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I want to inform you of some things that have taken place and will be occurring in the future.

#### **Elections**

The OEA (Omaha Education Association) did a second run of the elections due to various issues. The following individuals were selected to represent the OEA as either an executive member, a board member or delegate to the state or national assemblies. Congratulations to each that were elected.

**Vice President of Advocacy:** Kathy Poehling

**Elementary Board Members:** Terri Childers and Amanda Kloke

**Middle School Board Member:** Amy Smith

**High School Board Members:** Rae Carlson and Jim Goetz

**Alternative Education / TAC:** Shannon Heng

**Delegate Assembly Representatives (Lincoln, NE April 28-29, 2023):** Paula Aguirre, Katie Cameron, Rae Carlson, Diana Casey, Terri Childers, Kiera Cummings, Molly Davies, Kim Ferris, Tonja Frank, Kim Gardiner, Jim Goetz, Micole Brazell Harms, Meeghan Hartfield, Kathleen Hayden Matthews, Shannon Heng, Andrew Hillmer, Wes Jensen, Faith Johnson, Amanda Kloke, Lori Krebs, Kristy Lee, Terrell Matthews, Josh McDougall, Kim Mefford, Eric Opdahl, Amy Page, Justin Potts, Carrie Pratt, Michelle Richards, Amy Smith, Stacie Stevens, Edward Ventura, and Jared Wagenknecht.

**Representative Assembly Delegates (Orlando, FL July 1-7, 2023):** Edward Ventura, Kristy Lee, Faith Johnson, Jim Goetz, Meeghan Hartfield, Anne King, Katie Cameron, Paula Aguirre, Wes Jensen, Stacie Stevens, Terri Childers, Andrew Hillmer, and Diana Casey.

#### **Retirement Workshop**

Thinking of calling it a career? Register for the OEA retirement workshop. It will be held virtually, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, starting at 6:30pm and will last about an hour. The link will be sent to those that have registered. You may

register using the following link, [MARCH 28 RETIREMENT WORKSHOP](#).

## **Resignations and Retirement**

If you are planning to retire from the district, you must have your letter submitted to the district no later than **April 15th**. Those planning on resigning must submit their resignation no later than 5:00 p.m. on **April 28, 2023**. **If you do not submit by this deadline, you will be considered under contract for the 2023-2024 school year.** For those probationary teachers considering resignation, you must submit a resignation letter, rather than just not signing your contract.

If you are planning to retire, notify the district by April 15th and please let the OEA know so that we may include you in the Laurels Open House on May 7, 2023, from 2:30pm - 4:30pm at Lauritzen Gardens.

## **Student Advocacy Workshop**

Do you have students who are struggling in your classroom? You know they may need additional support but are unsure of how to advocate for them? Reserve your spot for a workshop presented by the Educational Rights Counsel (ERC) and co-sponsored by the OEA. The information presented will cover how to appropriately advocate for your students, language to use for student advocacy and how to advocate for yourself as an educator. The workshop will be Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 9:00am until 11:00am. Use the following link to register, [Successful Student Advocacy](#). More details will be sent to those who register.

## **Laurels Open House**

The OEA will celebrate those members retiring and who have achieved the 25-year milestone in their career. The event will be held at Lauritzen Gardens on Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 2:30pm until 4:30pm. If interested in attending, please reach out to Michelle Settlemyer ([michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org](mailto:michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org)) and she will provide you with further details.

## **Upcoming Committee Meetings** (all held at OEA office and start at 4:45pm):

EMAC (Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee) – March 30, 2023

PCR (Public Community Relations) – March 30, 2023

Instructional Advocacy – April 4, 2023

PCR – April 6, 2023

Governance – April 11, 2023

NewGen – April 12, 2023

Compensation & Benefits – April 18, 2023

Membership – April 19, 2023

PACE (Political Action Committee for Education) – April 20

EMAC – April 27, 2023

## **Upcoming Events:**

Retirement Workshop – March 28, 2023 (virtual 6:30pm)

OEA Board Meeting – April 5, 2023 (5:00pm)

OEA General Assembly Meeting – April 11, 2023

(in person / virtual starting at 4:30pm with secondary concerns)

Successful Student Advocacy – April 22, 2023 (9:00am-11:00am)

Laurels Open House – May 7, 2023 (Lauritzen Gardens 2:30pm-4:30pm)

With each passing day, you are getting closer to the end of the school year. Take a moment to reflect on the progress that not only you have made this year, but also that of your students. Their success is a direct result of the time, energy, and drive that you each have put in. These next several weeks will be packed with activity at all levels. Remember to take care of you. Enjoy that morning beverage, listen to the birds sing, watch the sunset and recenter. I see the work you are each doing and know that it is not easy. I appreciate each of you and the work you do.

In solidarity,  
Michelle

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