

## **NEA-NM RETIRED REPORT on the 2016 NEA RA**

31 NEA-NM delegates gathered in Washington, DC from July 2-8 as part of the world's largest deliberative body. 7025 delegates and 5,585 guests registered for the two days of pre-meetings and the four days of business meetings. This included deliberation on 125 new business items, various reports, speeches by both the National Teacher and ESP of the Year, and a visit by our recommended (84% secret ballot vote of delegates) Presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton. For more info, go to [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Shaking off the membership malaise of the last few years, NEA showed growth in Active (Teacher Types) +25,000, Active ESP +5486, and Retired +5780. Continuing its focus on organizing throughout the union, officers and staff unveiled the fall campaign which will have a goal of one-on-one conversations with each of the anticipated 173,000 new hires across the country. Have some time and want to meet new people in our profession? Call up your local president or UniServ and volunteer to be on the membership team this year.

### **FINANCIAL/BUDGET**

NEA's financial house is in order as evidenced by the reported asset ratio. Simply, this is an organization's assets divided by its liabilities. A good asset ratio is 2; having 2 dollars in assets for each dollar of liabilities. NEA's ratio is an outstanding 6.2! The RA passed the 2 year, 2016-18 budget, which as stated earlier in the Retired Conference report, takes a cautious approach in hopes of continuing membership gains, continued federal funding for public schools, and a positive resolution to the agency fee dues cases before the Courts. The second Tuesday in November will shed light on all these issues facing our union as **ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES** and we must work hard to elect a pro-public school Congress and President.

### **INTERNAL ELECTIONS**

Two incumbents, Maury Kaufman(MI) and Kevin Gilbert(MS) won re-election to the 9 member NEA Executive Committee. The scene is set for next year's RA in Boston as our 3 current officers - Lily, Becky, and Princess- have announced for re-election, along with 2 other open positions on the Executive Committee.

### **NEA FUND**

NM delegates once again "showed the money" as NEA-NM again placed 3rd in "per delegate contributions with a whopping \$450+ per delegate; accounting for over \$13,000 contributed to the Fund. Overall, The Fund raised over \$3.3 million (\$1 per member average nationally) to help our recommended candidates for federal offices.

Please forward this to any other NEA-NM Retired members you know. Any questions or concerns may be sent to me.

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