



MEA UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Negotiations/Wellness:

The MEA did a survey in November, which indicated the membership wants to move forward with wellness as long as it stays in its current form. Members also indicated wellness should be well defined in our contract. The MEA Bargaining Team is moving forward in the bargaining process based on these results. Recently there have been several articles in the World-Herald commenting on the possibility of wellness becoming outcome-based. This is not something that the MEA Bargaining Team is advocating for in the collective bargaining process. The next bargaining meeting is set for Thursday, February 23rd.

Comp Day:

Several people have asked about the comp day after conferences.

Q: Why do we call it a comp day when it is a forced day off without pay?

A: We are paid for the comp days that we have in both October and February. These two days, while not recognized in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, are part of the 193 days for which you are contracted. Because you work 8 hours over the course of two nights for conferences, you are then compensated for those hours with a "comp day."

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

MEA and Horace Mann are proud to present the Crystal Apple Award for Teaching Excellence. Nominations are currently being

accepted for third quarter. We will select a winner on Monday, February 27th. Please click on the link below for the nomination form. When complete please email them to Molly Erickson via GroupWise.

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

LEAD DINNER

Metro area locals are hosting a dinner that will focus on bargaining and how the new bargaining law will affect locals. Dinner will be at Famous Dave's in Bellevue on February 23rd starting at 5:30. The first five people to RSVP will attend on behalf of the MEA. Please email Molly no later than February 15th if you would like to attend. Please click on the link below for more details.

http://www.millardmea.org/media/LEAD2_23_12.pdf

OPEN MEA BOARD SEATS

Nominations are open for the following MEA Board of Directors positions: President, Secretary, Elementary Director, Middle Level Director, High School Director, and At-Large Director. Nominations will close at the start of the Building Rep meeting on Monday, February 13th. If you would like to self-nominate for any position above please email Becky (Rebecca) Scherbring via GroupWise by 4:30 on Monday, February 13th.

**MEA NIGHT OUT WITH THE UNO
MAVERICKS**

The Communication Committee invites you and your family to attend the UNO Mavericks Hockey Game on Friday, March 2nd. Tickets are \$12 and need to be ordered by Friday, February 24th. Please click on the link below for more details and a ticket order form.

www.millardmea.org

NSEA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

NSEA is offering a leadership institute on June 19 to 21 for those looking to become a leader in MEA and NSEA. If you are interested please click on the link for more information on how to register.

http://millardmea.org/media/2012_New_Leader_Institute-1.pdf

FEBRUARY NSEA VOICE

The February edition of the NSEA Voice is online. To view, please click on the link.

<http://nsea.org/news/voice.htm>

**RETIREMENT SESSION PRESENTED BY
HORACE MANN**

Horace Mann is offering a session for those considering retirement in the next few years. The session will be on February 16th at 4:30. Please click on the link below for more details.

<http://millardmea.org/media/MEARetirementSeminarHM.pdf>

MEA CALENDAR

Check out the MEA Calendar on our website. Please click on the link below to see what association meetings and activities are

scheduled. This calendar will be updated throughout the year.

<http://www.millardmea.org/about/calendar.htm>

NSEA METRO DISTRICT

Metro District has openings for MEA Members to get involved. If you are interested in serving on the Metro District Board please click on the link below. The District 6 seat needs to be filled by an MEA member.

<http://nsea.org/2012Elections/2012DistrictElections.htm>

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The NSEA Delegate Assembly will be held from April 20-21 at the Embassy Suites in LaVista. MEA has slots for 24 voting delegate. If you would like to submit your name for nomination please email Becky (Rebecca) Scherbring by Monday, March 12th.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

The NEA Representative Assembly will be held from June 29 – July 6 in Washington DC. MEA has slots for 8 voting delegates. If you would like to submit your name for nomination please email Becky (Rebecca) Scherbring by Monday, March 12th.