

# FEAdback

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### From the President's desk....

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#### **POLICY ASSEMBLY October 24 Hutchison High School Library**

Are you ready to attend Policy Assembly?? Will your school send the full number of eligible voting members to participate?? Does your building have New Business Items to present that were not presented at the Policy Assembly Work Session?? Be sure to read the Oct. 2 FEAdback (check the Association website if necessary) for information on who may attend and who may vote.

Remember, Policy Assembly is the opportunity for members to suggest changes to our Constitution and Bylaws and an opportunity to change policies our local union uses as it conducts business for members.

Policy Assembly 2009 will begin at 8:30am on Saturday, October 24 in the Hutchison High School Library.

This year may be the time to decide on a policy concerning 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 Policy Assembly!!

Following is a list of colleagues who attended the Policy Assembly Work Session: **Jenifer Cameron, Kate Ortega, Mary Ann Adams, Nancy Hummel, Frida Shroyer, Curtis Watkins, Karen Dullen, Pat Aikman (excused), Bill Ernst, Nancy Duez, Alice Szuberla, Carole Hess, Kim Wallingford, Sandy Cummings, Christine Villano, Cat Albright, Sandi Ryan, Lori Mertes, Sean Genson, Karen Williams-Clarkson, Sherry Blizzard, Tina Devine, Chris Benshoof, Gretchen Nelson, Paula Addis, Jerry Grogan, Mari Torgerson, Tim Parker, and Steve Laroe.**

See you on **Saturday, October 24** for the Policy Assembly at Hutchison High School Library!!!

#### **REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOV. 3**

Support for **LUKE HOPKINS** as Borough Mayor was affirmed BY **FEA PACE** at a meeting on October 7. It is important that you plan to vote in the run-off election. Following the counting of all ballots our choice for Fairbanks North Star Borough mayor maintains the lead with nearly 33% of the vote. **LUKE HOPKINS** is a working man who will support our goal to achieve a return to the Defined Benefit Retirement Program for TRS and PERS.

#### **Items of Interest to Members**

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 with dinner at 6:00pm. Our friend Susan Stitham will MC and conduct the live auction. Tickets are \$50 each.

The Doug Schamel Memorial Fund is offering grants of up to **\$500** for science education endeavors. Funding may be used for equipment and supplies, field trips, guest scientists, but not for teacher training or activities that don't have direct contact with students. Contact [jdrake@alaska.edu](mailto:jdrake@alaska.edu) or [dmtracy@hotmail.com](mailto:dmtracy@hotmail.com) to receive application information. Proposals are due by November 2, 2009.

The District is participating in the scheduled HEALTH FAIR on Oct. 31 at the Westmark Hotel from 8:00am until noon. More information will be available in the next issue.

Take advantage of your FEA/ESSA privileges and the NEA Valuebuilder Program by attending the "The Great Mistakes" workshop, focusing on common individual mistakes that routinely plague investors. The workshop will be hosted at the Fairbanks NEA office on Friday, November 6 @ 7pm and Saturday Nov. 7 @ noon. RSVP to [kristi.baker@neaalaska.org](mailto:kristi.baker@neaalaska.org) or by calling 456-4435.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEACHER!!!**