

# SEA President's Report

Week of September 4, 2006

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For information regarding YOUR Association, go to:

[www.shorelineea.org](http://www.shorelineea.org)

[www.washingtonea.org](http://www.washingtonea.org)

[www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

I hope you've had a restful summer and that the start of the school year is progressing smoothly. There is quite a bit of new information for you, so keep on reading!

**SEA Executive Board** - There have been a few changes. According to our By-Laws, the SEA Executive Board has the authority to appoint officers. Melissa Schubert has agreed to serve as bargaining chair. This means there is currently no SEA secretary. Matt Alford and Joe Malek have agreed to serve as Nominations and Elections co-chairs. Corey Eichner has agreed to serve as Legislative Chair. Thank you all for stepping up. We also have an opening on the Executive Board for a Building Representative at-large. Please consider joining us in a leadership position. Contact any member of the Executive Board for more information.

## News to Use

**Contract Waiver** - Remember, if your 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have worked out a planning time option that is different than what is described in the newly ratified language, the waiver process is a must! The completed waiver form must be at the SEA office no later than 4 PM on Monday, September 25. Please refer to the SEA website for information about the waiver process and to print a copy of the waiver form. You will find a copy of the new language on the district website under the "Resources" tab at the top of the page. Contact the SEA or a building rep for help.

**Building Visits** - Krista Tenney, SEA's administrative assistant, is setting up a schedule for Co-President Pat Valle to visit your building. As soon as it's set, we'll publish it here and let your building reps know. The purpose of the visit is to check in with members, answer questions and listen to concerns and/or suggestions.

**Laptop Insurance** - Donna Lurie (UniServ Rep) and Pat Valle have been in touch with Jim Golubich (Technology Director) and Rick Serns (Human Resources Director) regarding insurance for the teacher laptops. Donna and I strongly urge you to get

coverage through the school district for your teacher laptop, even if it never leaves your building. We will have on-going discussions with Jim and Rick regarding the laptops and who pays for what repairs. We've also told them that this is an interest that will likely be a topic we'll bring up when we negotiate a new contract next spring.

**Take the Lead!** - Donna Lurie and Elizabeth Beck wrote a grant for the Cascade UniServ Council and WEA gave us \$12,000 to be used by 10 locals within Shoreline, Northshore and Edmonds. The money will be used to get the word out about the need for sufficient funding for public education. There are a variety of activities planned from discussing this issue with neighbors and friends to walks to Olympia. The grant will cover your release time and travel, so we are hopeful that you'll lend a hand.

Find out more - including information sources  
and  
share YOUR story at  
<http://taketheleadwashington.org/facts.html>.

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## Your Collective Bargaining Agreement

(AKA "The Contract" or "CBA")

An agreement made between and signed by both the SEA and District representatives

Given the cuts in staffing, **Article 32** is an important section to review. It describes the criteria and process for computing overload stipends. Overload triggers and compensation are calculated and prorated by an employee's full-time equivalency (FTE).

For those of you who are new building representatives, please note the language in **Article 7** that provides the SEA with the right to post notices of activities and association business on bulletin boards at your work site.

Thank You from Cheryl Ricevuto for an enjoyable reception on August 30. Because of your generosity, we were able to buy gift certificates to REI and the Olympus Spa, plus a basket of goodies from Bath and Body Works! We wish her all the best as she pursues a master's in public administration at Seattle U.

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Thank you for all you do!

## SEA Executive Board for 2006 - 2008

Pat Valle (SEA) - Co-President

Elizabeth Beck (SY) - Co-President

Liz Travis (BKS) - Vice-President

OPEN (Insert your name here!) - Secretary

Melissa Schubert (Rm9/J) - Bargaining Chair

Matt Alford (BKS)/Joe Malek (SLC) - Nominations and Elections Co-Chairs

Jane O'Brien (SLC) - Member At-Large

Jeanine O'Connell (HT) - Member At-Large

OPEN (Insert your name here!) - SEA Building Rep At-Large

Corey Eichner (SC) - Legislative Chair

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