

ROEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4pm
Held Virtually via Zoom

Those in attendance included: Erin Shaughnessy, Mary Ann Campbell, Kerry Derminer, Kim Stanley, Jennifer Kocis, Alicia Linderman, Andrea Kirkwood, Ashley Moore, David Weeks, Jason Palazzolo, Jeanette McLeod, Jennifer Kocis, Kara Daunt, Karen Christian, Kelli Bracken, Kristina Ellenberger, Laura Foss, Mallory Greenway, Matt Gonzales, Steve Chisnell, Ashleigh Adamic, Elke Gutherie, Grat Dalton

This meeting was called to order at: 4:06

1. Reports -

A. Secretary – Erin Shaughnessy

1. [ROEA RA Meeting Minutes 1/26/2021](#)

- a) Kerry made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kim seconded. All in favor. Minutes accepted as presented.

B. Treasurer –Kerry Derminer

1. [ROEA Treasurer report 1/26/2021](#)

- a) Report accepted as presented.

C. [Contract Corner](#)

1. Presented by Kerry Derminer and Kim Stanley

- a. Communication with Members
i. See presentation above

D. Election Committee nominations from the floor and presentation of slate -
Presented by Ashleigh Adamic

1. Slate:

- a. Office of President:
i. Mary Ann Campbell is nominated.
ii. No other nominations
iii. Nominations are closed
- b. Office of Executive Vice President:
i. Kerry Derminer is nominated.
ii. No other nominations
iii. Nominations are closed
- c. Office of MEA Delegate
i. Two Open positions:
ii. Kim Stanley is nominated.
iii. Matt Gonzales is nominated.
iv. No other nominations
v. Nominations are closed
- d. Office of Elementary Director:
i. Karen Christian is nominated.
ii. No other nominations
iii. Nominations are closed
- e. Office of Treasurer:

- i. Debbie Taylor is nominated
- ii. Erica Brimmer is nominated.
- iii. No other nominations.
- iv. Nominations are closed

E. Executive Vice President – Kerry Derminer

1. Joint Committee
 - a. See meeting minutes sent out by Patrick W
 - b. Questions Regarding Evaluations
 - a. Reminder that we are not allowed to discuss evaluations
 - b. Each building independently manages evaluations
2. [Scholarships](#)
 - a. Share with family members
 - b. Mail in applications
 - c. Derek is in charge of scholarship committee and he will be putting together committee to review and choose students that scholarships are awarded to

F. Program Vice President – Ashleigh Adamic

1. Mid Year Party
 - a. 24 responses to survey regarding mid-year party
 - b. Bingo/Trivia received the most votes

G. Membership- Jason Palazzlo

1. 355 people in bargaining unit
2. 315 in good standing
3. Number growing throughout year - possibly due to the number of new hires coming in
4. Looking to encourage enrollment through early enrollment
5. As a reminder non-members do not get legal representation

H . PAC Report – Kelli Bracken

1. 2/3 of MEA teachers are in the process of vaccination. About one-third are waiting to get their first shot, with nearly 90% of school employees overall wanting to receive the vaccine (nationally, only 18% of educators have been vaccinated).
2. MEA President Herbart recently in Detroit News making the case for federal and state waivers from standardized testing requirements this spring.
3. Whitmer's spending blueprint launches the state budget negotiations with the Legislature which eventually will include budget proposals from the House and Senate – a process expected to take several months.
4. Her plan would increase per-pupil spending by \$82-\$164 and add \$250 million in one-time funding for academic recovery and mental and physical health initiatives in schools to address impacts from the ongoing pandemic. Whitmer is also using the platform to press state lawmakers to release federal funding to schools right now. The governor is continuing a call for the state Legislature to stop withholding federal COVID relief dollars approved by Congress in December in a baldly political attempt to force the state health department to relinquish its authority to act in a health crisis.

I. MEA Delegates - Matt Gonzales/Kim Stanley

1. Attended MEA Winter Conference
 - a. Great information presents
 - b. Reminder about planning for retirement
 - i. This can done through MEA Financial Services
 - c. Region 7 teacher of the Year Award
 - i. Nominations extended through this Friday
 - d. Region 7 ESP (Education Support Person)
 - i. Nominations extended through this Friday

J. ARs Report -

1. Oakridge
 - a. Question about keeping contract language the same and not having language about in person and remote learning
2. Clear to go App
 - a. Only tracking while in the building
 - b. Used to help with contact tracing
3. Questions Regarding Quarantine if exposed
 - a. Whether or not you received vaccination, if you were within 6 feet of individual for 15 or more minutes you would quarantine

K. Directors' Report - Karen Christian/Jennifer Kocis/Derek Miller

1. Meeting minutes sent out by Margie Martin
 - a. Concern regarding students being able to hear one another between virtual and in-person learning

L. Executive Director – Grat Dalton

1. Federal Department of Education
 - a. Not going to wave standardized testing
 - i. Statement from NEA/ MEA
 - ii. There is still hope - updates to come
2. Don't forget to renew teaching certification
3. New opportunity for teachers to get vaccinated
 - a. Look in your home email

M. President – Mary Ann Campbell

1. Learning Webinars on NEA racial justice, MEA winter spring webinars this info was to member
2. Attending NEA Leadership Training Financial practices, Communications. Organizing and Graduation
3. Signed up for NEA Leadership Summit March 12-14
4. Questions regarding contact/bargain survey

2. Old Business

3. New Business

[Communication Tool](#) for ARs break out room facilitated by Matt

This meeting was adjourned at: 5:29

Future Meeting Dates -

March 23rd

April 27th

May 25th