

NEA-NM *Retired*

Report on the March 3, 2018 Board Meeting

Run-Off Election!

There will be a run-off election for the second of two seats on the NEA-NM Board representing Retired members.

The election will go live on-line on Monday, March 12. A post card from NEA-NM with your Voter ID# will be mailed by March 9. More importantly, you will receive a reminder email notice on March 12 from NEA-NM with the same Voter ID information **AND** a link to click on that will take you directly to the electronic voting site.

Run-off is between (in run-off ballot order):

1. Henry Gonzales, Rio Rancho
2. Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano, Las Cruces

Make sure you VOTE! (More election results below)

This is a synopsis of Board activities and actions taken at the 3/3/18 meeting in Santa Fe:

MEMBERSHIP

The spring campaign started on February 1st with rebates for members new to NEA. If you want to help your local recruit, contact your local's president and/or the Uniserv. Time to strengthen our numbers as we enter bargaining season and the meat of an election year.

FINANCIALS

The Budget Committee recommended and the Board approved the January Financial reports. The Board also heard from the auditors and NEA-NM, once again, received a squeaky clean audit opinion. The Committee recommended and the Board approved the calculations for 2017-18 Average Returning Teacher Salary and set the 2018-19 dues according to that figure and the formula in our Constitution/By-Laws.

RECOGNITION

The Board approved the Hall of Fame/ Special awards recommendations from the Recognition Committee. Of special interest to us are the new inductees to our NEA-NM Hall of Fame:

SE- Susan Garcia, Carlsbad

NE/NC- Brian Every, Espanola

Central- Reyna Vigil and Peggy Mace, Albuquerque

SW- Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano and Pattie Burnam, Las Cruces

Mary Lou Cameron, Deming

Make plans to honor these fine folks at the HOF Reception on 10/26/18 in Albuquerque the night before Delegate Council.

One extra award of note is a special Board award that will be presented in October to Steve Stucker, KOB TV personality for his continued promotion of NEA's Read Across America and his many, many humanitarian efforts and projects that he supports, promotes, and initiates.

ELECTIONS

Here are the election results for Retired positions as tallied by the Elections Committee and certified by the Board:

NEA-NM Directors representing Retired members (2 positions)

Eduardo Holguin 91 votes 81% ELECTED

Roaslinda Carreon-Altamirano 49 votes 44% RUN-OFF

Henry Gonzales 47 votes 42% RUN-OFF

Stephen Wray Reynolds 22 votes 20%

NEA-NM EdPAC representing Retired members (2 positions)

Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano 98 votes 88% ELECTED

Stephen Wray Reynolds 89 votes 80% ELECTED

Retired Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly (2 positions)

1. Eduardo Holguin 79 votes ELECTED

2. Mary Lou Cameron 59 votes ELECTED

ALTERNATES

1. Sabina Aguilar 34 votes

2. Rosalinda Carreon-Altamirano 17 votes

3. Stephen Wray Reynolds 14 votes

4. Joe Trujillo 9 votes

5. Carol Teweleit 1 vote (write-in)

OTHER

The Supreme Court has heard arguments in the Janus case which could greatly affect NEA as people presently paying a "fair share" for services they receive under collective bargaining contracts may be allowed to 'freeload" on loyal union members' backs. A decision is due by the end of June when the Court adjourns. The state worker bringing this suit with the financial assistance of many Right-To-Work (for less) organizations is upset that his union is constantly fighting for pay raises for him when he knows how cash-strapped the state is. If he is so concerned about the state's finances, he could possibly return his check...just sayin'.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board spent 4 hours in the afternoon in a PD session geared to bettering skills in becoming a more effective and efficient group working towards our stated mission and goals. Christy Levings, a contract consultant from Kansas led the Board through the exercises and discussion. Levings is a former member of the NEA Executive Committee and past President of Kansas-NEA who has worked with state leadership teams and Boards in 42 states.

Any comments, questions, or concerns can be sent to: eholguin749@gmail.com

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