

**TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

2521 Riva Road, Suite L7  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**MINUTES - Representative Assembly Meeting**

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Russell Leone, at Severna Park Middle School, at 5:02 p.m.

The Association's Vision and Mission were read by Carmen Gatton.

**ADOPTION OF ORDER  
OF BUSINESS**

Upon a motion by Jon Boughey, seconded by Wendy Gibson, the Order of Business was approved with flexibility.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Melissa Connelly, seconded by Amanda Pickering the Minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting were approved.

**GUESTS**

Candidates for MSEA/NEA/TAAAC - Donna Christy, running for MSEA Board of Director, addressed the group.

Linda McLaughlin, running for NEA Director, addressed the group.

**CONCERNS COMMITTEES**

Moved into Concerns Committees at 5:16 p.m.

Candidates for MSEA/NEA/TAAAC (Cont.) - Nancy Davidson, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, announced that the election MSEA/NEA/TAAAC opens on Monday, January 27 and closes on February 21, at 5:00 p.m. All elections are linked and online. If you have any difficulties, call the TAAAC office. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to speak. The following candidates addressed the group:

Board of Directors

Dennis Sullivan  
Emmanuelle Carr  
Dyana Cronin  
Richard Benfer  
Betsy Brininger  
Maureen Liakos

Vice President  
Kate Snyder

President  
Reba Miller  
Russell Leone

MSEA Board of Directors  
Robin Beers

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Board of Education - Budget Hearing Feedback - President Leone announced that the January 7, 2020 Board of Education Budget Hearing has been rescheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020.

President Leone announced that there will be a Public Budget Workshop on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. No input will be taken at this workshop. He asked Representatives to continue contacting Board of Education members.

President Leone announced that the Board of Education election is coming up. It is important to get people that support us in these seats. Questionnaires will be going out and candidates will be invited in for an interview. Candidate recommendations will come to this body. If you know anyone interested, send them TAAAC's way. This election will have an impact for years to come.

Legislative Breakfast Review - President Leone reported that at the Legislative Breakfast last weekend there were 44 participants. There were good, robust conversations with questions and answers. He asked the Representatives to encourage others to contact their legislatures.

Lobby Nights - President Leone reported that the Government Relations Committee would like anyone to join them on Lobby Nights. They meet on Mondays and it runs through to April 6. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and is finished by 7:30 p.m.

County Council Town Halls - President Leone reported that

in the bags is a list of all the Town Halls. The first one was held last night.

It was moved by Erin Gosman, seconded by Amy Russ, to endorse Robin Beers for MSEA Board of Director. The motion was approved.

It was moved by Emmanuelle Carr, seconded by Richard Benfer, to endorse Donna Christy for MSEA Board of Director. The motion was approved.

It was moved by Richard Benfer, seconded by Emmanuelle Carr, to endorse Neil Becker for MSEA Board of Director. The motion was approved.

#### **10-MINUTE MEETING**

Betsy Brininger presented gift cards to Representatives for holding 10-Minute Meetings.

Moved into the 10-Minute Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Negotiations Update- Tami Thumbtzen reported on the status of negotiations.

Advocacy - None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Credentials - Robin Murray reported that 84 Representatives were in attendance, which is 46% of the total Representatives, and 61 Units were represented, which is 42% of the total Units.

Government Relations - Richard Benfer asked Representatives to please come to Lobby Nights.

Minority Affairs - Jorge Cordoba announced that nominations are open for the Mills/King Award. The dinner will be held on March 12, 2020.

Nominations - Nancy Davidson asked Representatives to keep in mind that nominations will be opening for Credentials, Nominating, Sick Leave Bank Approval, and Calendar committees.

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**MEMBERS' CONCERNS**

If you have a concern, please complete the Member Concerns Form. If there is an urgency to your concern, call your UniServ. Member Concerns will be reviewed and answered by your UniServ. Member Concerns Handout will be distributed, with name and school removed, in the RA bags.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

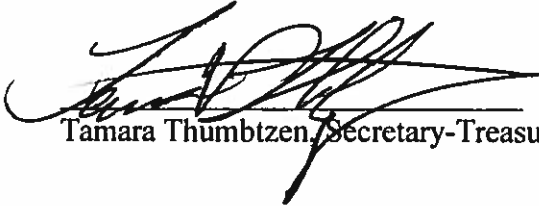
President Leone announced that the next RA Meeting will be February 12, 2020, at Severna Park Middle School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

  
Tamara Thumbtzen, Secretary-Treasurer

  
Russell Leone, President

Minutes approved at ARC meeting 2/12/2020  
(Date)