

**Eastern Ohio Education Association
Spring Representative Assembly Minutes
April 20, 2017**

President M. J. Burkett – Steubenville, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM at Undo’s in St. Clairsville. The OEA delegate briefing preceded the meeting.

Karen Lloyd – Indian Creek and EOEA Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Rita Walters – Retired, gave the invocation.

Neil Ritchie – Switzerland of Ohio, moved to adopt the agenda with flexibility, second by Diana Mankowski – Steubenville. Motion carried.

Robin Durant – Bellaire, moved to approve the standing rules, second by Martha Mitchell – Zanesville. Motion carried.

Amy Vavrock – Bridgeport, gave the preliminary credentials report: 41 delegates and 14 guests.

Cindy Weaver – Zanesville, moved to accept the minutes of the fall RA, second by Vavrock – Bridgeport. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:09 for dinner and resumed at 6:46.

Burkett introduced the EOEA Board of Directors and guests. The guests included: Adrienne Bowden, Carol Correthers, Scott DiMauro, Angel Dyer-Sanchez, Mark Hill, Todd Jaeck, Kristin Johansson, Linna Jordan, Phil Long, Tamika Moss, Tim Myers, Emilly Osterling, Sophia Rodriguez, Angela Stewart, Neal Wears and Cheryl Williams.

REPORTS

NEA Directors Osterling, Rodriguez, and Stewart gave an overview of the printed NEA Directors’ Report and discussed their lobbying activities.

OEA Vice President Scott DiMauro reported on the following items: education funding in the Governor’s proposed state budget, the reduction of testing, the broken school report card system, and possible changes to teacher evaluation.

OEA Secretary-Treasurer, Tim Myers discussed the OEA budget, the need to have a lean budget next time, and the \$16 increase in OEA dues for 2017-2018.

EOEA President, Burkett informed the delegates that since EOEA’s membership increased we would have an additional NEA delegate for 2017. He also encouraged locals to apply for the EOEA Grants that were recently established. Scholarships for the OEA Summer Academy are still available, but we need the applications no later than Sunday, April 23, 2017.

OEA Membership Consultant, Todd Jaeck reported on the Early Career Engagement project that OEA is using. Young educators need to know that we are there for them and they need a sense of purpose with regard to the Association.

Jack Boyd – Executive Director, presented the financial report. Burkett moved the proposed 2016-17 budget on behalf of the EOEA Board of Directors. The motion carried.

Vavrock gave the final Credentials report: 44 delegates and 16 guests.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following campaign speeches were given: Correthers for STRS, Moss for OEA Board of Directors at large, Williams for OEA Board of Directors - ESP, Rodriguez spoke on behalf of Mary Hargreaves candidate of OEA Board of Directors - ESP at large, and Rodriguez for NEA Director #2.

Everyone was reminded of the OEA Summer Academy and the EOEA workshops planned for August 9, 2017, and the annual picnic following the workshops. Openings on the EOEA Board of Directors were provided.

ELECTIONS

Boyd assumed the chair for the purpose of conducting the elections.

M. J. Burkett was the declared candidate for EOEA President. No other nominations were made.

Karen Lloyd was the declared candidate for EOEA Vice President. No other nominations were made.

Amy Vavrock was the declared candidate for EOEA Director - Belmont B. No other nominations were made. No nominations were made for alternate.

No nominations were made for EOEA Director – Guernsey or alternate.

Sondra Vojvodich was the declared candidate for EOEA Director – Jefferson B. No other nominations were made. No nominations were made for alternate.

Weaver moved to nominate Martha Mitchell for EOEA Director – Muskingum B. Mitchell moved to nominate Katrina Sites for alternate.

All candidates were elected according to our bylaws since they were unopposed.

George Hoover – Barnesville ESP moved to adjourn at 8:20, second by Kristin Schoeppner – Noble Local. Motion carried.

Adrienne Bowden – Central President was the Crisis Fund drawing winner. She won \$118.00. She graciously donated the money.



Jack Boyd, Executive Secretary