

**REPORT: NEOEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**APRIL 24, 2010**  
**PARMA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

NEOEA's Representative Assembly held its spring meeting at Parma Senior High School on Saturday, April 24. Delegates elected members to ten positions on the Association's Board of Directors, endorsed candidates for three OEA offices to be filled in elections in May, considered new business items, and recognized award recipients.

In a fund-raiser conducted during the report, the 258 delegates attending donated over \$3,400 to OEA's Fund for Children and Public Education.

Delegates amended Resolution F-18, changing its title from "Retirement Funds" to "State Public Retirement Systems" and adding language that reads, "We believe that the public retirement systems in the State of Ohio must be maintained, be properly funded, and be continued under the control of its members through elected governing boards. Furthermore, we oppose additional regulatory, supervisory, or directive authorities granted to any agency over Ohio's public retirement systems that might weaken the integrity of the systems."

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

- President-elect 2010-11: David Saywell, Euclid TA
- NEOEA Unit 1 Representative: Meisha D. Baker, Lorain EA
- NEOEA Unit 4 Representative: Teri Mackey, Wadsworth EA
- NEOEA Unit 7 Representative: Donna Smoot-Walters, Barberton EA
- NEOEA Unit 10 Representative: Joseph McCrone, ACCESS
- NEOEA ESP Representative at-large: Ralph Wright, Wellington Support Staff Assn.
- OEA/NEOEA Unit 2 Representative: Sally Schuler, Olmsted Falls EA
- OEA/NEOEA Unit 5 Representative: Kim Richards, Cardinal EA
- OEA/NEOEA Unit 8 Representative: Jeff Pegg, Warren EA
- OEA/NEOEA Unit 9 Representative: Barb Armour, Brunswick ESP Assn.

Delegates endorsed the following candidates for statewide Association office:

- for OEA Vice President: Bill Leibensperger, South-Western EA;
- for NEA Director #4: Gretchen Y. Washington, Sycamore EA;
- for OEA Director-at-large: Janifer Trowles, Dayton EA.

Elections for these positions will be held at OEA's spring Representative Assembly on May 7, 2010.

Delegates passed New Business Items setting the site of the fall meeting of the Representative Assembly as Lorain County Joint Vocational School, expressing their appreciation to the Parma City School District and Parma EA for hosting the Representative Assembly, and endorsing Nancy Czupik for election in July as a member of the NEA Resolutions Committee for 2010-11.

Meeting in caucus, northeastern Ohio delegates to OEA's Representative Assemblies voted to support resolutions proposed for adoption at the OEA RA on May 7-8.

Delegates recognized winners of the Positive Image Award offered by the Public Relations Committee:

Honoree	Local	Project
Clearview High School EA members	Clearview EA	School of Promise
Eighth Grade and Cornerstone Teams	Independence EA	Generations of Independence Fostering Togetherness (GIFT)
Maplewood Career Center EA	Maplewood Career Center EA	Internal Organizing Projects
Dana Reigles	North Ridgeville EA	Christmas Cheer to the Elderly
Streetsboro EA	Streetsboro EA	Teachers Giving Back One Can at a Time
Chris Thompson	Tallmadge TA	Munroe Mart
Vermilion Teachers' Association	Vermilion TA	Spell Fest
Christine J. Wade	Warrensville EA	"Think Pink" Day
Christy Biery	West Branch EA	Veterans in Our Community
Scott Kutz	Westlake TA	Home and Garden Show Projects
50th Anniversary Committee of Willoughby South High School	Willoughby-Eastlake TA	50th Anniversary Committee of Willoughby South High School
Anthony (Tony) Spano	YSU-ACE	Hope Foundation of Mahoning Valley

Delegates presented the first NEOEA Friend of Education Award to the Delphi Packard Electrical/Electronic Architecture Division for its "positive influence on the young people of the Mahoning Valley through its sponsorship of the FIRST Robotics Program."

Delegates enacted a fourteen-month budget developed as part of the transition to a new fiscal year. The budget runs from July 1, 2010, through August 31, 2011. The first full "new" fiscal year will run from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012. The enacted budget is based on the same dues amount as in the 2009-10 school year, as set by the Bylaws.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee announced that the Representative Assembly will consider at its fall meeting a constitutional amendment entitled "Qualifications for NEOEA Office."