

SEA President's Report

Week of October 15, 2007

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**Really, really, there are politically-related items below:
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For information regarding YOUR Association, go to:

<http://www.shorelineea.org>

<http://www.washingtonea.org/>

<http://www.nea.org>

News to Use

Committees, Committees, and More Committees! – As mentioned in the “Know Your Contract” section of the last few President’s Reports, we are still looking for volunteers for several committees. Please email me at sea.pres@verizon.net if you would be interested in serving as an SEA representative on any of the groups below. I have included a bit more information about each of the committees this time, and also want to let you know that SEA provides a small stipend (\$50-150, depending on the number of meetings) for serving as an official SEA representative to these joint committees. Each committee serves an important purpose, and it is important that we, the Shoreline Education Association, assert our voice in every way possible. Each of these committees provides an opportunity to do just that.

· **Calendar Committee – CBA 16.2 – begins meeting by Nov. 1st**

§ We need 1-2 additional volunteers at the elementary or middle school level to serve on this committee, which will be collecting information from members and making recommendations to the district and SEA bargaining teams about the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school

year calendars.

- **DIMC Committee – CBA 35.4 – begins meeting Nov. 6th**

§ We need 3 additional teachers (a high school teacher, middle school teacher, and primary-level elementary school teacher) to serve on this committee, which reviews and recommends instructional materials for approval by the School Board.

- **Staff Development Committee – CBA 29.3 – begins meeting Nov. 15th**

§ We need 6 additional members (4 elementary, 1 middle school, one high school) to serve on this committee. This committee advises the district on professional development needs and recommends potential programs and offerings. It may also be involved in waiver day applications and making recommendations on the use of professional development funds.

- **Insurance Committee – CBA 62.7 – dates TBD**

§ We need 2 additional members to serve on this committee, which reviews and evaluates the group insurance programs currently available in Shoreline.

- **Gift, Grant & Donation Policy Committee (new - School Board Policy)**

§ We need 2-3 additional volunteers to serve on this committee, which reviews gifts, grants, and donations to the district to ensure that they meet school board policy.

POLITICAL ACTION NEWS

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School Board Candidate Endorsements

At the October 11th meeting of the SEA Representative Council, candidates for the Shoreline School Board were invited to attend a candidate forum, where they were allowed to share information with Building Representatives about their campaigns, as well as answer questions from Building Reps and Executive Board members.

Following the forum, the SEA Representative Council voted to endorse the following three candidates:

School Board Director, District 1: Kyle Burleigh
School Board Director, District 4: Maren Norton
School Board Director, District 5: Richard Potter

Links to these candidates' websites can be found on the News and Current Issues page of the SEA website.

Our Rep Council also authorized campaign contributions to all three candidates from our local WEA-PAC funds, and committed to recruiting members to doorbell in support of the candidates on October 20th and November 3rd. **When your Building Rep asks you to volunteer for school board doorbelling, please sign up! A few hours on the part of many members could make a huge difference in this local election.**

Approve EHJR 4204 – the Simple Majority

Last spring, the SEA Representative Council voted to adopt a position in support of the Simple Majority Campaign. This fall, Rep Council also authorized a campaign Contribution of \$1,000. Passage of EHJR 4204 is critical for school districts across the state, including ours!

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This week, your building representative will be contacting you about 'get out the vote' phone calling. Please volunteer!

Phone calling will take place on October 22-26 and November 1 at the Edmonds Education Association office (19707-64th Ave. W, Suite 204, Lynnwood). There will be two 90-minute shifts each night (4:30-6:00 PM and 6:15-7:45 PM), so this will be a minimal, but incredibly important, time commitment.

You can also email me directly (*from home, using your home computer and email address*) at sea.pres@verizon.net to sign up for a phone-calling shift. Thanks!

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Dues Dollars at Work

E-notes from Mary Lindquist, WEA President - Look for an e-mail from our new WEA President some time next week! Mary Lindquist will be sending out periodic electronic notes to keep members posted on what's happening and what's ahead on the Association front. After the first two editions, the president's message will only go to personal e-mail accounts, so if you haven't done so already, [share your personal email address](#) with WEA by completing this form so you don't miss out on the conversation.

September 27th Article and Photos – The WEA website has an article and photo page featuring our one-day job action protesting the recent overload decisions. Click [here](#) to check it out.

NEA Website – If you have never taken a look at the website for the [National Education Association](#), have a look sometime. There are an incredible number of resources there, such as:

- classroom resources (e.g. lesson ideas, classroom management tips, grant information, and professional development opportunities);
- information about current educational issues (e.g. ESEA/No Child Left Behind, Special Education/IDEA, achievement gaps and vouchers);
- a press center for recent educational news;
- an event center for upcoming education-related events;
- a legislative action center, where you can easily email (from home, of course!) your elected officials about educational issues that matter to you.

Know Your Contract

Laptop Reminder - This is a joint reminder from SEA and the Shoreline IT Department regarding educator laptops. The following language is new to the SEA Contract this year:

9.11 The District will insure or self-insure district equipment that employees are expected to use, including laptops. In cases of gross negligence, the employee shall be responsible for paying the deductible or costs of repair.

This is a gentle reminder to avoid risky situations that could potentially be

construed as negligent. For example:

- Avoid leaving your laptop in your car, but if that situation is unavoidable, be sure that your car is locked and the laptop is concealed.
- Avoid consuming beverages near your laptop.
- Be aware of cords, etc., especially in situations where you are moving your laptop back and forth between different areas, like your desk and a presentation station.

If you have questions or concerns about your laptop, its use or needed repairs, please contact Jim Golubich at 206-361-4410.

Thank you for all you do!

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