

Message to members :



October 5, 2015

AR meeting updates

At our first AR meeting in September, we discussed AR roles and responsibilities. A document that explains these can be found at springfieldeducation.org under News. Each building is given 1 association representative per 15 SEA members. We have a few buildings that are in need of additional ARs to provide proper representation for their members. If you would like to serve as a building AR in one of these buildings, please contact me immediately.

Our next AR meeting will be held on October 13th at 4:20 at the IEA-PDC. Carolyn Sloan, our IEA Uniserv director, will be presenting about the district budget and financial information. We get a lot of questions each year regarding the budget, so if you've ever had questions, this is your chance to learn all about it!! **Everyone is invited to attend this important meeting.**

It is our intent to make the AR meetings as educational as possible regarding legislative changes, contractual information, and initiatives. This year we are providing a list of monthly agenda topics. This gives all members an opportunity to either attend the meetings or ask questions about each month's topics. Members will also know what to expect in their monthly communication from ARs about the information given at our meetings. This list will be provided at the end of M2M. All members are invited to attend the monthly meetings.

Ratification

Ratification will be held on October 19th at Southeast auditorium. Executive committee will meet at 4:00 in the commons. ARs will meet at 4:30. General membership will meet at 5:00. You must be an SEA member to attend and vote on the contract.

We are waiting to have this meeting until our balanced calendar schools are back in session as it is important for ALL members to attend. It also gives everyone a chance to make arrangements to be able to attend. Babysitting will be provided. Additional information will be sent out next week regarding ratification procedures.

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The Viva project regarding assessments

The 2015 IEA RA passed a New Business item (NBI) directing the IEA officers, executive director and government relations department to work, where appropriate, with other education stakeholders to advocate for a replacement for the PARCC and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment in Illinois, while still supporting the Illinois Learning Standards. The IEA will advocate for an assessment that minimizes the loss of instructional time and is aligned with the requirements determined by the reauthorization of ESEA.

IEA is now partnering with the [VIVA project](#) to explore what members think about assessments. Please provide your input. This is your chance SEA to share your thoughts.

AR Agenda topics:

October 13 - Budget presentation

November 10 - Evaluation/SLO update

December 8 -Insurance information, comparisons

January 12- Displaced, voluntary transfer, and RIF timelines - committee time

February 9 -Sick bank procedures

March 8- Sue Handy Scholarship

April 12- Grievance procedures/IEA region structure

May 10- Committee time

**As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!
Have a great week!! -Crysta**

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