



NEA 2022 RA Chicago, IL



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President DiMauro called the caucus to order at 8:32 a.m. and reviewed the process for being recognized to speak during the virtual caucus meeting. He also reported that during the virtual caucus meeting, all seconds to motions would be assumed unless a delegate wishes to raise a point of order to require a second to any motion. He noted that the last ten minutes of each caucus will be reserved for announcements and points of personal privilege.

MOTION (Arthur Lard) To adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion carried.

Mark Hill reviewed the changes and rationale for the revised Ohio caucus standing rules being presented for the hybrid RA. He noted that the most recent version of the in-person standing rules were used and language was added to allow for virtual participation.

MOTION (Mark Hill) To adopt the Ohio Caucus Standing Rules for the 2022 NEA RA. Motion carried.

NEA Executive Committee candidate speeches were given by: Christine Sampson-Clark, Robert Rodriguez, Tania Kappner, and Mark Airgood.

Chairperson DiMauro reminded delegates of the 9:45 a.m. deadline to submit a declaration of candidacy form for the NEA Resolutions Committee.

Chairperson DiMauro reported that Ohio is meeting NEA's Bylaw 3-1(g) goal.

Chairperson DiMauro dispensed with the election of the caucus Chairperson and Vice Chairperson because the standing rules provide for the OEA President and OEA Vice President to serve as the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the caucus.

Review of Caucus Times and Procedures: Chairperson DiMauro reviewed the upcoming caucus dates and times and reminded the virtual delegates of the time difference between Ohio and Chicago. He noted where delegates could find the RA floor procedures in their handbook.

NEA Candidate Screenings: Chairperson DiMauro reported that screenings were held on June 14 for NEA Executive Committee candidates and introduced the members of the screening committee. Chairperson DiMauro reported that four candidates are running for two seats. He listed the declared candidates and noted which candidates screened with the committee.

Screening Committee Recommendations:

- MOTION (Dwayne Marshall/Screening Committee) That the Ohio delegation endorse Christine Sampson-Clark for NEA Executive Committee. Motion carried.
- MOTION (John Coneglio/Screening Committee) That the Ohio delegation endorse Robert Rodriguez for NEA Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Chairperson DiMauro introduced the members of the NEA ESP At-Large Candidate screening committee and reported that there are seven open positions, with one being a 1-year term, that delegates will vote on during the RA. He reported that Vice President Wensing would be chairing the screenings with the committee scheduled to make endorsement recommendations to the caucus on July 3.

Committee introductions took place. Adrienne Bowden reviewed information for new and first-time delegates and noted that a question and answer session would take place immediately following caucus that morning.

Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Amendments:

- MOTION (Adrienne Bowden/OEA/NEA Relations Committee) That the Ohio delegation oppose Constitutional Amendment #1. Motion carried.
- MOTION (Adrienne Bowden/OEA/NEA Relations Committee) That the Ohio delegation oppose Bylaw Amendment #1. Motion carried.
- MOTION (Adrienne Bowden/OEA/NEA Relations Committee) That the Ohio delegation support Bylaw Amendment #2. Motion carried.

Chairperson DiMauro reported the caucus would vote on additional recommendations at the next caucus meeting and encouraged delegates to go to the new business item area of the NEA website to review items that have been submitted.

NEA Fund for Children and Public Education Fundraising: Dan Greenberg, Kim Richards, and Stacy Recker are serving as NEA PAC captains this year. Mr. Greenberg and Ms. Recker reported on the different ways delegates will be able to contribute to the Fund during the RA. The goal again this year is a minimum contribution of \$200 per delegate; they reported that there would be an online auction to raise funds and encouraged delegates to donate auction items by June 27 with bidding beginning on July 1. They also noted that delegates who donate items to the auction will be responsible for shipping the item to the winner and discussed the costume contest being held to also encourage donations to the Fund.

NEA Directors' Report/Updates: Adrienne Bowden reported that the online pre-RA events are scheduled in eastern standard time. She noted that a virtual hearing will be held each day beginning on June 21 and shared the schedule of meetings. She reported that NEA President Pringle is asking delegates to wear orange on July 3 and to wear red on July 6. She also reported that the deadline to submit RA New Business Items is 5:00 p.m. ET on June 18 and shared the website for submitting items. Ms. Bowden also noted that the RA convention hall and OEA's hotel are cashless venues and delegates must have a credit card to make purchases.

General Convention Information: Chairperson DiMauro reported delegates should monitor their email closely for convention information and noted that anyone who is not receiving the delegate emails should notify William Baird at neara@ohea.org. He also reported that all delegates should've registered by now with NEA and created their virtual badge which is necessary for all delegates regardless of participation format. He noted that OEA t-shirts would be provided to all delegates and discussed the process for distributing NEA HCR and LGBTQ+ dinner tickets from OEA. Chairperson DiMauro reported that caucus Parliamentarian Tim Skamfer would be providing a parliamentary procedure overview immediately following the adjournment of the caucus meeting on July 2.

NEA Resolutions Election: Mark Hill reported that the following six delegates submitted a declaration of candidacy form for the six Ohio positions on the NEA Resolutions Committee: Cassandra Daniels, Deborah Jackson, Michelle Martin Jones, Eugene Mach, Sandra Peloquin, and Sherise Thompson. He noted that all candidates are declared elected by acclamation and an election will not be necessary.

Expense Policy: Mark Hill reviewed the state funded delegate stipend information and reported that state funded delegates must participate in all caucus and RA sessions to receive their full stipend and noted that the first stipend check was being mailed to delegates along with an Accountable Plan, a listing of expenses that

OEA will and will not cover, and a sample expense voucher. He reported that state delegates would be on a per diem system for their meals and incidentals again at this RA and encouraged them to complete their voucher electronically. He noted the final \$400 of the state delegate stipend would be distributed at the conclusion of the July 5 caucus provided all the criteria outlined in the policy for state funded delegates are met. He also reported that state delegates who are participating virtually would be receiving a \$200 per diem to cover food expenses during the days they are required to participate in the RA and that retired and aspiring educator virtual participants would receive additional money for the time they are required to participate in their division meetings ahead of the RA. He noted that local delegates would be receiving a check for \$75 to cover the cost of breakfast.

State Coordinators' Report: William Baird reported that most information is being shared in the emails he is sending to delegates but highlighted that the OEA Office in Chicago would be located in the Logan Room at the Palmer House Hilton and that the cost to bring a guest to Ohio Night would be \$50. He also reported that stipend checks were mailed the previous day.

With no further business to come before the caucus, Chairperson DiMauro declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hill

OEA Caucus Secretary/OEA Secretary-Treasurer