



## Minutes

Saturday, June 30, 2018

4:30-5:30 PM

Minneapolis Convention Center

Room: Auditorium 3

- I. **Call to Order** the meeting was called to order at 4:30 (Osterling/OH)
- II. **Adoption of Agenda** motion to adopt with flexibility Studt (IN)/Cannella (NJ) carried
- III. **Welcome from the Co-Chairs** Burger (MI) welcomed the members
- A. **Introduction of Steering Committee** Burger (MI) introduced the executive officers and had the steering committee members introduce themselves and their positions
- B. **Logistics**
  1. **Gender Neutral Bathrooms** there are at least 2 locations, please check the RA info
  2. **Meeting Schedule** is listed on the back of your membership cards, posted at the booth and on 2 general info bulletin boards. Meeting room is Auditorium 3 near registration.
  3. **Resolution on NEA Candidate Speeches** motion Bauer-Zebley (MD)/Studt (IN) to allow speeches of up to 3 minutes for executive officers and executive committee candidates. All others candidates will be allowed 2 minutes. Carried
- C. **50/50 Raffle - Guy DeRosa Memorial Book Fund** Bento (WA) explained the motivation and process associated with the 50-50 tickets and the donation of LGBTQ books to local student centered organizations. **Eric Brown (IL), candidate for the Executive Committee addressed the caucus.**
- D. **Caucus Elections**
  1. **Female Co-Chair** per ByLaws deadline, Emily Osterling (OH) is elected by acclamation
  2. **Secretary** per ByLaws deadline, Kathleen Roach (NY) is elected by acclamation
  3. **Female Regional Directors** thus far Sue Cirillo (CA)/Pacific and Rebeka McIntosh (MO/Midwest) are the only declared candidates.
- E. **RA Microphone-Strategy** Steering committee addressed some concerns with the process. Bento (WA) explained the goal was a smoother process to acquire caucus support for NBI's etc. There is a form on the website that requests rationale and correlation to the caucus mission. Discussion included BOD proposal to shorten the timeline, several problems members were having with the NEA process and outdated forms, NCUE's position against the proposed NEA changes among other concerns. Caucus leadership will reassess our process and inquire about the NEA glitches with the goal of making the process easier and more open rather than restrictive.
- IV. **Mary Kusler - Senior Director for Center of Advocacy** Mary Kusler addressed the caucus. She pointed out that like many of us, she has marched more in the last 18 months than she has in all her years prior, collectively. NEA leadership and senior staff had been preparing for the Janus decision to come down and the efforts necessary to mitigate the effects of it when they too were blindsided by the Justice Kennedy retirement announcement. The March held today was indicative of the need for all of us, truly all of us to come together and fight for what is right. We must dig deeper, physically, emotionally and financially to fight for the future of our democracy. Elections matter! Give more to PAC, fully participate in the "Drive for 9" movement, and really engage in all levels of elections, local state and federal.

- V. Treasurer's Report & Budget Presentation** Miller (CA) reported on the financial health of the caucus. Fiscal Year 17-18 ended in the black. The Issues conference is paid for. The dinner is paid for. The Caucus Issues Conference was a total success. We modeled inclusivity and intersectionality and look for reciprocation from other conferences. Our next conference will be held at the Rio in Las Vegas in October of 2019. Details are on the website.
- VI. Dinner Update** Miller (CA) mentioned that the dinner was sold out before we even arrived in Minneapolis. 995 tickets sold.
- VII. 50/50 Raffle Drawing** winner was Seyfried(IL) \$51
- VIII. Ichabod Crane Debating Society Reception**
  - Lush
  - 990 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413, United States

Motion to adjourn Bauer-Zebley (MD) Carried.