

MSU Administrative Professional Association MEA/NEA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2008

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Maury Koffman at 2:25pm

Board members present: Jean Chisnel, Ramiro Gonzales, Ann Hancock, Maury Koffman, Sean Leahy, Vivian Leung, Sharon Nichols, Deb Porter, Cynthia Schneider, Leo Sell, Vikki Tormala, Rachel Zakhem; and John VanDyken, UniServ Director

Board members excused:

Board members absent:

Association members present: Kara from the NEA presented on the Obama campaign and the necessity to engage as many friends, family, and colleagues as possible to increase voter turnout in the 2008 general election.

Approval of agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of minutes: August 2008 minutes approved

Executive Board Officer:

Reports

President's Report: Chairperson Koffman has been attending and representing members at disciplinary meetings. The APA is continuing the process of developing and implementing an Area Rep program. MEA staff John Van Dyken and Chairperson Koffman met with MESSA reps to evaluate the possibility of MESSA submitting a bid during the next round of CLO negotiations. Chairperson Koffman has been meeting with members of the APA Watch Group and those who have been bringing law suits against the APA in attempt to reach an amicable solution. Chairperson Koffman stressed that there are many MEA benefits for APA members and we need to enhance our publications to include information about some of those benefits.

Treasurer's Report:

Committee Report: Communications: Cynthia provided an update on the next newsletter and noted that she is working with current committee members on articles for the next news letter.

UniServ Report: Written report provided.

New Business

1. An overview of the progress in developing the APA website (www.msuapa.org) provided.
2. Preliminary budget discussion. Each committee has been asked to submit any changes from the previous budget they feel are needed for the upcoming year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm

Submitted on behalf of Deb Porter, APA Secretary