

NEA-NM *RETIRED*

Report of the August, 25, 2018 NEA-NM Board Meeting

The following is a synopsis of reports, discussions, and taken:

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee and Board received a report showing 750+ new members have been signed up during New Employee Orientations (NEOs). Staff, including our full-time organizer, Marco Nunez, continue to work with locals in bringing in new members AND keeping current ones. The state's financial situation, political landscape, and judicial ruling on school funding bode well for our public schools and our members as we look toward the elections, the legislative session, and the educational decisions made there in the 60 day session.

RECOGNITION

Join us at the Isleta Resort Hotel (I-25 exit 215 just south of ABQ) on Friday, October 26 for NEA-NM's annual Hall of Fame Reception and Induction ceremonies. We have another extraordinary class of inductees from all across the state. See you at 5:30 pm!

BUDGET/FINANCIALS

The Board received and approved the June 30 financial reports. Lower expenses than expected bode well for a positive close to the fiscal year on August 31, even after the \$18,000 needed for building repairs after the recent historic rainstorms and subsequent flooding in Santa Fe.

ELECTIONS

All members will receive their mailed hard copy of the *Advocates' Voice* in mid-September. It will have information on ALL NEA-NM offices open for election this year. It will also contain information on our open nominations process and our elections calendar for this year.

NOTE: Deadline for nominations for ALL positions except RA Delegates is receipt of nominations forms in Santa Fe by 5 pm on October 22, 2018.

Deadline for State, Category II, Cluster, and Retired RA Delegate nominations to attend next summer's RA in Houston is at Delegate Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

-The Board invited the Presidents of our 3 merged locals: CSEC-LC, Rio Rancho, and NM Highlands, to address the Board on their challenges as merged locals and how their 2 parent organizations can better assist them in meeting their members needs. This is a work in progress.

-The Board approved a donation be made to one of Steve Stucker's charities. The long-time TV personality, Read Across America Chair Emeritus, and community activist will receive an NEA-NM Humanitarian award at this year's Delegate Council on 10/27 at the Isleta Resort Hotel.

-The Board voted to celebrate and commemorate the Golden Anniversary of J. Paul Taylor's term as President of our state organization, then known as NMEA. J. Paul served at a time very similar to ours now, went on to a successful and distinguished career in the state legislature and recently celebrated his 98th birthday.

-The Board approved moving NEA-Bernalillo from NE/NC Region back to Central Region. The move will even out the member numbers in Central Region and allow them to keep their current 2 members on the Board.

POLITICAL ACTION

Getting out OUR votes for OUR recommended candidates will be crucial in putting us in a more favorable position to fund our public schools and grow our membership. All members will receive at least two

mailings with early voting information and who NEA-NM is recommending as the BEST candidates for the issues facing our public schools and our members, If your issues, as retired members, include health insurance)RHCA), retirement benefits(ERB), and maintaining/strengthening Medicare and Social Security, then we MUST be active, involved and vote for those who are on record as willing to help us with our issues in Santa Fe and Washington.Early voting begins October 9!

Please forward to any Retired members you have contact info for and relay any questions or concerns to eholguin749@gmail.com

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