

APA Executive Board Meeting September 14, 2010

Call To Order

2:09 pm

Members Present

- Jean Chisnell
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy
- Vivian Leung
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Vikki Tormala
- Rachel Zakhem

Uniserv

- Melissa Sortman

Members Absent

Excused

- Nick Bourland
- Sharon Nichols
- Leo Sell

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

- There have been concerns about the HR website and terms of resignation stated there
 - This is not part of our contract
 - This has never been enforced
- Maury responded to a member that had questions about an email discussing raises for this year

- Discussion about MEA endorsements
 - The MEA needs to have someone from the APA at the table when they are choosing who to endorse for MSU Board of Trustees
 - This was brought up as an issue when Colleen McNamara was not endorsed by the MEA Democratic Educators Caucus
- There was a Coalition meeting on September 1st
 - John VanDyken was the secretary so that position was open
 - Cynthia was elected as the secretary
 - Jim Rhodes of Local 1585 was elected as the new president
 - Wayne Cass is still the chair
 - Deb Bitner of the CTU and Dave Higgins of Local 324 are running for the vice president position
 - Vote for VP will be on September 15th at the CLO meeting
- Leadership retreat
 - All board members will be attending
- Our new staff position that was granted as of January 1, 2011 has been filled
 - Mary Henson bumped into this position
 - We share the position with LCC
- The annual meeting is on November 16th
 - Time: Noon to 1:00 pm
 - Location: Spartan Rooms at the International Center
 - Written reports will be provided by the committee chairs
- Dave Brower confirmed that the dues increases will begin with the October paychecks
- The newsletter contained an article addressing the dues increase

Treasurer's Report

- A written report was presented

Committee Reports

- Communications Committee Report
 - Dates have been set through April 2911 for New Member Orientations and Lunch and Learn Sessions
 - New Member Orientations (2010/2011)
 - Thursday, September 23
 - Thursday, November 4
 - Thursday, January 13
 - Thursday, February 24
 - Thursday, April 7
 - Lunch and Learn Noontime Sesssions (2010/2011)
 - Tuesday, September 21
 - Topic: Dealing with Stress
 - Tuesday, October 26
 - Topic: Investing/StraightLine Group
 - Tuesday, December 7
 - Topic: Legislative Overview
 - Tuesday, February 22

- Topic: Know Your Union Rights
 - Tuesday, April 19
 - Topic: MSU APA Contract Overview
- Communications handed out new member packets to the Executive Board members who are also Area Reps
 - They will make contact with new members who were unable to attend the New Member Orientation prior to next month's board meeting
- Uniserv Report
 - A written report was submitted

Business Items

- All chairs were asked to submit a written committee report for the annual membership meeting
- All Executive Board members were asked to attend the annual membership meeting
- The NCUEA (National Council of Urban Educators) membership is up for renewal
 - Motion: The MSU APA should renew our membership (cost of \$374).
 - Moved by Deb, seconded by Vivian
 - Motion passed
- Budget discussion
 - The APA should reduce the budget 10% for 2010/2011
 - Motion: To adopt the 2010/2011 budget
 - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Deb
 - Motion passed

Executive Session

- Motion: To move into executive session.
 - Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Deb
 - Passed
- Motion: To rise and report from executive session.
 - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Vikki
 - Passed
- Report: Bargaining update on post retiree health care for employees hired on or after July 1, 2010

Adjournment

- Motion: To adjourn.
 - Moved by Vivian, seconded by Sean
 - Passed, meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Submitted by Rachel Zakhem, APA Secretary