

# MEA MONITOR

Moline Education Association

April 2018

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## President's Report - Susan Hafner

Hello Everyone-

Finally, we have a day that is above the freezing mark! Could this mean that spring is finally here? Even if the weather becomes cold again, we know that we only have seven weeks of school left for the 2017-2018 year, and summer will be here, no matter what the weather may be. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break, whether you did some traveling or stayed in town (with the less than desirable weather). Can you tell I'm tired of the cold?

We have had some discussions regarding the professional development for next year. It seems that many of us are tired of having PD that centers on differentiated instruction. I feel that the presentations from this past year did not teach us anything new. Of the presented material, we have been using many of the strategies for years because the essence of teaching changes very little. I think that is something that we all need to realize--we differentiate everyday; we just don't call it that. We just think we are helping all of our students have success as teachers have done for decades.

In regards to next year's PD, an alternative focus has been suggested--security. We would like to see the District's plans for security at our schools and ensure that all of our teachers are prepared if there is any type of threat within the classroom or building. When it comes to the need for security, times have changed over the years, and we want everyone to be as safe as possible.

I would like to remind everyone that some important dates are just ahead. If you are interested in running for any of the positions of the Executive Board, please submit your form to Lori Wesemann by April 18th. Also, if you have someone who is graduating, don't forget to submit the scholarship forms by Friday, April 20th. This is great way to help your child get a great start for college. Our two winners will be presented at our May AR meeting. Forms for both the Executive Board and MEA Scholarship nominations are located at the end of this Monitor.

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I hope you enjoy these next few days, which seem to be quite nice until the weekend, of course. These next weeks will be some of the busiest days of the year, and I know that all of you are up for the challenge. We are an amazing group of educators, who are helping shape the minds of the next generation. Once again, I know that we are up for the challenge.

Enjoy the sunshine-  
Susie

## **AR Secretary's Report - Emily Roberts**

Moline Education Association  
Association Representatives Meeting  
Thursday, March 8th, 2018

The MEA Association Representatives met Thursday, March 8th, 2018, at the IEA office, Moline. President Susie Hafner called the meeting to order at 3:50pm. There 22 ARs and 10 Executive Board members in attendance; a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Marlene Delong, seconded by Tricia Leibovitz, to approve the minutes of the November 7th, 2017, and February 8th, 2018, AR meetings. **Motion** approved.

Treasurer Mary Nelson reported balances in all accounts. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Lori Wesemann, seconded by Liz Finch. **Motion** passed. 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 441.
- **Elections** – ARs were asked to return election ballots to acting chair Val Hayes. It was noted that the election packets arrived late at some schools due to school mail delivery.
- **Legislative** – Dave Strafford reported that the IEA had endorsed gubernatorial candidate JB Pritzker. Members willing to work for the campaign were asked to contact Dave Strafford for information. A town hall (call in) meeting with IEA President Kathi Griffin and JB Pritzker is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th, 7:30pm.
- **Region 18** – Lori Wesemann informed the ARs of the WIRE (Western Illinois Retired Educators) scholarship, available for teachers. Completed forms are due April 20th, 2018;

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members are asked to contact Lori for scholarship forms. It was noted that the IEA budget for 2018-2019 was decreased by \$1 million, in preparation for a possible loss of income due to the upcoming Janus lawsuit. Lori also noted that IEA had endorsed candidate Kwame Raul for Attorney General.

- **Public Relations** – President Hafner noted that the MEA scholarship form was available on the website.

- **Social** – no report.

- **Grievance/Negotiations** – no report.

**Old Business:**

- There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:**

- President Hafner noted there was ongoing discussion with administration regarding the use of and purchase of new technology in the district.

- MEA members were notified via e-mail that the district had resolved the issue regarding taxable earning for Social Security.

- President Hafner noted that the committee to discuss the salary schedule had not yet met.

- President Hafner noted that the committee would be discussing the student growth component of the evaluation matrix.

- Administration should be asking the elementary ARs for input on scheduling problem-solving meetings; ARs were reminded to talk to the building staff.

- President Hafner informed the ARs that, per Tom Ryerson, half-day professional development at the elementary level would not detract from teacher lunchtime.

- President Hafner and Tom Ryerson had discussed the mentoring program; a suggestion was made that mentor/mentee be within the same building.

**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, a motion to adjourn was made by Sherri Martin, seconded by Shannon Dudek. **Motion** passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Roberts

MEA Secretary



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## Nomination Form for MEA Executive Board

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my nomination for a one-year term on the MEA Executive Board for the following position checked.

**CHECK ONLY ONE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD**

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_ Elementary Member-At-Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Level Member-At-Large

\_\_\_\_\_ High School Member-At-Large

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:** Lori Wesemann at Moline High School

**Lori must receive the nomination form AND a brief biography by 3:30pm, April 27th.**

Thank you for your interest in your MEA.

### Position Duties/Responsibilities



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**Vice President** - 2nd in line to run Exec Board and AR meetings, regularly attend School Board Meetings, monthly meeting with Allendale representatives, guaranteed delegate to the IEA RA and the NEA RA, Annual stipend


**Secretary** - Takes minutes for each monthly AR and Exec Board meetings, distribution of previous meeting minutes for approval, Annual stipend

**Treasurer** – Attends Exec Bd and AR meetings monthly, balances MEA checking and savings accounts, works with Membership chair on collecting dues from members and liaison with Allendale to collect MEA dues from auto-withdrawal, writes checks to reimburse MEA expenses and to IEA for annual membership dues, Annual stipend

**Elementary Member-At-Large** – Attends Exec Bd and AR meeting monthly bringing topics specific to Elementary school teachers to discuss, Annual Stipend

**Middle Level Member-At-Large** - Attends Exec Bd and AR meeting monthly bringing topics specific to Middle school teachers to discuss, Annual Stipend

**High School Member-At-Large** - Attends Exec Bd and AR meeting monthly bringing topics specific to High School school teachers to discuss, Annual Stipend



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## 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, 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


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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**

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

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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: **Moline High School, MEA Scholarship Committee, c/o Sasha Sausedo, 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265. If ACT test scores are not available, applicant may substitute SAT test scores. Return by April 20, 2018.**

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Signature of applicant

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Date



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## 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	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 Moline High School, MEA Scholarship Committee, c/o  
Sasha Sausedo, 3600 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265.**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICANT'S MATERIALS IS April 20,  
2018.**

