

SMEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Tuesday, September 12, 2006 – 4:30 p.m.
MEA Office

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colon P:	Deb Allen	Sturgis E:	Craig Evans
Constantine:	Steve Barrus		R.J. Waddell
Marcellus:	Sandra Churchill	Three Rivers E:	Jeanne Pawlowski
Mendon:	Bill Heflin	White Pigeon:	Jacque Anderson
ST. J ISD P:	Susan Meyer	Uniserv Director:	Denise Munoz-Pyle
	Thea Lowery	Southern Zone Director:	Donna Lutke
		MEA Board of Directors:	Jaye Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT: BRANCH ISD HEAD START; BURR OAK; CENTREVILLE E;
CENTREVILLE P, COLON E; GOCC; GOSSE; NOTTAWA, ST. JOSEPH ISD ESP AND TRESPA.**

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Waddell at 4:30 p.m. Jay asked that everyone introduce themselves to the group.

Donna Lutke, Southern Zone Director reviewed the process for evaluation of a Uniserv Director and the results of Denise Munoz-Pyle evaluation for the Uniserv position in 5-E/G. Members present expressed their opinions about Denise's performance.

Jaye Johnson, a member of the MEA Board of Directors gave a report. A need to emphasize getting young people into the union and to support MEA. Iris met with Dick DeVos. There are delegate positions to be filled. She encouraged people to have input on budget. The K-16 Initiative and the Affirmation Action proposals are on the November 7 ballot.

The Secretary's report was accepted as printed and placed on file.

The Treasurer's year end report was presented and reviewed. The 2006-2007 Budget was presented. A motion to accept the 2006-2007 SMEA Budget was made by Sue Meyer, seconded by Bill Heflin. Discussion followed. Motion carried. The MEA Office will no longer handle the responsibility for the SMEA Treasurer.

New Business.

PAC Committee and Chair – Linda Meyer, Field Based Lobbyist will be here for the October 10 meeting. Need Local PAC chairs to attend this meeting also.

MABO—We need to start the process of separating the MABO from the Coordinating Council. Denise will continue the Bargaining Team night meetings.

Legislative Council Delegate & Chair. We need to get an active council. A Screening and Recommendation date needs to be set. There have been two requests for endorsement. A discussion followed and it was decided to invite candidates. Dennis Brady who is running for Fabius Township Supervisor needs to give comments on education. Invite Tim Christner and Cameron Brown for a Screening and Recommendation meeting.

There is a need for two At-Large members on the Executive Board. Need members to volunteer from locals (two members – 1 EA and 1 ESP).

There needs to be prioritization of council spending on conference reimbursements.

There is a need for cluster delegates. Need to have younger members become involved. The Fall RA is November 11 and the Spring RA is April 27-28, 2007. Contact Denise with names.

Internal Recognition (PR) was tabled until next month.

The Southern Zone ESP BFCL (Building Full Capacity Locals) Conference is set for October 21-22, 2006 and the committee is asking SMEA for a \$25.00 to defray expenses. A motion was made by Deb Allen to donate \$25 and have it charged to budget item 3A for the conference, seconded by Thea Lowery. Motion carried.

The Kalamazoo Wings game tickets were brought to everyone's attention. They are being offered to groups at a reduced rate.

The SMEA meeting dates on the calendar published by the Executive Board. (See packet)

The Uniserv Report was printed and included in packet. Meetings out of the office are in yellow.

The Locals need to have their books audited annually as does the SMEA.

The annual Non-Profit filing fee is to be charged to D3—Miscellaneous.

The council needs dollar amounts for refreshments.

Local Reports

Constantine – Thanks to those other locals who supported us. Mediation dates have been set. Some grievances settled. The posting grievance is scheduled for arbitration on November 14, 2006.

ST. JOSEPH ISD P – Lost 3 people to lay-off and 1 was reduced to part-time. Their new Superintendent is on board now.

Marcellus – They are doing okay at this time.

White Pigeon –They have a contract.

A copy of the 5-E/G Directory was distributed and it was asked that any additions, deletions or corrections be given to the MEA office as soon as possible.

Denise will be attending the Statewide Staff Conference on October 17 and 18. Glenna will be attending on October 18 to receive her 15 year pin.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Sandra Churchill,
Secretary