

APA Executive Board Meeting May 10, 2011

Call To Order

2:05 pm

Members Present

- Sue Alchin
- Nick Bourland
- Jean Chisnell
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Maury Koffman
- Sean Leahy (via phone)
- Aaron Ledger
- Vivian Leung
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Jen Shangraw
- Vikki Tormala
- Rachel Zakhem

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- Melissa Sortman

Guests

Tim Woods

Members Absent

Excused

- Deborah Sudduth Garland

Approval of Agenda

Added discussion item G to the agenda

APA Tailgate

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Officer Elections

Due to the member ratified change to the APA C&B in August 2010, starting in 2011, there will be two year terms for Chair and Treasurer.

To create staggering of officer terms, the Vice Chair and Secretary will be elected for a one year term from 2011-2012 and will start two year terms in 2012.

The terms will commence on September 1, 2011.

Maury passed the meeting to Cynthia for election of the Chair.

Election of Chair

Nominations:

Deb nominated Maury.
There were no other nominations.

Motion: To close nominations and elect Maury by acclamation.
Moved by Leo, seconded by Rachel.
Passed unanimously.

Maury Koffman was elected to the two year Chair position.

Election of Vice Chair

Nominations:

Rachel nominated Cynthia.
Deb nominated Vivian.

The vote was conducted by secret ballot. The Board allowed Sean to cast his secret ballot electronically without objection.

Cynthia received 5 votes, Vivian received 9 votes.

Vivian Leung was elected to the one year Vice Chair position.

Election of Treasurer

Nominations:

Nick nominated Sean.
There were no other nominations.

Motion: To close nominations and elect Sean by acclamation.

Moved by Nick, seconded by Deb.
Passed unanimously.

Sean Leahy was elected to the two year Treasurer position.

Election of Secretary

Nominations:

Cynthia nominated Rachel.
There were no other nominations.

Motion: To close nominations and elect Rachel by acclamation.

Moved by Deb, seconded by Jean.
Passed unanimously.

Rachel Zakhem was elected to the one year Secretary position.

President's Report

- Maury attended the NEA Board of Director's meeting
 - There was discussion on whether or not to support Obama
 - The NEA Board voted to recommend him
 - There was debate over teacher evaluations
 - Test scores are now going to be included in reviews and evaluations
 - The MEA and NEA have historically been against test scores being included in the teacher reviews
- The CLO met on April 20
 - Deb Bitner was elected as the official president, she had been serving as the interim president
 - Charlie Heckman from Local 999 was elected as the vice president
 - Wayne Cass will be continuing on as the Chair of the CLO
- RA attendance was good
 - Iris was not up for reelection, Steve Cook was elected as the new president of the MEA
 - Steve will start his term as of September 1, 2011
 - Rick Trainor was elected Secretary/Treasurer
 - Dues were debated for a couple of hours
 - Dues remain where they were for MEA and for the NEA
- June meeting will be June 14th

- July meeting is scheduled for the 12th
- Michigan is number four in adding members to the NEA, the MSU APA is a significant contributor to that
- Vision coverage discussion
 - MEBS can provide coverage to APA members
 - Vision Care in East Lansing will provide a 20% discount on exams and eye ware to APA members

Treasure's Report

A written report was provided.

Committee Reports

- Negotiations Committee
 - Maury reported
 - The bargaining informational survey should to out on May 16
- Communications Committee
 - Cynthia reported
 - Melissa has a copy of the last newsletter so that MEA creative services can make an HTML version
- Committee Discussion
 - Maury went over the list of committees that we have within the APA
- Grievance Committee
 - Melissa reported
 - The board got an update on pending grievances
 - Dental insurance discussion
 - We would like more coverage with the plan we get
 - JHCC update - PHP and BCN issues were discussed

Member Concerns and Comments

None

Business Items

- Recap of the RA
 - Dues are the same from the MEA
 - New leadership was elected
- First Annual Picnic discussion
 - The picnic is at 5:30 on May 20 at Patriarche Park in East Lansing
- APA engagement and community events
 - Deb would like the APA involved in more local events
 - Motion: To form a community outreach ad hoc committee
 - Moved by Nick, seconded by Jean
 - Passed unanimously

- Who will be on the committee?
 - Deb will chair the committee
 - Nick
 - Jean
 - Other APA members to be named later
- Facebook page discussion
 - What should we do with the page for now?
 - Motion: To continue to have the page unpublished until such a time is presented where the permissions change or until the board deems necessary to re-evaluate the issue.
 - Moved by Deb, seconded by Jean
 - Motion: To table the motion on the floor.
 - Moved by Aaron, seconded by Nick
 - Passed, the motion on the floor was tabled
- APA trainings
 - The board discussed release time and funding for members that would like to go to trainings
 - Maury will handle cases as they come up
 - Motion: The chair retains primary authority to decide how professional development funds are expensed.
 - Moved by Nick, seconded by Deb
 - Passed unanimously
- Appointment of APA ARs
 - Maury moved a recommendation for concurrence to appoint the individuals listed below
 - Nick Bourland
 - Michael Braem
 - Jean Chisnell
 - Larry Farmer
 - Deborah Sudduth Garland
 - Ramiro Gonzales
 - Dave Graff
 - Sean Leahy
 - Aaron Ledger
 - Vivian Leung
 - Shawn Mahorney
 - Deb Porter
 - Leo Sell
 - Vikki Tormala
 - Timo Vasquez
 - Mary Wright
 - Rachel Zakhem
 - Motion: For concurrence to adopt the list as it stands.
 - Moved by Nick, seconded by Aaron
 - Passed with one abstention
- APA tailgate

- We will need to go through Physical Plant to get a tent and this will cost some money
- Aaron will bring a plan for the board to look at that includes pricing, the game we will attend, rental chairs, etc.

Executive Session

- Motion: To move into executive session.
 - Moved by Nick, seconded by Deb
 - Passed unanimously
 - Moved into executive session at 4:52
- Motion: To rise and report.
 - Moved by Leo, seconded by Ramiro
 - Passed unanimously
- Report: The board discussed bargaining issues.

Adjournment

- Motion: To adjourn.
 - Moved by Deb, seconded by Vivian
 - Passed, meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary