

**APA Executive Board Meeting**  
**March 20, 2012**

**Call to Order**

2:14 pm

**Members Present**

- Deborah Sudduth Garland
- Leo Sell
- Jean Chisnell
- Erica Phillipich
- Christina Swick
- Jen Shangraw
- Nick Bourland
- Deb Porter
- Rachel Zakhem
- Elias Gonzales
- Maury Koffman
- Ramiro Gonzales

Uniserv

- Melissa Sortman

**Guests**

None

**Members Absent**

- Vikki Tormala
- Cynthia Schneider
- Aaron Ledger

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

- No minutes were available from the February meeting to approve

**President's Report**

- Maury dealt with some member issues
  - Questions about a transition from CTU to APA related to retirement and longevity pay
  - Questions about grievances
    - What situations warrant the filing of a grievance?
  - Reclassifications and how they are being dealt with in EBS

- Cynthia was elected to the Secretary/Treasurer of NCHE
- Deborah Sudduth Garland graduated from the ELA program
- Maury, with the other campus union leaders, resumed quarterly meetings with President Simon
- The AVP search continues
  - The union presidents met with candidates
- Jean Chisnell is moving to the APSA so will no longer be on the APA Executive Board as of April 1, 2012

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Deb Porter reported
  - There is a CD maturing on April 2. Deb has encouraged transferring the money from the CD to the 8H Coordinating Council
    - Motion: To take the money from the CD and put it in the 8H Coordinating Council account
      - Moved by Deborah, seconded by Christina
      - Passed unanimously

### **Membership Committee**

- Nick reported
  - They have been delivering member packets
  - There has been a new member meeting
  - Lunch and Learns are continuing and all have good turnouts
  - The APA member picnic is tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2012

### **Communications Committee**

- Jen reported
  - Newsletter is out
  - We are looking at the website stats to get a good idea of what is going on when people visit our site
  - Facebook page is still being discussed
    - We will discuss more at a later date

### **Election Committee**

- Jean reported
  - Committee has met several times
  - Post card was sent out announcing the election
  - The election opens on March 23, 2012 and closes on March 29, 2012
    - There are 2058 eligible voters

### **Legislative Committee**

- Comments on bill 4929
  - Dues deductions from payroll is no longer allowed
  - This will not impact MSU, it is only for public school employees
  - The MEA is going to try and stop the bill

### **Uniserv Report**

- Melissa reported
  - There has been open enrollment discussion
    - BCN will not be increasing this year
    - Community Blue will increase this year, no amount has been set at this time

### **Member Concerns**

- Flat rate dues vs percentage rate dues was discussed

### **Executive Session**

- Motion: To move into executive session.
  - Moved by Deborah, seconded by Jean
  - Passed unanimously, meeting moved into executive session at 4:50
- Motion: To rise and report.
  - Moved by Jean, seconded by Erica
  - Passed unanimously, meeting moved out of executive session at 5:14
- Report: The board discussed bargaining issues.

### **Announcements**

- The next meeting is on April 10, 2012
- The May meeting is on May 8, 2012
- The MEA Spring RA is on April 27-28, 2012

### **Adjournment**

- Motion: To adjourn.
  - Moved by Jean, seconded by Ramiro
  - Passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm

Minutes submitted by Rachel Zakhem, on behalf of Aaron Ledger (APA Secretary)