormala
- Rachel Zakhem

## **Guests**

- Dawn Hecker and Edita Herbstova from HRD
  - Dawn and Edita have been working with Cynthia to create opportunities for learning specifically for APA members
  - They came to make sure they were doing something that the APA board thought was beneficial to our members

## **Members Absent**

Excused

- Ramiro Gonzales
- Sean Leahy
- Vivian Leung

## **Approval of Agenda**

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

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

## **President's Report**

- The report started with Maury giving the floor to Sue Alchin
  - Sue is resigning at the end of today's meeting due to a promotion out of the APA unit and is therefore ineligible to be on the APA Executive Board
- There have been some layoffs due to reduction in force
  - We are continuing to grow in overall numbers despite the layoffs
- NCUEA
  - We submitted an update to them about how we were using the \$5,000 grant we received
- The July board meeting is on July 12th
- NEA RA
  - 5 people are going from the board
  - Will be discussing some issues at the RA
    - Endorsing Obama
    - Endorsing the new teacher evaluation process
    - \$10 increase per year with a 5 year sunset for the Legislative and Political Action Crisis Fund
- NEA had a senior administration meeting
  - There has been a reduction in force by 15-20 positions
- We will be continuing the Facebook page discussion in July with a rep from the MEA

## **Treasure's Report**

A written report was not provided this month.

## **Committee Reports**

- Bargaining Committee
  - Maury reported
  - The survey went out and the committee will be looking at the data at the next meeting
- Communications Committee
  - Cynthia reported
  - The July/August newsletter will be a pdf, the html version should be ready to go for the next publication
- Uniserv Report
  - A written report was provided.

## **Member Concerns and Comments**

- There was a request from a member to provide a contact list to the ARs for employees that are in their buildings

## **Business Items**

- The first picnic was a big success
- The tailgate is still being planned
  - It will be on September 24th, MSU vs Central
  - We are still not sure of the location
- Community Based Event Ad Hoc Committee update
  - The APA is interested in supporting charities
  - Motion: To approve the committee's purpose, selection guidelines and selection procedure that was presented.
    - Moved by Nick, seconded by Deborah
    - Passed unanimously
- Appointment of standing committees
  - Finance Committee
    - Sean Leahy - Chair
    - Sharon Nichols
    - Nick Bourland
    - Deb Porter
    - Motion for concurrence
      - Moved by Leo, seconded by Deborah
      - Passed unanimously
  - Communications Committee
    - Jen Shangraw - Chair
    - Leo Sell
    - Aaron Ledger
    - Vivian Leung
    - Shawn Mahorney
    - Motion for concurrence
      - Moved by Deb, seconded by Vikki
      - Passed unanimously
  - Grievance Committee
    - Maury Koffman - Chair
    - Rachel Zakhem
    - Leo Sell
    - Jean Chisnell
    - Cynthia Schneider
    - Ramiro Gonzales

- Motion for concurrence
  - Moved by Deb, seconded by Deborah
  - Passed unanimously
  
- Membership Committee
  - Nick Bourland - Chair
  - Vikki Tormala
  - Jean Chisnell
  - Vivian Leung
  - Shawn Mahorney
  - Dave Graff
  - Aaron Ledger
  - Motion for concurrence
    - Moved by Deb, seconded by Aaron
    - Passed unanimously
  
- Legislative Committee
  - Leo Sell - Chair
  - Deb Porter
  - Maury Koffman
  - Vivian Leung
  - Timo Vasquez
  - Motion for concurrence
    - Moved by Rachel, seconded by Deborah
    - Passed unanimously
  
- Community Based Events Committee
  - Deb Porter - Co-Chair
  - Nick Bourland - Co-Chair
  - Jean Chisnell
  - Vivian Leung
  - Jen Shangraw
  - Alex Dawson
  - Milo Woodard
  - Maury Koffman - Ex Officio
  - Melissa Sortman - Ex Officio
  - Motion for concurrence
    - Moved by Deborah, seconded by Aaron
    - Passed unanimously
  
- Bargaining Team
  - Maury Koffman
  - Vivian Leung
  - Leo Sell
  - Sue Brandt
  - Erica Phillipich

- Nick Bourland
- Aaron Ledger
- Melissa Sortman
- Kevin Karpinski - staff alternate
- Jean Chisnell - alternate
- Alex Dawson - alternate
- Motion for concurrence
  - Moved by Deb, seconded by Aaron
  - Passed unanimously

### **Executive Session**

- Motion: To move into executive session.
  - Moved by Nick, seconded by Jean
  - Passed unanimously
  - Moved into executive session at 4:03
- Motion: To rise and report.
  - Moved by Deb, seconded by Leo
  - Passed unanimously
  - The board exited executive session at 4:35
- Report: The board discussed bargaining issues.

### **Adjournment**

- Motion: To adjourn.
  - Moved by Sue, seconded by Jean
  - Passed, meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary