

APA Executive Board Meeting October 12, 2010

Call To Order

2:14 pm

Members Present

- Nick Bourland
- Jean Chisnell
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Leo Sell
- Vikki Tormala
- Rachel Zakhem

Uniserv

- Melissa Sortman

Members Absent

Excused

- Vivian Leung

Approval of Agenda

- Date was changed to today's date
- Motion: To approve the agenda.
 - Moved by Nick, seconded by Deb
 - Passed unanimously, the agenda was approved

Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

- Discussion about HR website
 - The HR website states that employees are supposed to give 30 days notice when leaving the university
 - More members have asked about it
 - This is not something that can be enforced
 - This will not be removed by HR

- The APA will continue to communicate with members to let them know that this is only an expectation and not a requirement
- Discussion about the dues increase
 - Maury has received some emails concerning the increase
- University Services
 - Pam George is no longer the director
 - Maury has contacted all of the APA members in this unit
- Maury and Melissa went to NCUEA (National Council of Urban Education Associations) training
 - Training is provided to the largest 100 locals in the NEA
- The 8H and 8G Coordinating Council have added staff
- NEA Board Meeting
 - Held in September 2010
 - They are working on changing some committee guidelines that state that 75% of the members need to be teachers
 - There was an amendment submitted at the end of the meeting
- Lobbying on the Hill
 - The MEA was there to lobby for Pell Grant issues
 - The grants are created but not funded
- Maury asked to be 1 of 3 governance people (for NEA Board and lower) to serve on the NEA task force organizing committee
 - There will be a meeting in November
 - NEA recognizes that they need to organize Higher Ed
 - NEA set aside some money for HE in Michigan
- FMLA
 - This is now going to be handled by central HR instead of at the departmental level
- Annual meeting is on November 16 at Noon at the International Center
- APA Leadership Training Retreat
 - The board will be calling members as part of the exercise
- The APA has been dealing with the Office of Employee Relations
 - We would like to see more issues resolved with discussions

Treasurer's Report

- A written report was presented

Committee Reports

- Communications Committee Report
 - Trying to connect with newer members and give them all a new member orientation packet and meet them all personally
 - The APA Executive Board members will be taking some packets and delivering them to new members
 - Lunch and Learn on October 26 with Straightline
- Uniserv Report
 - A written report was submitted

Business Items

- Annual Meeting will be held on November 16 at the International Center
 - Lunch is not being provided
- New Uniserv Staff
 - We need to provide the role and responsibilities for our new staff member in writing

Executive Session

- Motion: To move into executive session.
 - Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Deb
 - Passed
 - Moved into Executive Session at 3:33 pm
- Motion: To rise and report from executive session.
 - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Vikki
 - Passed
 - Moved out of Executive Session at 4:51 pm
- Report: A bargaining update was provided.

Adjournment

- Motion: To adjourn.
 - Moved by Ramiro, seconded by Deb
 - Passed, meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary