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Hear Yell! Hear Yell! Policy Assembly 2009 is Upon Us!!!

During the September 8 Representative Council meeting, **Saturday, October 24** was selected as the date for Policy Assembly. Setting the date for Policy Assembly, caused selecting **Tuesday, October 13** as the date for the Policy Assembly Work Session.

So what is Policy Assembly? This is the opportunity for members to suggest changes to our Constitution and Bylaws that later must be voted on by the membership. This is also an opportunity to change policies our local union uses as it conducts business for members. Prior to either the Policy Assembly Work Session (**Tuesday, October 13**) or Policy Assembly, each building should hold a mini-policy assembly to discuss and suggest changes that are needed in the operation of our local union. These items may then be presented as new business items (NBIs) at Policy Assembly. This year may be the time to decide on a policy about pay for performance, membership in the local Central Labor Council, or the amount of per diem to pay members who travel on business for the Association. Do you have an opinion or position? Bring it to the Work Session or Policy Assembly.

Who may attend Policy Assembly? Voting members of Policy Assembly shall be: all Faculty Building Representatives, all members of the Board of Directors, all chairs of standing committees, and in addition, each building may elect an additional delegate for each Faculty Building Representative to which they are entitled. Certainly other members may attend, but the above lists the voting members.

Attendance is important for all members, but especially for members who have been elected as delegates to Delegate Assembly and members who are considering being a candidate for Delegate Assembly or Representative Assembly. You must attend both the Policy Assembly Work Session and Policy Assembly or be properly excused (reasons to be excused are found in the Bylaws) to be elected as a delegate to Delegate Assembly. Finally, members who wish to be elected to attend the national meeting, Representative Assembly (held in New Orleans in July 2010), "shall have served as delegates to Policy Assembly and Delegate Assembly."

NEA-Alaska has notified **FEA** that we are eligible to send **37** members to the statewide Delegate Assembly held at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage from January 28-30, 2010. Listed below are the **22** currently elected members who must attend this Work Session and Policy Assembly to qualify for attendance at Delegate Assembly 2010. If you are considering being one of the needed **15** members to be elected in the next election, you need to attend and be a candidate. Current elected delegates are: **Jenifer Cameron, Kate Ortega, Mary Ann Adams, Nancy Hummel, Frida Shroyer, Elizabeth Lower, Pat Aikman, Bill Ernst, Kim Brock, Alice Szuberla, Carol Hess, Kim Wallingford, Sandy Cummings, Christine Villano, Cat Albright, Sandra Ryan, Lori Mertes, Lynn Johnson, Karen Williams-Clarkson, Sherry Blizzard, Tina Devine, and Steve Laroe.**

See you on **Tuesday, October 13** for the Policy Assembly Work Session (held at the FEA offices at 2116 South Cushman Street) and **Saturday, October 24** for Policy Assembly (location TBA).

Items of Interest!!!

You notice new members (**bold type**) of the FEA Board of Directors listed at the left. If you are in the North Chena Region, let me know if you are interested in becoming a member of the FEA Board of Directors.

November is "Open Enrollment" month for your health care plan. Are you considering a change?

The North Star Imagination Library is having a fund raiser, **CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN RECOGNITION DINNER**, at Pike's Lodge on Wednesday, November 4 beginning at 5:30pm. Our friend Susan Stitham will MC and conduct the live auction. Tickets are \$50 each.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEACHER!!!