

OEA-R Virtual Fall Delegate Assembly Minutes  
December 4, 2020 10:00am – 12:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions – Mary Binegar OEA-R Chair

Welcome everyone to our virtual Fall Delegate Assembly. Delegate should have received information you need for this meeting.

I would like to introduce our guests today: Marsh Buckley will serve as our Parliamentarian; William Neville (STRS), Nick Treneff (STRS), Scott DiMauro (OEA President), Jeff Wensing (OEA Vice President), Dan Greenberg (NEA Director #5), Todd Jaeck (OEA-R liaison)

One of our Advisory Council members, Jeff Corbin, is in the hospital with covid. If you know Jeff, you might want to send him a card or message with positive thoughts for a quick recovery. He is not allowed any cards at this time but you can send them to his home and his family will collect them and soon as he is allowed to have those cards his family will see that he gets them. Phil Long will put his address in the chat.

Remarks from STRS Executive Director – William Neville – his power point is online under OEA retired on December 10, 2020, Mr. Neville's presentation

Remarks from the OEA President – Scott DiMauro

Welcome everyone. Below is what the board of directors adopted re: **Putting Education First.**

As Adopted Unanimously by the Ohio Education Association Board of Directors  
December 3, 2020

Position Statement on “Putting Education First” in Regard to Containing the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Ohio Education Association is committed to the success of students and the educators who support them and promoting safe and equitable learning opportunities while our state and local communities continue to contend with the deadly impact of a global pandemic. We understand the critical importance of in-person instruction and the personal connections between students, teachers, and education support professionals in school buildings, but know that learning is impossible if fundamental health and safety needs are not met. OEA has always advocated for strong public schools and recognizes the critical importance of our schools in meeting the academic, social, emotional, physical and mental health, and nutritional needs of over 1.7 million children and their families. Safe and equitable schools are the linchpin of thriving communities and a functioning economy. Operating schools safely, however, requires a

commitment on the part of elected leaders and all Ohioans to make sacrifices necessary to truly put education first. With the goal of putting education first, the Ohio Education Association calls for the following steps to ensure that the needs of Ohio's students, educators and communities are met: 1) Reset, 2) Restart, 3) Re-Prioritize, 4) Resource. The explanations of these steps are online under OEA President Scott DiMauro, under OEA position statement in Putting Education. We need to continue to support our members.

COLA - We are 100% in agreement with every one of you who want to see our COLA back. However we agree there has to be a priority on making sure that every single person in perpetuity has access to their retirement benefits. That means sustaining a long term liability of the pension system is critically important.

Thank you for your commitment to OEA and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

#### Remarks from the OEA Vice President – Jeff Wensing

Jeff thanked OEA-R for their effort in the recent election cycle. Jeff also thanked Mary Binegar for her efforts in running for a seat on the state board of education. House Bill 305, Fair School Funding Plan, was passed by the house 84-8. Some of the highlights: provide 2Billion for public educations and state aid over a course of 6 years; remove all but 9 districts from the guarantee; about 70% go to the poorest districts. This has to get through the Senate. The companion bill to HB 305 is Senate bill 376. We are going to urge all our senators to get together and pass SB376.

We screened STRS and SERs candidates. There were STRS 8 candidates - 3 for 1 active seat and 5 for 2 retired seats. We recommend Carol Corruthers for active seat and recommended Rita Walters and Bob Stein for the retired seats. The board voted and they are endorsed candidates. Judy Novak made a short comment concerning the candidates. There were 3 SERS candidates: 2 were endorsed – Barb Phillips and Frank Weglarz. Barb Catalano made a short comment concerning the candidates. Jeff looks forward to seeing every one tomorrow.

#### Remarks from OEA-R Staff Liaison – Todd Jaeck

OEA-R is rebranding the organization

We have a new logo and a new design to make retirees more relevant

We will be sending out post cards and work through our grant committee

Call to Order – 10:49 am

**Guests:** William Neville (STRS), Nick Treneff (STRS), Scott DiMauro (President), Jeff Wensing (Vice President), Dan Greenberg (NEA Director #5), Todd Jaeck (OEA-R Liaison).

