

OEA-R Virtual Spring Delegate Assembly Minutes  
May 6, 2021

Call to Order – Mary Binegar

Welcoming Remarks Mary Binegar

Our new OEA-R Liaison is Makia Burns and Chantal Dixon is her administrative assistant. They have been very helpful during this transition time to get us organized and to keep us moving forward.

Introduction of **OEA-R Advisory Council** and *OEA-R members serving on OEA Committees*

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

***OEA-R members serving on OEA Committees***

Haven Reardon – Local Development & Training; Deloris Rome Hudson – Human & Civil Rights; Barry Alcock –Organizing Strategy; Gretchen Washington – Professional Efficacy; Chris McVicar – Convention Planning; Jeff Slattery – Resolutions;

**Guests :** Scott DiMauro (OEA President), Jeff Wensing (OEA Vice President), Mark Hill (OEA Secretary –Treasurer), Dan Greenberg (NEA Director #5), Makia Burns (OEA-R liaison), Chantal Dixon(OEA Researcher Technician), Tom Moscovic, Jane Rahn (WOEA)

Preliminary Credentials Report – Peg Ham – 33 delegates and 7 guests =40. Deloris Rome Hudson moved to accept the Preliminary Credentials Report and Kathleen Purdy seconded; motion passed without objection

Adoption of Standing Rules – Phil Long moved, Marti Franks seconded; adoption of Standing Rules passed without objection

Adoption of Agenda with flexibility – Becky Brown moved, Becky Mayer seconded; adoption of Agenda with flexibility passed without objection

Approval of the 2020 Fall Delegate Assembly Minutes – Jeff Corbin moved, Judy Novak seconded; approved of the 2020 Fall Delegate Assembly minutes passed without objection

Recognition of and remarks from Guests:

STRS – Rita Walters – her report is posted on the OEA-R website

- John Morrow, the Chief Investment Officer and also the deputy executive director, will be retiring after 31 years of service.
- Matt Worley will become the new Chief Investment Officer.
- Executive Director Bill Neville reported that new retirements are up this year- 688 in March; the number of applications received this year was highest since 2015– STRS Ohio is on pace to have 4000 retirements this fiscal year

President of OEA – Scott DiMauro

- We have 4 new business items and 2 resolution amendments being submitted along with a Constitution & Bylaws proposal at the OEA RA on Saturday.
- Scott will highlight 1 New Business Item along with a formal recommendation of the board – that is to take a strong proactive step in asserting our role as educators as the voice as critical decisions are being made about to how to spend 4 ½ billion dollars coming into the state of Ohio as the result of President Biden’s American Rescue Plan Act.
- Scott also talked about the Fair School Funding Plan which brings tax dollars home to local communities and fixes school funding and we can do it right now with zero tax increase.
- The better off schools are in terms of funding, the stronger the retirement system is because we have stable contributions coming into the system and we are able to hire more into the system.

Vice President of OEA – Jeff Wensing

- Talked about HB 200 and SB 145– revise the state report card and school accountability
- Rebranding OEA fund. No longer call FCPE but call OEA Fund.
- Jeff will give a full report on Fair School Funding Plan and American Rescue Plan and other legislative information on Saturday.

### Secretary-Treasurer – Mark Hill

- Mark also talked about American Rescue Plan and the Fair School Funding Plan
- Membership is slightly down under about 2% or about 1900 members.
- Mark also mentioned about OEA-R pre retired prepayment plan
- Thank everyone for their help in the STRS board elections

### OEA-R Liaison – Makia Burns

- She is one of four organizers that cover the state
- She has been with OEA about 8 years
- She has worked with Bill Otten
- She also does Professional Development on a variety of topics
- She is looking forward to working with OEA-R

### NEA Director's Report – Dan Greenburg

- Will get full update on Saturday at the OEA RA
- Will be returning to in person meetings in October
- Legislative support for:
  - Reopening Rebuild America's Schools Act – improve public school facilities across the country
  - Equality Act – provide protection from discrimination for LGBTQ students and educators
  - Provide healthy school meals
  - For the People Act – would strengthen voting right and push back on voting suppression efforts

### Presentation of NEA-R Grant – Judy Buschle - online

- Goal 1 - Align the state affiliate goals and mission with our district retirement groups to keep our retired members informed and engaged in all aspects of OEA.
- Goal 2 - Develop leadership skills of retired members by encouraging and enlisting more participants in retired activities. Through implementation of the grant, opportunities in the districts such as “Read Across America Project” targeting diversity and in attending various activities in district workshops, trainings and conferences.
- Goal 3 - Each of the 10 districts will work with Ohio's O.N.E. (Ohio New Educators) Member Ambassadors to strengthen the relationship with state affiliate and local leaders.
- Goal 4 - To work with O.N.E. Member Ambassadors in making early contact with new aspiring educators, using technology that acknowledges and welcomes them to the profession of education

through a buddy system. Establishing early contact and setting up systemic checks with new aspiring educators will help them have someone to express their needs and frustrations in a safe and secure venue.

