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What a Year!!

President's Message, Ann Chapman

It was wonderful to see so many new and returning NAEN members at our recent conference in Clearwater. The conference was a big success as evidenced by the glowing evaluations. The keynote speakers were thought-provoking and entertaining, the workshops gave us new skills and ideas to bring back home, and best of all was the opportunity to connect with and learn from fellow members from all over the U.S. and Canada. Of course, the endless blue skies and warm weather were an added bonus.

Behind every successful conference there is a lot of hard work by many dedicated people. I would like to thank Executive Director Ron Wilson for his tireless energy and vision on behalf of NAEN; Josie Hummert, Ron's great Administrative Assistant; and Donna Herren, our amazing conference planner. Unfortunately for us, Donna has accepted a promotion at the Oregon School Boards Association

and is moving on. All of us at NAEN will miss her smiling face, but wish her well in her new position. Last but not least, Conference Chair and President-Elect Steven



Talsky (Ontario) did a great job planning and presenting at the conference with help from the rest of the Board.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new Board members elected during the conference: Tim Alexander (Minnesota), Patty Gallagher (New York), William Pettigrew (Pennsylvania) and Justin Petrarca (Illinois). Congratulations also to Lisa Soronen (Virginia), who will start her progression up the officer chain with her election as Secretary. I'd also to say a fond farewell and thank you to our departing Board members - my unofficial big brother, Steve Hengen (South Dakota), who is finishing up his year as Past President, as well as Dave Hoover (New York) and Mike Krupa (Alberta).

Aside from the conference, it has been a good year for NAEN. Membership is strong and Ron continues to improve the website and the NAEN

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Bulletin all the time. By the time this Bulletin is published, I expect the new software system will be up and running, making it easier for members to communicate with each other and NAEN. Some new features of the system will include, among other things:

- Web-based access that will allow members to update their profiles and renew membership online with automatic reminders;
- Creating a Members-Only Discussion Forum for members to congregate and collaborate on issues as well as a public discussion forum;

As the school year comes to a close, I hope all of you will be able to enjoy some well-deserved rest after the challenging year we've had. When you're ready to look ahead, the NAEN website should be the first place that you look for new bargaining ideas and resources.

It has been a great honor to serve as your President during the past year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Past President's "smoker" at the conference in Scottsdale next March. Until then, take good care!

Board Brief

At the business meeting held during our annual conference this year in Clearwater, a new slate of board members and officers were elected for 2008-2009. We had an additional resignation from the board from Michael Krupa, so there were four vacancies. The new officers (starting July 1, 2009) are:

President: Steven Talsky, Ontario
President-Elect: Michael Weinert, Ontario
Treasurer: Gerry Huber, Nebraska
Secretary: Lisa Soronen, Virginia

The four new board members, with terms starting July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012, are:

Tim Alexander (Minnesota)
Patty Gallagher (New York)
William Pettigrew (Pennsylvania)
Justin Petrarca (Illinois)

Those members continuing their terms on the board of directors in 2009-2010 are:

Ann Chapman, Past President
Lisa Freiley, Oregon
Linda Goers, Minnesota

The board will be meeting in September, 2009 to consider a strategic plan for NAEN, mapping out an action plan for the next five years. A member survey is planned to get input from all NAEN members to inform the board in its planning efforts.



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