**Delegates:** Mary Binegar, Phil Long, Peg Ham, Jeff Corbin (excused), Barry Alcock, Rita Walters, Judy Novak, Donna Smoot-Walters, Sue Cramer, Jane Miller, Judy Buschle, Sandy Coe, Barbara Catalano, Julia Basham, Beverly Woolridge, Carol Kinsey, Wil Vickery (was here but left), Jack Boyd, Tom Moscovic, John Hoyes, Becky Mayer, Bernadette McCualsky, Bill Lavezzi, Chuck Steinbower, Debbie Bernauer, Hank Haynes, Bill Dorsey, Deloris Hudson, Don Traxler, Gretchen Washington, James Berta, Jene Wilson, Lyn Curry Huston, Majorie Punter, Marti Franks, Nancy DiBianca, Nancy Wonson, Rebecca Brown, Sam Radel, Marsh Buckley, Steve Mitchell, Willie Terrell, Clarice Thomas, Cheryl Hill (absent), Norm Hillstrom (absent), Lori Moodie (absent), Chris Swank (absent), Diallas York (absent), Yuverdia Irving (absent)

Preliminary Credentials Report – Peg Ham, OEA-R Secretary – 40 delegates and 6 guests

Adoption of Standing Rules – Phil Long moved, John Hoyes seconded; adopted without objection

Adoption of Agenda with Flexibility – Willie Terrell moved, Donna Smoot Walters seconded; adopted without objection

Approval of the 2019 Fall Delegate Assembly Minutes – Nancy Wonson moved, Delores Hudson seconded; approved without objection

Report on the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education – Tom Moscovic  
 Fund is ongoing and we certainly need to continue making contributions to the fund  
 Tom has a report from 9/1/20-12/1/20 – retirees have contributed so far \$2468.25  
 You can go to [ohea.org/donate](http://ohea.org/donate) – can use credit card  
 Tom has been attending several meetings that Sara Borgman has asked for from president of OEA-R  
 Tom sent out mailings in August concentrating on the election.

NEA Director's Report – Dan Greenberg, NEA Director #5  
 Everyone is going remote  
 All Board meetings are virtual

President of NEA is Becky Pringle, Vice Pres of NEA is Princess Moss and Secretary-treasurer of NEA is Noel Candelaria  
Secretary of Education – NEA has been advocating to senators and representatives for the following:

- \*Education stabilization fund - \$175,000 which would include PPE
- \*\$4 billion emergency fund – E-rate program which would equip students with internet access
- \*Oppose covid 19 to cover DeVoss’s voucher program
- \*Justice and policing act – already passed the House

Chair’s Report – Mary Binegar

Zoom meetings - bring folks together all over the state  
Get Rita and Bob back on the STRS retired board

OEA-R Delegate Assembly Report – you received a copy in your package. Any questions, email Mary.

OEA Board of Directors Report - Carol Kinsey

The Board of Directors report was pretty much given by Scott and Jeff. We had online secret ballot to vote on STRS and SERS which Jeff talked about. We had a lengthy discussion about Putting Education First, which Scott talked about and is also NBI 1.

NBI 2 – increase ESP at-large board position. There are 17, 000 ESP members and they only have 1 guaranteed elected ESP seat on the Board of Directors. Andrea Beeman is bringing this new business item from Northeast that directs the C & B committee to write language by February to increase the number and then get ready to go to the Spring RA.

OEA Legislative Committee Report – Wil Vickery

In the legislative report from OEA please look at line 712-715 section H

OEA-R Budget Report – Current Year Budget

2019-2020:	\$63,631.11 budget	\$64,888.09 expenditures (publications cost)
2020-2021:	\$66,645.41 budget	\$15,196.03 expenditures (election cost \$9000.00)

Report of the Audit Committee – Sue Cramer

You received report as a delegate– it’s self-explanatory and does not include the Spring RA

The committee moved to accept report this year  
Accepted without objection

Action on New Business

John Hoyes

Proposal 1 – moved on behalf of membership committee  
Bill Lavezzi motioned to postpone this proposal till spring RA, James Berta seconded; after much debate motion to postpone till spring was voted on. There were 28 yes's and 5 no's

Proposal 2 – moved on behalf of the membership committee  
Jene Wilson moved to refer this proposal back to committee after much debate and Marsh Buckley seconded  
Proposal was referred back to committee – 35 yes's and 3 no's

Final Credentials Report – Peg Ham – 42 Delegates and 6 guests

Delegate Briefing – Carol Kinsey

You were emailed a sheet called logistical highlights that has everything on it that you need to know for Saturday.

You should have received a packet in the mail with a handbook and FCPE form that Tom talked about and a letter from Scott asking for money.

FCPE is asking for minimally \$50.00 per person. Mark told us yesterday we are down to \$35,000.00 in the FCPE fund residual after the election.

There will be online polling.

Point of personal privilege – Carol Kinsey – keep Jeff in our prayers. I encourage you to send cards to his home.

Adjournment 12:38 pm

Phil Long moved to adjourn, Donna Smoot Walters seconded