JUNE 2008

CONNECTIONS

WEA-SAMMAMISH UNISERV COUNCIL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GOOD WORK DONE

Thanks to all of our council members who were involved in the WEA Representative Assembly May 15-17 in Spokane. It appeared that we were headed toward a record early close to RA, but many new business items were added just prior to the submitting deadline. I was lucky to win the annual pool that guessed the RA end time with a prediction of 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, off by a mere 5 seconds. There wasn't any insider information as I was the second in the pool to write in my prediction!

Highlights of the RA included:

- Passage of the by-laws amendment which puts WEA on sound financial footing.
- Support for continuing our *Take the lead* campaign.
- Establishment of a WEA-PAC goal of 40,000 members by the end of August 31, 2009.
- Overwhelming support for the "loss of trust" in Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Raising nearly $11,000 for the WEA Children's Fund.
- Speeches by the Governor, Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, Friend of Education award winner Senator Margarita Prentice, and House Appropriations Vice Chairman Hans Dunshee.

Governor Christine Gregoire met for nearly an hour with 12 local leaders to talk about education issues before addressing the RA. The leaders were selected because of their success in enrolling more than 50% of their members into WEA-PAC. Our leaders felt the outcome of the meeting was very positive.

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Congratulations to Lake Washington EA on the settlement of their 3-year contract which was ratified on May 21.

Bellevue EA and Snoqualmie EA are hard at work meeting with district teams. The bargaining teams report that there is a lot of hard work ahead and both locals will hold important general membership meetings in June.

ART GALLOWAY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR...

Summer Vacation

Upcoming Events

Bellevue EA General Membership Meeting	6/10
Snoqualmie EA General Membership Meeting	6/11
Office closed	6/30-7/4
NEA Rep Assembly in Washington D.C.	7/3-7/6

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