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April 12, 2022

Building AR Elections-

We are heading into the last few months of school, and with that comes the OEA building Association Representative (AR) election.

This is an individual(s) who brings your building concerns to the monthly AR meetings and takes information back to your building to share with the members.

Each school is entitled to one representative and one alternate. Schools or departments having more than 15 OEA members are entitled to one representative and one alternate for each additional 15 members or major fraction thereof.

For example: A school with 23 members would be entitled to two ARs (15 = first AR, +8 (a major fraction of 15) = second AR).

The position of the Primary Contact shall be determined by secret ballot of current association representatives. In the event of a tie, or no one has been nominated for the position of Captain, the members in said building will conduct a separate ballot to determine who is Captain from among the elected association representatives.

The AR alternates would assist the ARs and attend AR Assembly, especially in the absence of the Captain or an AR.

This election should be completed by Tuesday, May 10th. Please consider running for an AR position.

Important Dates

April 15th is the last day to submit your retirement papers.

April 15th at 5:00pm is the statutory deadline to submit your resignation. OPS extended the deadline to April 29th at 5:00pm. If you do not submit your resignation, you will be employed by OPS for the 2022/2023 academic year.

May 1st retirees must notify the district how they want their insurance paid out.



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Early Enrollment-

- Early enrollment has begun and will run through August 31st.
- No Cost between April 1 and August 31, 2022.
- Potential members can enroll now with limited benefits.
- Potential members who have been a student association member (Aspiring Educators) in the past, but are not yet an active member, are eligible for early enrollee membership.
- You will receive liability insurance from the date of signing. They will have access to member-only professional development opportunities offered by NSEA from the date of signing.
- You will have access to the services of NSEA staff to answer your questions. Full services begin when your contract for the 2022-2023 school year begins.
- Access to an attorney is NOT part of Early Enrollment benefits. Early Enrollment signees may have access to an attorney for incident that occurs when their contract for the 2022-2023 school year begins.

Reach out to your fellow colleagues who have been considering joining, those who are student teaching or even the new hires that have been identified. They will pay NOTHING until October 2022!

Visit the OEA webpage at https://omahaoea.org/ and click the banner 'Become a Member NOW."



OEA Committee Meetings and Events

All committee meetings are now in person.

They will start at 4:45 at the OEA Office, the address is 4202 S. 57th Street. A reminder will still be sent out the day before, but there will be no link to attend.

In person events are being planned by committees. Pay attention to information that is sent out via various platforms, such as constant contact, social media, or text.

The Board and AR meetings will still be held via ZOOM due to the number of individuals that participate in those meetings.

2021/2022 Committee Meetings

All meetings @ 4:45pm
Unless otherwise noted.

Meetings will be held IN PERSON.

A reminder will still be sent out the day before the meeting to those who are on the email list from last year and those who have contacted the office to let us know what committee they are interested in.

Visit the website for further committee information. (Omahaoea.org)



4/14 Governance

4/19 PACE

4/20 Membership

4/21 Comp/Benefits

4/21 PCR

4/27 Retirement

4/28 EMAC

4/28 NewGEN

5/3 Instructional Advocacy

5/5 DEI

Laurels Night 2022

It is BACK!

We will be honoring the retirees, 25 years and annual award winners for the 2022 year on Sunday, May 1st.

If you are one of those lucky people, get your RSVP's in to the OEA office by April 18th.

If you are retiring, get your profiles in to the office as well, those can be emailed to Gloria at Gloria.bustillos@nsea.org or Robert at Robert.miller@nsea.org

58th ANNUAL LAURELS NIGHT



May 1, 2022, North Ballroom
Livestock Exchange Building, 4920 So. 30 St.
Cocktails (cash bar) at 5:00 P.M., Dinner at 5:45 P.M.

To reserve full or partial tables, please use this form. Tables hold 8 people each. If your group numbers more than 8, you will be seated at adjacent tables. Please give the name of each person attending. Payment by check is preferred. (OEA does not take credit or debit cards)



Reservations are due by April 18, 2022

Cost is \$30.00 per person

Please list attendees and payment method.

Name/Honoree	<u>Cash/Check</u>	<u>School</u>

REMEMBER

Retirees and 25 Year Honorees are guests of the Association, and their meals are complimentary. Guests of the honorees must pay for their meals. *Please note if Vegetarian or Gluten free meal is requested.*

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 18, 2022

For your convenience, postdated checks are accepted and we guarantee that no checks will be cashed prior to April 15th.



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Finders Keepers

As we are heading into the 4th quarter of school, many are beginning to think about your classroom materials.

OEA will be hosting the 'Finders Keepers' event for our new hires on June 15th. We would like to offer them the opportunity collect items to be used in their first classroom.

If you have classroom materials that are gently used, consider donating them to the OEA. We will begin collecting them here at the OEA and organizing them for our event

We all know that at the end of the year a table gets identified in the staff lounge where unwanted items are placed for the taking. Why not share those items with first year teachers?

Any 'gently used' items can be donated to this cause. You can drop them off at the OEA office or call the office at 402-346-0400. More details to follow.



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