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# Warren Education Association

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## Congress Minutes

WEA Office  
Monday

January 9, 2012  
4:30 p.m.

### **Zone Caucuses**

1. Each Caucus shall elect 2 members to serve on the Nomination Committee. The committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

### **Attendance:**

Officers, Staff & RA Delegates – Jon Fielbrandt, Bob Callender, Josh Weston, Jessica Kuhn, Christy Stone, Don Bietler, Susan Flis, Jennifer Miller, John Rauchman, Karen Abella

Zone I – Robin Mercier, Michelle Przybylo, Kelly Juronoc, Julie Miller, Evelyn Miller, Yvonne Razook, Dawn Jarman, Cara Bright, Andrea George, Whitney Marshall, Katia Kopko, Kristin Dundas

Zone II – Shauna Coleman, Sherri Busquaert, Christy Stone, Patty Mulholland, Lisa Kennedy, Lisa Koziara, Kate Indyk, Kerri Collier

Zone III – David Mangune, Jason Swords, Peter Vainner, Jason Carpenter, Josh Weston, Kaleen Jubenville, John Culliton

Zone IV – Mike Book, Justin Smith, Susan Flis, Emily Toy, Robert Delicato, Lisa Stabile, Danielle McLean, Heather Grimm, Yvette Searle, Jason Grifka, Karen Abella

**Adoption of Agenda** – Motion to adopt agenda by Weston, seconded by Carpenter. Motion carries.

**Approval of Minutes** of December 6, 2011 – Motion to approve minutes by Bietler, seconded by Carpenter. Motion carries.

### **Reports**

1. Zone Trustees: Jessica Kuhn, Christy Stone, Don Bietler, Susan Flis

Zone I – Kuhn reported that Siersma needs unit 2 science kits and some problems with special education administration at the elementary schools. Zone I elected Dawn Jarman and Kelly Juronoc to the Nominations Committee.

Zone II – Stone reported that the principal at Willow Woods was requiring too much information in PLC, raised questions about pupil retention after a failing grade and a question about the second semester schedule. Zone II elected Sherri Busquaert and Dave Figurski to the Nominations Committee.

Zone III – Bietler raised questions about grading and IEP schedule at the high schools. Zone III elected David Mangune and Kaleen Jubenville to the Nominations Committee.

Zone IV – Flis reported that members at Beer had questions about requirements of school improvement team. Carleton was in need of overage forms. Carter wanted to make certain that class sizes would be adjust at end of semester. Members at Flynn had questions about the contract and size number for science classes and special education overages. Grissom members were concerned about administration requiring 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to create a final exam. Zone IV elected Heather Grimm and Jason Grifka to the Nominations Committee.

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2. Congressional Trustee Report: Josh Weston reported that Trustees have met to discuss callbacks from layoff and the upcoming Bargaining Conference.
3. Vice President Report: Bob Callender wished all members a happy new year.
4. Financial Report: Jon Fielbrandt – Report was attached for members.
  - a. Audit – Audit has been completed by accountant and will be submitted to Trustees for review and approval.
5. Itinerant Concerns – Josh Weston encouraged members to get special education caseload lists and class numbers/lists as of the first day of second semester to the office.

### **Committees**

1. Communications: John Cafagna – No report.
2. Community Outreach: Stacey Ary sent word that information would be coming soon on Relay for Life and that WEA was participating in a Lose to Win contest.
3. Curriculum Steering Committee: Susan Flis & Kelly Juronoc – Reported that some funds have recently become available and that members should submit projects.
4. District Activities: Karen Abella & Robin Mercier
  - a. WEA/WCS Poster Contest – Abella thanked all the WEA members that helped with the contest.
  - b. Read Across America – Fielbrandt and Jennifer Miller will soon be meeting with Brian Walmsley to discuss a joint WEA/WCS event.
5. Grievance: Jen Miller – Waiting on WCS to sign a Letter of Agreement regarding copiers.
6. Harbinger: Susan Flis – Harbinger went out in December and will be holding a meeting about spring issue after Winter Break.
7. IMPACT
  - a. Current Legislation – Callender provided a brief update on charter school bills, Snyder's education plans and upcoming efforts to enact so-called "Right to Work" legislation.
  - b. Election 2012 – Macomb PAC recently met to discuss plans for year's coming election.
  - c. 2011-2013 PAC Drive – Members encouraged to donate still.
  - d. Petition Drives – Still collecting petitions to put emergency financial management legislation up to a vote for the people.
8. Recreation: Kevin Bullis
  - a. Whirley Ball: March 9, 2012
9. Scholarship: Dave Mangune & Evelyn Miller
  - a. Bowling for Scholars: April 28, 2012 – Flyers were distributed to members.
  - b. Scholarship Application Deadline: April 30, 2012. Applications will be sent to high school counselors soon.
10. Solidarity: Heather Grimm & Josh Weston – There are plans to order t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts. Also planning a future event with more information coming in February.

### **Delegations**

1. Warren & Fitzgerald Coordinating Council. – No report.

2. MEA Region 6: Next meeting 1/30/12 – On the agenda will be a candidate night for individuals running for NEA and MEA offices.
3. MEA Board of Directors & MEA Executive Committee. Exec met 1/6-7/12. Exec meets 1/27/12 – Met to discuss Livonia moving regions, discuss finances and proposed 2012-13 budget, and create a policy for locals that do not pay their dues.
4. MEA Representative Assembly – No report.
5. NEA Representative Assembly – No report.

### **President's Report**

1. Building Visits – A tentative schedule of building visits was distributed to members.
2. MEA Bargaining & Political Affairs Conference: February 2-3, 2012 – A delegation from WEA will be attending.
3. Layoff/Transfers/Recall – All but two members have been recalled from layoff. A few new positions may be created.
4. March Elections
  - a. Positions Open: CSC, MEA & NEA RA Delegates and Alternates
  - b. Nomination Committee Meeting: January 24, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
  - c. Nominations shall be made by the committee, but a petition of 25 members submitted at the February Congress meeting or made by any member at the February Congress meeting. Nominations will close at the February Congress meeting.
  - d. Voting: March 19-20, 2012

### **New Business**

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Rauchman  
WFCC Field Assistant