

REPORT: NEOEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
MARCH 28, 2009
MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

NEOEA's Representative Assembly held its spring meeting at Mayfield High School on Saturday, March 28. Delegates recognized Positive Image Award recipients, filled one vacancy on the Association's Board of Directors, elected twelve Directors for terms beginning in September, endorsed candidates for two OEA offices to be filled in elections later this school year, considered four New Business Items, and voted on a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws.

In a fund-raiser conducted during the report, the 303 delegates attending donated over \$3,800 to OEA's Fund for Children and Public Education.

The Public Relations Committee recognized winners of the annual Positive Image Awards:

- Brunswick ESP Assn.: Community Awareness Day
- Sue Hall, Clearview EA: Wall of Heroes
- Dawn Neely-Randall, Elyria EA: Inaugural Ball
- Howland CTA: Show Your Tiger Pride...Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Joy Campbell and Phil Kerlin, North Ridgeville EA: Inauguration Trip
- Linda Watts, Poland EA: Outdoor Classroom
- Tallmadge TA: Books Around the Circle
- Misty Craig, Tallmadge TA: Veteran's Day Presentation
- Cinda Dehner, Twinsburg EA: Community Reading Effort
- Rae "Sue" Dattilio, West Branch EA: Recycling Activities
- Tom Rovniak, Wickliffe EA: Family Table on Curriculum at Wickliffe Middle
- South High School Social Studies Department, Willoughby-Eastlake TA: Poll Worker Training
- Allison Grant and Jennifer Holt, Willoughby-Eastlake TA: iLead, You Follow
- Rachell Joy, YSU-ACE: Theater/Music Projects

As President-elect for 2009-10, delegates elected Becky Higgins of the Copley Teachers' Association. Ms. Higgins will serve as President in 2010-11.

Delegates filled nine positions on the Board of Directors with terms running from September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2012:

- NEOEA Unit 2 Representative: Jeff Wensing, Parma EA;
- NEOEA Unit 3 Representative: Mary Alice Conkey, East Cleveland EA;
- NEOEA Unit 6 Representative: Tom Moscovic, Willoughby-Eastlake TA
- NEOEA Unit 9 Representative: Karen S. Wright, Wellington Support Staff;
- NEOEA Unit 11 Representative: Sarah Carver, Mentor Classified Employees;
- NEOEA Minority Representative at-large: Lillian Tolbert, East Cleveland EA;
- OEA/NEOEA Unit 1 Representative: Carol Correthers, Lorain EA;

- OEA/NEOEA Unit 4 Representative: Jeff Rhodes, North Royalton EA;
- OEA/NEOEA Unit 7 Representative: Becky Miller, Tallmadge TA.

Delegates filled two positions that will be become empty on September 1 for partial terms ending August 31, 2010:

- NEOEA Unit 10 Representative: Joseph McCrone, ACCESS;
- OEA/NEOEA Unit 8 Representative: Peggy Palma, Youngstown EA.

Filling a current vacancy, Unit 1 delegates elected Meisha D. Baker of the Lorain EA to the remainder of a term ending on August 31, 2010, as their NEOEA Unit Representative.

Delegates gave their endorsement to two candidates running for statewide Association office. Elections for both positions will be held at OEA's spring Representative Assembly on May 8, 2009.

- Delegates endorsed Michael R. Jordan of the Bath Education Association for re-election as Ohio NEA Director #6.
- Delegates endorsed Gretchen Y. Washington of the Sycamore Education Association for re-election as an OEA Director-at-large.

Delegates considered four New Business Items.

- Delegates passed NBI-1, thanking the Mayfield EA, Mayfield ASP, and Mayfield City Schools for their hospitality. The motion was submitted by delegates from the Austintown EA, which will host the Representative Assembly on November 7.
- Delegates passed NBI-2, endorsing Kim Vivolo of the Lakewood Teachers' Association for the NEA Resolutions Committee. This position will be filled by election within the Ohio caucus on Friday, July 3, at the NEA Representative Assembly.
- Delegates defeated NBI-3, calling for a study of a special dues rate for ESP (Education Support Professional) members working ten or fewer hours a week.
- Delegates defeated NBI-4, which called for appointment of a committee to consider rotating OEA Representative Assembly fall meetings among the ten OEA districts.

Delegates defeated a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws which would have replaced the position of President-elect with a Vice President and would have permitted the President to serve up to three consecutive one-year terms.

Meeting in caucus, northeastern Ohio delegates to OEA's Representative Assemblies endorsed the proposed Resolutions which will be considered by delegates to the May 7-8 OEA Representative Assembly.

The 2009-10 NEOEA Representative Assembly will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, November 7, at Austintown Fitch High School. Delegates will be elected in the late summer.