

# PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

2010 MSEA Delegate Assembly

The Program Committee set the date for the 2011 Delegate Assembly for April 8 and 9 at the Fergus Falls Bigwood Event Center. The date is earlier than usual because of a conflict with the hotel. We reviewed the 2009 Delegate Assembly evaluations. Thank you to St. Cloud for the great job on the banquet; everyone had a great time!

The Committee reviewed the evaluations from the August Rally at St. Benedict's College; comments were very positive. We set the date for the 2010 August Rally for August 10 and 11 at Ruttgers Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood, MN.

The Committee reviewed the Core Training "Hitting the Brick Wall" evaluations and cost analysis from Mankato and Bemidji. Members' responses were favorable and we will continue to provide training in October and November. The Bemidji site will remain the same; we are considering other options for Mankato.

The committee researched new options for legislative updates for our members.

In an effort to decrease fair share numbers, the Committee is researching new member benefit options and recommended to the Board that we continue to offer the housing benefit, at no cost to MSEA.

The Committee recommended to the Board of Directors an American Sign Language Policy for interpreters at MSEA meetings when requested by members and that such policy be added to the MSEA General Policy and Procedure Book.

The Program Committee reviewed the governing documents of MSEA and recommended to the Board in January three resolutions for consideration at the Delegate Assembly.

The Board requested that the Committee find an appropriate gift for Carol Snell for going above and beyond in her mentoring of the Carver Scott group, and to present it to her at the Spring Regional.

We reviewed options for membership cards and decided to table this until after the Delegate Assembly picks our new logo concept. At the March Board meeting, the committee narrowed it down to three choices from thirty-two submissions. Voting will take place at the Delegate Assembly and the winning concept will be unveiled at the banquet.

The dates were set for the Spring Regionals and the Committee recommended that we add a training piece to the agenda. PERA was able to send a representative to each regional and according to the evaluations it was definitely an asset to the evening. We reviewed the evaluations from the Spring Regionals and the members continue to find these beneficial in preparing them for the Delegate Assembly.

The Program Committee also worked on preparing for our 30<sup>th</sup> Delegate Assembly, including:

- Contacted two bargaining units that had shown interest in planning the banquet, both declined at this time
- Postcards were sent to members to save the date for the Assembly
- Reviewed the guidelines for the new MSEA logo contest
- Reviewed and recommended to the Board the Delegate Assembly Rules and Agenda
- Election committee guidelines
- Trainings for the Assembly (Christina Clark and Labor Education Services will present)
- Reviewed and approved the banquet agenda and Board assignments
- Confirmed the speaker, champagne toast, slide show and door prizes for the banquet
- Researched quotes and reviewed the decorating for the assembly and banquet rooms
- Selected promotional items
- Exhibitors for the Assembly

Respectfully Submitted,

**MSEA Program Committee**

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