



Keeping In Touch

newsletter of weac-retired

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“Region 10; Evolving into the Future”

Happy New Year and best wishes as we move forward in our evolution to become a stronger and mission driven organization. We have had great conversations with many of our members and are looking forward to working hard to meet their expectations. It is my hope that you were one of those many members that accepted my challenge and attended a Strategic Conversation event in your part of the state.

I now have another challenge for you to attend the Annual Meeting being held in Wausau on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Plaza Hotel and Suites. All the information you need to plan for this event is enclosed or available on the website at <http://region10.weac.org>. At the annual meeting, we will be discussing and voting on the major changes we need to make to meet the needs of the members, the chapters, and Region 10. I firmly believe our future depends upon the strength of our chapters and the members they can activate as well as the partnerships they can build. The best and strongest relationships and connections are built at the local level with the citizens we taught and live alongside, as we work together to defend public education and our retirement benefits.

If you decide to come to the Annual Meeting and give your input on the decisions being made, I hope you would also plan on attending the conference following the meeting. As I looked through the schedule, I found another great selection of sessions to attend. As you look through all the sessions, I am sure you will find many more interesting sessions than you would have time to attend. Complete the registration form online at <https://www.regonline.com/2015retiredmtg> or call Dianne Hellenbrand at 1-800-362-8034, ext. 216.

Your input and attendance is important to Region 10's future and growth. I hope to visit and meet with each of you in May as we evolve into the future. Have a great active year!!!

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Deadline for Submission of Amendments to the WEAC Region 10/Retired Constitution: March 4, 2015

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by resolution of the WEAC-Retired BoD or by a petition signed by 25 WEAC-Retired members; any proposed change must be submitted to the secretary/treasurer in writing at least sixty-two (62) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Submit amendments to the WEAC Region 10/Retired secretary/treasurer at pmfullmer03@gmail.com

Report from your Representative to the WEAC Board of Directors

Since September 1, 2014, when the new WEAC regional structure went into effect, there has been some confusion as to exactly where WEAC-Retired and the retired locals/chapters fit into the new structure. Prior to last September, WEAC-Retired was not considered to be a UniServ or a committee. And, actually, no one was quite sure where or how we fit into the big picture of WEAC. However, as of September 1, WEAC-Retired is now recognized as a statewide region, and we are now known as WEAC Region 10/Retired.

Much of the confusion may be due to the clustering of locals/chapters that was done for the sole purpose of holding elections to reduce the size of our Retired Board of Directors. We now have Board members who represent more than one retired local/chapter. And, hopefully, the leaders from the clustered chapters are either meeting together or communicating via email to obtain information from or pass along information to their Board Representatives. But regardless of those clusters, your membership status makes you a member of Region 10/Retired and not Region or Cluster 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7. There are no Clusters recognized within the Retired structure.

Nothing at all has changed regarding the independence or individual names of the retired locals/chapters, and all WEAC-Retired members are in WEAC Region 10/Retired. No locals/chapters have merged or will be required to merge. Should any locals/chapters wish to merge and/or change their names in the future, that will be entirely their decision.

If you still have questions, plan to attend the Annual Meeting and Conference in Wausau on May 5, 2015. This topic will be part of a presentation/discussion in one of the breakout sessions.

Dianne Lang



The NEA Fund works every day to make sure that those elected are leaders our members and students can count on to fight for public education. Your contribution helps the NEA Fund realize the dream of a great public schools for every student across America.

The NEA Fund for Children and Public Education is a federal political action committee (PAC) for NEA members. The fund financially supports pro-public education candidates on the federal and state levels regardless of their political affiliation. The fund is also used to communicate directly with our members about the candidates they should support based on their positions on public education.

The NEA Fund is your voice for transforming public policy. Our power and influence comes from mobilizing our people, our money, and our ideas to make a real difference for educators, students, and public schools.

Every member who contributes to the NEA Fund does so voluntarily. Every dollar that the NEA Fund contributes to a candidate, a political party, or spends on independent expenditures is voluntarily given. NEA does not use dues dollars for this purpose.

You will have several opportunities to participate in fund raising activities at the WEAC Region 10/Retired conference on May 5th in Wausau at the Plaza Hotel and Suites. The WEAC Region 10/Retired PR committee will be collecting contributions, running a silent auction, and holding a give-away to encourage participation in the efforts that will raise money for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. Please note that credit card contributions will NOT be accepted at the conference. Donations made via credit card can only be done online (see below). We hope to see you at the exciting conference we have planned for you, and we hope you will consider supporting the NEA Fund!

In addition to fund raising at our conference, you can make your donation at any time to the NEA Fund at: www.neafund.org/Donate

We recognize that you are asked to give to WEAC-PAC and the NEA-PAC. We want you to know that when we organize our actions and our money through our PAC's, we speak with one strong voice!

Candidates for WEAC Region 10/Retired Officers-2015-2018

Enclosed with this mailing is a ballot for you to vote for WEAC Region 10/Retired officers. Follow the directions on the ballot. You will find the candidate qualifications printed on the back side of the ballot.

WEAC RA Delegates Declared Elected

Region 10/Retired is eligible for 45 delegates to the WEAC RA. Because the number of candidates is less than the number of delegates allocated, per WEAC Region 10/Retired Constitution, the President has declared those individuals elected. You may find the names of those delegates at region10.weac.org/weac-ra-reps.

Message from WEAC Region 10/Retired Governance Liaison Arlene Braden

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and are off to a wonderful new year. Below you will find information and direction your leaders have been working on for the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Mary Jarvis, the core team and participants who have been working very diligently over the past few months on planning and follow through on Strategic Conversations. They have gathered a great deal of information from WEAC Retired members all around the state. Stay tuned on what is coming next to your area and join them in their efforts.

New Region 10/Retired membership forms are available online. We have combined the three forms we previously used into one easy form. Thanks to your leadership team for their input and hard work.

Please note a change in where to send payments and contributions. We will no longer utilize the lock box/check deposit services our bank has provided as a payment method for Membership and PAC contributions. All payments can be sent directly to WEAC. Please discard any yellow envelopes printed with the Chicago address.

We are encouraging online registration for the WEAC Region 10/Retired Conference. Please consider this your first choice when registering. It is more efficient for staff and less expensive for our members. It allows us to have accurate assessments throughout the registration process to insure we have planned properly to meet the needs of members during the conference. Registration information is on the Region 10 website or at <https://www.regonline.com/2015retiredmtg>.

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