



## **MEMBERS-**

It is hard to believe that January is over! Time sure does fly by when you are having fun! I know there are a lot of great things happening in the classrooms across the district. The work continues as we head into February, but I wanted to make you aware of things that are happening on the OEA front.

### **Just 1 Campaign**

Start having those one-on-one conversations with nonmembers to join OEA. Just as only one key will unlock a door, YOU are a unique key that will help your Association achieve its goals. To help us continue to advocate for all educators, we're asking members to sign up a new member between Jan. 1 and Feb. 29, 2020. Members who join in January and February will pay the remaining portion of the association's year's dues until July. When you sign someone up, your name will be entered into a drawing for a smart watch.

### **Elections**

The 2020 General Election is fast approaching. AR's were given the flyers to post in your buildings. Nominations will be accepted by self-nominating before February 10 and nominations from the floor at the AR on February 11. Positions that are open are Vice President of Advocacy, 4 Elementary, 1 Middle School and 2 Senior High. There are 19 positions for the NEA Representative Assembly held in Atlanta, GA on July 2-7. There are 55 positions for the NSEA Delegate Assembly held in Lincoln on April 24 and 25. If you are interested, fill out the needed forms or have someone nominate you on the floor of the AR on February 11.

### **Letters of Intent**

Teachers should submit the letters of intent on the day requested by the Principal. If the Principal asks the teacher to return the letter by February 1, the teacher should return it by Feb. 1. You should also write on it that this selection is not binding until after March 15. Principals are working on staffing for next year, but they understand the deadline of March 15.

### **Counselors**

There will be an organizing meeting for Counselors to discuss concerns they have this year. They will be meeting on Monday, February 3 at 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the OEA building. Invite those Counselors

### **Degrees Not Debt/Student Loan Forgiveness Workshop**

Degrees Not Debt/Student Loan Forgiveness workshop Thursday, February 13 @ 5:00 at the OEA building. This is a ZOOM meeting with NEA staff, Susan Estes presenting the information. Please RSVP by texting Marlene Wehrbein, 402-432-3389 or emailing Lorrie at [lorrie.krejci@nsea.org](mailto:lorrie.krejci@nsea.org). There is limited space.

### **Early Childhood Teachers**

There will be an organizing meeting for Early Childhood teachers to identify concerns they have this year. It will be Thursday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the OEA building. Members and Nonmembers are invited to attend this first meeting. Marlene Wehrbein, Organizational Specialist, will be working with this group.

### **Meet, Visit & Dine with Your Senator**

You are encouraged to attend the NSEA Legislative Dinner at the Nebraska Champion's Club in Lincoln on Tuesday, March 3, to meet and dine with your state senator. The reception will be held beginning at 5 p.m., with dinner catered by Misty's at 6 p.m.

Meal choices are chicken, salmon, beef or vegetarian. There is no cost; mileage is paid. For those traveling more than 120 miles, substitute costs and sleeping rooms will be available if your senator plans to attend.

RSVP with your entrée choice by February 24 to:

Jan Anderson ([jan.anderson@nsea.org](mailto:jan.anderson@nsea.org)) or by phone 402-475-7611.

### **OEA Day of Action**

Mark your calendars for this important event! Monday, March 9 the OEA is planning our 2nd DAY OF ACTION to talk with our State Senators and tell our stories and ask them not to cut funding to public education. The current plan is to leave the OEA building by a bus and arrive in Lincoln for some conversation. We will have students, parents and educators from across the Metro area to lobby in our great capitol! Lunch will be provided, and we will head back to Omaha. Call the office to make sure a spot is reserved for you!

**Please reach out if you have any questions! Have a great week and stay warm!**

**Robert**

**OEA President**