

**REPORT: NEOEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 7, 2009
FITCH HIGH SCHOOL, AUSTINTOWN**

NEOEA's Representative Assembly held its fall meeting at Fitch High School on Saturday, November 7. Delegates amended the NEOEA Bylaws, enacted resolutions for 2009-10, elected members to two positions on the Association's Board of Directors, endorsed candidates for two OEA offices to be filled in elections later this school year, considered new business items, and recognized award recipients.

In a fund-raiser conducted during the report, the 303 delegates attending donated \$4,724 to OEA's Fund for Children and Public Education.

Delegates passed an amendment to the NEOEA Bylaws which increases the terms of office for the President-elect, President, and Past President to two years each. The transition to the new terms will occur over several years. The first two-year President will be elected as President-elect in 2011; the first person to serve the six-year combined term will be elected President-elect in 2012.

The Representative Assembly enacted the NEOEA Resolutions for 2009-10. The new resolutions document includes 149 statements setting forth Association policy on a wide variety of topics. Delegates approved the Resolutions Committee's recommendations to drop existing resolution J-6, "Private Sector Employees," and to make numerous changes in the language of existing resolutions. Delegates also approved three new recommended resolutions. New resolutions entitled "Homeless Students" and "Performance Pay Concepts" passed without question. However, proposed Resolution B-28, "Life-saving Techniques," stimulated much debate on the floor which was resolved by adding the question to other items being decided with paper ballots. Delegates approved the resolution by a vote of 163 to 109.

As adopted, the text of Resolution B-28 states: "We believe that all educational employees and age-appropriate students should be trained and/or provided with refresher courses in basic life-saving techniques in CPR, use of EpiPens, and AEDs as part of both school curriculum and staff development. Such training should be provided by licensed/trained personnel."

Delegates elected Unit Representatives to fill vacancies in two electoral units:

- Unit 4 NEOEA Representative: Teri Mackey, Wadsworth EA;
- Unit 8 NEOEA Representative: Lisa Steigerwald-Kana, Campbell EA.

Delegates gave early endorsements to two NEOEA members running for statewide Association office. Elections for both positions will be held at OEA's spring Representative Assembly on May 7, 2010.

- Delegates endorsed Patricia Frost-Brooks of the East Cleveland EA for re-election as OEA President for a term ending in 2013.
- Delegates endorsed Dale Kain of the Mayfield EA for election as Ohio NEA Director #3 for a term ending in 2013.

On a voice vote, delegates voted not to send a proposed New Business Item to the floor of the OEA RA. The item would have directed that “no OEA Officer sign or support any grant application submitted by the State of Ohio and/or the Ohio Department of Education for the purpose of attaining federal ‘Race to the Top’ funding if the state application supports the requirement(s) that student test scores/results shall be a factor in either teacher evaluation(s) and/or teacher pay/compensation.”

Meeting in caucus, northeastern Ohio delegates to OEA’s Representative Assemblies endorsed proposed OEA Bylaws proposals and proposed amendments to the Legislative Program and Legislative Reform Package. All will be considered by delegates to the December 5 OEA Representative Assembly.

Delegates honored winners of three categories of NEOEA awards.

- The Public Relations Committee recognized winning entries in the 2008-09 Newsletter Awards.
 - Honorable Mentions received certificates:
 - Bay TA – *BTA Beacon*
 - Elyria EA – *Communicator*
 - Euclid TA – *The Memo Pad*
 - Field Local TA – *FLTA Update*
 - Howland Classroom TA – *The Tigers' Roar*
 - Lorain EA – *The Profession*
 - Mathews EA – *MEA Newsletter*
 - Medina City TA – *The Bridge*
 - Mentor TA – *The Matrix*
 - Midview EA – *MEA News Notes*
 - Olmsted Falls EA – *OFEA Newsletter*
 - Riverside Local EA – *RLEA Newsletter*
 - Sandusky EA – *Union Update*
 - Southeast Local District TA – *A SELDTA Communication*
 - Warren EA – *WEA News*
 - West Branch EA – *The WBEA Link*
 - Willoughby-Eastlake TA – *WETA News*
 - The East Cleveland EA received a \$50 award as the Large Local winner for *The Communiqué*.
 - The Firelands EA received a \$50 award as the Medium Local winner for *News & Updates Firelands Education Association*.
 - The Wellington SSA received a \$50 award as the Small Local winner for *WSS Newsletter*.
 - Delegates honored ACCESS as recipient of the Grand Prize and winner of a \$100 cash award for *The Communicator*.
- The Legislative Committee announced winners of three Political Action Awards for 2008-09. These annual awards recognize locals that have gone “above and beyond” in support for the Fund for Children and Public Education (FCPE). Winners received plaques acknowledging their accomplishment.

- The award for Highest Total Contributions went to the Professional Association for the Teaching of the Mentally Retarded (PATMR), whose members donated a total of \$8,838.
- The award for Highest Average Contribution per Member went to the Cardinal Education Association, whose members donated an average of \$34.01.
- With a 76.1% participation rate, the Cardinal Education Association took the award for Highest Percentage of Member Donors.
- The Public Relations Committee honored 53 local affiliates as NEOEA's Five Star Locals for 2008-09:

ACCESS	Independence EA	Mentally Retarded (PATMR)
Ashtabula Area TA	Kenston EA	Riverside Local EA
Austintown EA	Lakeview TA	Sandusky EA
Barberton EA	Lakewood TA	Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA
Bay TA	Lorain EA	Southeast Local District TA
Bedford EA	Maple Heights TA	Stow TA
Brecksville-Broadview EA	Maplewood Career Center EA	Tallmadge TA
Brunswick EA	Mayfield Assn. of Support Personnel	Twinsburg EA
Brunswick ESP Assn.	Medina City TA	Warren EA
Canfield EA	Mentor Classified Employees	Warrensville EA
Cardinal EA	Mentor TA	Wellington EA
Champion EA	Midview EA	Wellington Support Staff Assn.
Clearview EA	Nordonia Hills Educators' Assn.	West Branch EA
Conneaut EA	Olmsted Falls EA	Westlake TA
Copley TA	Painesville City TA	Willoughby-Eastlake TA
Cuyahoga Heights Assn. of Teachers	Professional Assn. for the Teaching of the	Youngstown EA
East Cleveland EA		YSU-ACE
Elyria EA		
Euclid TA		
Firelands EA		
Howland Classroom TA		

The NEOEA Representative Assembly meets again on April 24, 2010, at Parma Senior High School, 6285 West 54th Street in Parma.