

MEA MONITOR

Moline Education Association

April 2016

President's Report - Susan Hafner

Greetings-

Spring is finally here and the days are longer in more ways than one! I know that all of you are busy trying to figure out how you can keep your students motivated until May 27th and keep your sanity at the sametime. Things definitely get hectic during this time of the year.

The seniors have begun the A,B,C Countdown, which means the end of the school year is fast approaching. If you know of any MEA members who have children graduating this year, please remind them that the MEA scholarship is available. We have two scholarships and each is worth \$1000.00. At the end of this month's Monitor, you will find an application, and you can also get it on our website--mea40.org. The deadline is April 25th, 2016, and the winners will be announced at our May meeting.

I would like to remind the ARs that our FINAL meeting is Thursday, May 12th. We will be having some treats to celebrate the end of the year, and we need as many of you there as possible. We still haven't been able to pass the By Law changes and next year's budget. Please make sure you are there on the 12th, and if you cannot make it, please send a representative in your place.

As the students begin their countdowns to the end of the year, they don't realize that we are counting right along with them. Enjoy the next few weeks, and take time to get outside and see the sun.

Have an awesome week-
Susie

AR Secretary's Report - Emily Roberts

Moline Education Association
Association Representatives Meeting
Tuesday, April 12th, 2016

The MEA Association Representatives met Tuesday, April 12th, 2016, at the IEA Office, Moline. President Susie Hafner called the meeting to order at 3:47pm. There were 16 representatives and 10 Executive Board members in attendance. There was no quorum present.

Treasurer Mary Nelson reported balances in all accounts. It was voted (January 2015) to not publish the dollar amounts in the MEA budget in neither the minutes nor the Monitor. Members with questions regarding the MEA account balances are asked to contact Treasurer Mary Nelson.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership – Heidi Norcross reported membership stands at 437.
- Elections – in the absence of Doug Bodeen, President Hafner reminded members that election forms for MEA Executive Board positions were due to Doug Bodeen by Friday, April 15th.
- Legislative – Dave Strafford explained the process for the IEA endorsement of legislators. The recommendation meeting for endorsements will be in June; Dave will provide more information when received. Members may receive a Call to Action from IEA; members were encouraged to contact their legislators in response to the Call to Action. The Representatives Assembly is April 13th – April 16th in Chicago.
- Region 18 – no report.
- Public Relations – no report.
- Social – Aubree Savage reported the committee is planning a May event.
- Grievance/Negotiations – Colette Guerdet encouraged members to involve the Grievance Committee as soon as possible in the case of a possible grievance.

Old Business:

- President Hafner had received positive feedback regarding the Superintendent meeting with the special education teachers.

New Business:

- Copies of the proposed 2016-2017 MEA Budget were distributed to the ARs.
- President Hafner informed members of the April 25th deadline for the MEA Scholarships. Updated forms will be available on the MEA blog.

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- Christine Watts informed members that teams would be writing the new elementary curriculum units this summer and would also discuss what resources would be needed for the new units. Grade level chairs will bring the information to Allendale administration in the fall, where the money amount for each grade level will then be determined. Allendale is allocating the money so that it is consistent throughout the district.
 - President Hafner reported that Scheduling/Teams/Co-Teaching is an on-going discussion. Superintendent McGuire will inform building principals to be aware of the guidelines in the MEA contract found on page 15.
 - President Hafner informed members of the possible three open positions on the Board of Education next spring. It was noted that with the change in insurance premiums for retired teachers, retired teachers who change to TRIP would be eligible to run for BOE positions.
 - President Hafner encouraged all ARs to attend the May meeting in order to vote on proposed By Law changes and MEA budget. The Social committee will provide food and door prizes.

A.R. Concerns:

- It was voted (2010-2011) to not publish AR concerns in the Monitor. ARs were reminded to communicate concerns discussed at the meeting with the other MEA members they represent. President Hafner will discuss most issues in the "President's Corner" section of the Monitor or send superintendent's responses directly to the ARs for dissemination to members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Roberts
MEA Secretary

Moline Education Association
Association Representative Meeting
Thursday, March 10th, 2016

The MEA Association Representative met Thursday, March 10th, 2016, at the IEA Office, Moline. President Susie Hafner called the meeting to order at 3:47pm. There were 15 representatives and 10 Executive Board members in attendance. There was no quorum present.

Treasurer Mary Nelson reported balances in all accounts. It was voted (January 2015) to not publish the dollar amounts in the MEA budget in neither the minutes nor the Monitor.

Members with questions regarding the MEA account balances are asked to contact Treasurer Mary Nelson.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership – Heidi Norcross reported membership stands at 437.
- Elections – ballots for delegates to the IEA convention were collected.
- Region 18 – no report.
- Legislative – Dave Strafford reported on a proposal to reduce the number of directors on the IEA Board. The proposal seeks to streamline the organization by reducing the 90 positions to 30 or 33. Dave reported that the new district boundaries were still unknown and that it would cost an additional \$14,000 in dues. Members were asked to send comments on the proposal to Dave Strafford.
- Public Relations – no report.
- Social – no report.
- Grievance/Negotiations – Colette Guerdet asked members to send her comments and suggestions for the upcoming negotiations. She reported the grievance committee is potentially in the first step of a grievance procedure.

Old Business:

- President Hafner reported that, due to the lack of an Illinois State budget, there would be some first year teachers receiving pink slips.

New Business:

- There were not enough representatives present to vote on the proposed By Law Changes.
- President Hafner reported that Superintendent Lanty McGuire planned on meeting with all special education teachers on Wednesday, March 16th, 2016, at MHS auditorium.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Roberts
MEA Secretary

MOLINE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The applicant must be a dependent of an MEA member. He/She must be a current graduate of a high school and use the money to further his/her formal education.

In selecting a scholarship recipient, the committee will consider: the applicant's academic records, letters of reference, scholarship, character, leadership, personality, emotional stability, and desire for additional formal education after high school graduation.

1. Name _____ Date of birth _____

2. Home address _____

3. Father/Mother, or Guardian who is a MEA member _____

4. List the names and addresses of the **four** persons from whom you are requesting references. Included in this list of **four** references must be two faculty and two non-faculty recommendations.

Name

Address



5. List the activities in which you have participated and/or honors received. List places and types of employment which you have been associated with during your high school years.

6. Attach a letter of 200 words or less stating your plans for additional formal education from high school graduation.

7. Have an official transcript of your grades from ninth grade through the first semester of twelfth grade and a copy of ACT test scores, this application, and letters of reference to: **Sue Krismanits, MEA Scholarship Committee, Franklin Elementary School, 5312 11th Avenue C, Moline, Illinois, 61265. If ACT test scores are not available, applicant may substitute SAT test scores. Return by April 25, 2016.**

Signature of applicant

Date



MOLINE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

_____ is applying for the Moline Education Association

Name of applicant

Scholarship. Using the following list, would you please check his/her qualifications (one--1--being superior) based on your knowledge of him/her.

	1	2	3	4	5
Scholarship	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personality	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional Stability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If you would like to make additional comments, please do so in the space provided below.

Signature

Date

How is the applicant known to you? _____



Please send to Sue Krismanits, MEA Scholarship Committee, Franklin Elementary School, 5312 11th Avenue C, Moline, Illinois, 61265

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICANT'S MATERIALS IS April 25, 2016.

Next AR Meeting: Thursday, May 12th, 2016

Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, May 5th, 2016

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