Speeches from Candidates for Statewide Election – these speeches are online and in the April/May 2021 Ohio Schools magazine

OEA Secretary –Treasurer – Mark Hill

NEA Director #5 – Dan Greenburg

Screening Report – Tom Moscovic

- Review candidates – all are running unopposed
- On behalf of the committee I make a motion to endorse all 4 candidates since they are all running unopposed and endorsed them collectively
- Bill Lavezzi moved to divide the motion and vote on each candidate individually and Marsh Buckley seconded. Tom Moscovic withdrew his original motion to endorse collectively

Election and Voting Procedures – Makia Burns

Kathleen Purdy moved to endorse Cassandra D. Daniels, Donna Smoot Walters seconded. Deloris Rome Hudson and Charles Steinbower in favor to endorse; Bill Lavezzi not to endorse.

- Cassandra D. Daniels -78% to endorse and 22% not to endorse

Phil Long moved to endorse Mark Hill, Rita Walters seconded.

- Mark Hill – 97% to endorse and 3% not to endorse

Barry Alcock moved to endorse, Carol Kinsey seconded

- Dan Greenberg – 94% to endorse and 6% not to endorse

Barry Alcock moved to endorse, Deloris Rome Hudson seconded

- Adrienne M. Bowden – 71% to endorse and 29% not to endorse

Kickoff Report for the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education - Tom Moscovic

- We need to find ways to increase contributions-we currently have 8787 retired members
- As of 5/4/2021 the total retired contribution is \$6,519.25 (from September 2020)

- Go to OEA website to donate to FCPE
- Our goal is to get people to participate; if people could give \$10 each, it would generate more money. [ohea.org/donate/](http://ohea.org/donate/)

#### Report of the Chair – Mary Binegar

- Mary sent everyone a document called A Year in Review.
- Several of our OEA-R members were appointed to NEA-R committees- Tom Moscovic, Peg Ham, Judy Buschle, John Hoyes, Marti Franks, Jane Rahn
- I received a lot of support in my campaign for the State Board of Education; over 6000 postcards were sent out; we had election webinar
- OEA sent out over 110,000 postcards to STRS participants to make sure they supported Rita Walters and Robert Stein
- The District Reps have reached out to over 600 of our members who are age 90 years old and older with phone calls and postcards to let them know that OEA-R cares about them and we want to stay in touch with our members
- Find ways to engage and keep our people involved
- One concern we have is with our OEA-R elections –we have seen a dwindling participation rate. We are going to set up a special committee to look at how to get more people involved. Let Mary know or your District Reps know so they can get your information to Mary

OEA-R Report – as printed –Mary will send everyone a summary of what the OEA-R committees have done this past year

#### OEA Board of Directors – Carol Kinsey

- No meetings but will meet tonight, May 6, 2021
- Number one priority for board was the elections
- Board has seen a lot of staff transfers this year
- Board is working on priority 4 – to inform and advocate for social, economic and racial justice
- At this time we have 2 unfilled positions – LRC in Canton office and newly titled Managers position at headquarters
- There will be a new business item proposal

#### OEA Resolutions Committee Report – Jene Wilson

- Hearing was Monday night- 63 signups, but 45 attended – interested in the process of resolutions and how they come to be
- Scott mentioned the 2 new resolutions coming before the body on Saturday at the OEA RA and both are from NEOEA:
  - What to do during a pandemic

- What to do in any kind of crisis in general – in your resolutions book they are A43 and C38

OEA-R Financials – as printed – Mary will send out to all delegates

OEA-R Checking Account - Jeff Corbin- \$4,713.79

Report on the Referred Items - John Hoyes

Action on New Business – none

#### 1. Guideline Proposals

- a. Proposal #1- Recall process – John moved on behalf of the Membership/Guidelines Committee - 94% support and 6% non-support
- b. Proposal #2 - Appointments by Advisory council, A 2 by substitution– John moved on behalf of the Membership/Guidelines Committee – 91% support and 9% non-support

Final Credentials Report – Peg Ham – 36 delegates and 8 guests= 44

Final Report for the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education – Tom Moscovic – He hasn't received anything

Service Recognitions – Jack Boyd- thank them for their service

Anne Bowles - ECOEA, Jane Rahn –WEOEA & OEA At- Large, Jeff Corbin – Capital, Sue Cramer NWOEA, Peg Ham –NEOEA, and Sandy Coe –WEOEA

Delegate Briefing - Carol Kinsey

- Should have received your delegate handbook
- There is 1 ESP seat on the board of Directors – add 3 more ESP seats on the board
- NBI – there will be no Friend of Education award this year – will offer a broader opportunity for nomination which has been limited in the past
- Please print out the logistical highlight document

Marti will submit 2 NBI at the OEA RA and will move on behalf of NEOEA

- Rename media center at OEA headquarters to be named the Presidents board meeting

- historical honor wall in that room with a picture of OEA past presidents

Adjournment 12:26 pm; Barry Alcock moved and Chuck Steinbower seconded; motion to adjourn meeting without objection

PHam  
OEA-R Secretary