

NEA Resolutions Committee Winter Meeting Summary – 2018

This is a general summary of the action and discussion items included on the agenda of the 2018 Resolutions Committee (RC) Winter Meeting. The voting technology by phone provides the number of “yes” and “no” votes and the votes cast by each eligible voting member of the committee.

First Meeting Session: Thursday, March 1, 2018

The committee convened for its first meeting session on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 8:00pm EST, Resolutions Committee Chairperson Heidi Olson, NJ, presiding. Ms. Olson delivered brief opening remarks and introduced the members of the Internal Editing Committee. She introduced the agenda for the March 1 session and described the meeting structure. The first session consisted primarily of leading policy issues through a plan and budget presentation by NEA Secretary-Treasurer Princess Moss, an overview of the committee’s subcommittee process, and open discussion on proposed business. The second session on Saturday, March 3 would provide for debate on proposed business and voting. The committee moved to action on the Winter Meeting Guidelines. Cindy Hoyt, NC, member of the Internal Editing Committee (IEC), and the committee’s appointed parliamentarian for 2018, was asked by Ms. Olson to introduce and speak to the meeting guidelines.

DISCUSSION: LEADING POLICY ISSUES

Moving the first category of business, Rachel Stafford, AZ, member of the IEC and the committee’s vice chairperson, introduced Secretary-Treasurer Princess Moss, who briefly presented on the work and challenges in developing the 2018–2020 NEA Strategic Plan and Budget for adoption by the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly.

DISCUSSION: SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

Moving to the second category of business, Cindy Hoyt, NC, member of the IEC and serving as subcommittee liaison, reported on the committee’s subcommittee work, status, and procedures.

DISCUSSION: GENERAL ACTIONS AND INFORMATION

Ms. Olson, the committee chair, moved to the third category of business on the winter 2018 agenda for discussion during the committee’s first meeting session, which included presentation by members of the IEC and response to questions and comments from RC members, on the following Log Items:

Nutrition

Civil Rights 2017

Protection of People Living with Human Immunodeficiency Syndrome/AIDS and Hepatitis

Freedom of Religion

Student Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Suicide Prevention Programs

Medication and Medical Services in Schools

Private Prisons

Human Rights

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Standardized Testing of Students
Assessment of Student Learning
Early Career Educators
Administrator Preparation
Racial Justice
Criminalization of Youth
Membership Participation in the Association
Parental Involvement
Financial Support of Public Education
Critical Thinking
Safe Schools and Communities
Discipline
Marketing of Unhealthy Foods and Beverages
Instructional Excellence
Benefits

And Information items on

Charter School Accountability
Educator Employee Evaluation

At the conclusion of discussion on items in this category of business, Ms. Olson provided details related to the Saturday, March 3 meeting session, whereupon the winter meeting recessed at approximately 10:04PM EST.

Second Meeting Session: Saturday, March 3, 2018

The committee convened for its second session of the 2018 Winter Meeting on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 2:00pm EST, Resolutions Committee Chairperson Heidi Olson, NJ, presiding. Ms. Olson delivered brief opening remarks that included an overview of the second session's debate and voting procedures on proposed items for consideration by the committee.

ACTION: GENERAL ACTIONS AND INFORMATION

The committee considered proposed items in the General Actions and Information category for winter work. In this category, there were 27 proposed amendments and proposed new resolutions. The full committee proceeded with debate and vote on each proposal separately, including consideration of any subsidiary motions requested by committee members duly submitted in advance. Due to time constraints, 5 log items were postponed to the summer meeting.

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At the conclusion of debate and vote on items in this category of business, Ms. Olson provided details related to committee work in the weeks and months preceding the summer meeting on June 29–July 1, in Minneapolis, MN. The first meeting of the Resolutions Committee is on June 29 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The open hearing for delegates on NEA resolutions is on June 30 at 9:00am in the convention center. Subcommittees may also convene at the discretion of co-chairs on June 30 with the deadline for submissions to the IEC of all subcommittee reports not later than 3:00pm on the afternoon of June 30. The final meeting of the year for the full committee is on July 1 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and the NEA RA is on July 2–5.

Ms. Olson thanked Resolutions Committee members for their work and commitment during the winter meeting, together with the support of NEA staff from the Center for Governance. Whereupon the 2018 Winter Meeting of the NEA Resolutions Committee was adjourned at approximately 4:16PM EST, Saturday, March 3, 2018.

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