

**Summary: NEOEA Representative Assembly
November 12, 2011
Thomas W. Harvey High School, Painesville**

NEOEA's Representative Assembly held its fall meeting at Harvey High School in Painesville on Saturday, November 12.

Delegates were greeted by Painesville City TA President Marianne Lipomi and the Painesville City Local Schools Superintendent Michael P. Hanlon, Jr. President Lipomi noted that Harvey High School is named after Thomas W. Harvey, who was the first president of NEOTA (NEOEA's predecessor) and one of the founders of the Ohio Education Association.

Delegates enacted resolutions for 2011-12, endorsed candidates for three OEA offices to be filled in elections later this school year, considered a new business item, and recognized award recipients.

In a fund-raiser conducted during the report, the 298 delegates attending donated \$6,797 to OEA's Fund for Children and Public Education.

The Representative Assembly enacted the NEOEA Resolutions for 2011-12. NEOEA's new resolutions document includes 155 statements setting forth Association policy on a wide variety of topics. After many years, the former Resolution B-17, "Carnegie Units," was retired due to the obsolescence of that term. At the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, delegates adopted three new resolutions (see page 4):

- B-30, Economic Life Skills;
- E- 7, Challenges to Materials and Teaching Techniques; and
- I-10, Human Trafficking.

Delegates endorsed candidates for statewide positions to be elected by the OEA Representative Assembly later this school year.

- Delegates endorsed William E. Walker, a member of SCOPE (the State Council of Public Employees) for election to a vacancy for OEA Director-at-large that will be filled on December 3.
- Delegates endorsed Jeff Pegg, of the Warren Education Association, in the election for OEA Secretary-Treasurer that will be held on May 11, 2012.
- Delegates endorsed André Taylor, of the Twinsburg Education Association, in the election for Ohio NEA Director #5 that will be held on May 11, 2012.

Delegates passed a New Business Item submitted by Euclid TA delegates Jane Mast and Dawn DeMarco, stating that "The delegates, Board of Directors, and officers of the North Eastern Ohio Education Association hereby express their appreciation to the Painesville City Teachers' Association and the Painesville City Local School District for their hospitality in hosting the fall 2011 NEOEA Representative Assembly."

Delegates honored winners of three categories of NEOEA awards.

- The Public Relations Committee recognized winning entries in the 2010-11 Newsletter Awards.
 - Honorable Mentions received certificates:
 - ★ ACCESS – *The Communicator*
 - ★ Austintown EA – *AEA News*
 - ★ Bedford EA – *BEA Beacon*
 - ★ Copley TA – *Bank On It!*
 - ★ East Cleveland EA – *Communiqué*
 - ★ Mayfield EA – *MEA News and Views*
 - ★ Mentor TA – *The Matrix*
 - ★ Trumbull CTC EA – *We Are the TCTCEA*
 - ★ Twinsburg EA – *TEA News*
 - ★ Warren EA – *WEA News*
 - ★ West Branch EA – *The WBEA Link*
 - ★ Willoughby-Eastlake TA – *WETA NEWS*
 - ★ YSU-APAS – *The Fair Dealer*
 - The Youngstown EA received a \$50 award as the Large Local winner for *YEA United Winner*.
 - The Clearview EA received a \$50 award as the Medium Local winner for *CEA Clipper Clip Notes*.
 - The Wellington SSP Assn. received a \$50 award as the Small Local winner for *WSS Newsletter*.
 - Delegates honored the Riverside Local EA as recipient of the Grand Prize and winner of a \$100 cash award for *RLEA Newsletter*.
- The Legislative Committee announced winners of three Political Action Awards for 2010-11. 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 accomplishments.
 - 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 \$8,955.44.
 - The award for Highest Average Contribution per Member went to the Cardinal Education Association, whose members donated an average of \$35.17.
 - With a 71.1% participation rate, the Cardinal Education Association also took the award for Highest Percentage of Member Donors.
- The Public Relations Committee honored 44 local affiliates as NEOEA’s Five Star Locals for 2010-11:
 - ACCESS
 - Austintown EA

- Barberton EA
- Bay TA
- Bedford EA
- Brecksville-Broadview EA
- Brunswick EA
- Campbell EA
- Cardinal EA
- Champion EA
- Chardon EA
- Clearview EA
- Copley TA
- East Cleveland EA
- Elyria EA
- Euclid TA
- Field Local TA
- Garfield Heights TA
- Howland Classroom TA
- Independence EA
- Kenston EA
- Lakewood TA
- Maple Heights TA
- Mayfield EA
- Medina City TA
- Mentor Classified Employees
- Mentor TA
- Nardon Hills Educators' Assn.
- North Royalton EA
- Painesville City TA
- PATMR
- Riverside Local EA
- Sandusky EA
- Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA
- Southeast Local District TA
- Streetsboro EA
- Tallmadge TA
- Twinsburg EA
- Vermilion TA
- Warren EA
- Warrensville EA
- Wellington Support Staff Assn.
- Willoughby-Eastlake TA
- Youngstown EA

The NEOEA Representative Assembly meets again on April 21, 2012, at Euclid High School, 711 East 222nd Street, in Euclid.

New resolutions adopted by the Representative Assembly on November 12, 2011:

B-30 Economic Life Skills

We believe that all students should develop the necessary life skills in economics to help them manage finances responsibly.

We also believe that economic life skill education should begin no later than in middle school and be incorporated into a variety of high school curricula so as to ensure comprehensive coverage of the student body.

We further believe economic life skills curricula should include basics as banking options, checking account reconciliation, interest rates, loan terminology and procedures, credit card and debit card procurements, student loans, buying a car or house, managing a budget, procuring insurance, and savings account options and investments.

E-7 Challenges to Materials and Teaching Techniques

We believe that quality teaching depends on the freedom to select materials and teaching techniques. Educators and school library media specialists must have the right to select and use materials and techniques without censorship or legislative interference. States, school districts, and educational institutions must include teachers and faculty as full voting members on textbook and curriculum review and adoption committees.

We further believe the pre-publishing censorship, book-burning crusades, and attempts to ban books from school library media centers and school curricula violates the professional and civil rights of educators and students.

We also believe that challenges to the choice of instructional materials and techniques must be orderly and objective, under procedures mutually adopted by professional associations and school governing boards. Instructional materials and equipment must be provided in sufficient variety and quantity to serve all students.

I-10 Human Trafficking

We believe in the abolition of all forms of human trafficking. Human trafficking is the acquisition of people by improper means such as force, fraud, or deception, with the aim of exploiting them as defined by the United Nations Convention of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling.