

WEAC Region 2 - Protecting Rights Providing for Professional Growth Promoting Public Education



From the President

Congratulations on the completion of the school year! I know there are mixed emotions that always accompany the end of the year and the start of summer, and I wish you well in resolving those as we move from elation at the promise of summer to despair for students we will miss.

- Year 1 of Educator Effectiveness Evaluation is over. If you have questions about your final evaluation, please contact our staff at the Region 2 office for help and assistance. The new system has strengths and weaknesses and as your professional organization, we're here to assist you with the process.
- Local Officer Elections may have happened in your local in Spring--please contact Marsha Yulga at the Region 2 office to update your local's contact list so that we can make sure we are sending the proper information to the new or returning leaders
- Region 2 Rebuilding Conference--we have heard your requests and needs for training and assistance in your locals--Sign up today! Contact Eileen Eggebrecht at the Region 2 office. This is a great opportunity to get your newly elected leaders connected with others and some resources to strengthen or help to rebuild your local association
- State budget: The provisions in the state budget have been nothing short of disastrous for our public schools. Thank you to those of you who have reached out to legislators across the Region and state. There is still time to have your voice heard. Pick up the phone and make a call or send a quick email expressing your concern. The coordinated pressure back on these leaders is helping them reconsider or change the most egregious measures.
- Member recruitment and Membership drives: If you need membership forms or assistance from Region 2, please contact us. We know that there is a good deal of turnover in education currently, and inviting our newest colleagues into your local and your larger professional organization helps to give them support on many levels--professional support through PDP training and access to the QEI network, Educator Effectiveness Training, National Board Certification assistance, local assistance in understanding their handbook or school district policies, legal support, discounts on anything from insurance to vacations, and the list continues.

Finally, I want to say **thank you** for all of the work that you do in your schools and your local associations. From the classroom visits with the teachers who teach my children in the Stevens Point School District, to the efforts and initiatives undertaken by my colleagues in Iola-Scandinavia, I am so proud to be in your midst. Central and Northern Wisconsin have fantastic schools because of each and every one of you and what you do daily.

Two last tasks for Summer:



your success of the past year...

&

find time to



rest, relax, and rejuvenate....

You deserve to do both.

Thank you for what you do every day in Region 2!

Peggy Wirtz-Olsen

MEETING UPDATES



The transition from UniServ Councils to State Regions continues. In an effort to keep you informed, here are the highlights from the **WEAC Region 2 Representative Assembly** held May 14th in Tomahawk:

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

Scholarship awards were presented to: Rachel Gordon—Amherst High School
and
Rachel Ley—Stevens Point Area Senior High

The following are the election results:

- VP Jeff Berkley—Wausau EA (2 yr. term)
- Sec. TJ Pharo-Kozak—Stevens Point EA (2 yr. term)
- Treas. Jon Marin—Tomahawk EA (1 yr. term)

- At Large #3 Mark Donner—Chequamegon EA (1 yr. term)
- At Large #4 Shari Wendland—Rhinelanders EA (2 yr. term)
- At Large #5 Joann Kekula—Wittenberg-Birnamwood EA (2 yr. term)

- Reviewed the “year to date” budget & fund balance
- Discussed Political Action and Legislative Committee structure
- Presented information on the June 22nd and 23rd Rebuilding Training Event
- Reviewed possible dates and locations for the 2016 Region 2 RA
- Set the Region 2 dues at \$244.00 plus \$2.00 PAC (a \$3.00 increase from 2015)
- Set CWUC-RETIRED dues at \$50.00
- Dan Lesniak requested a point of personal privilege to thank the council for the opportunity to be an active member and the treasurer.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:20

The next Region 2 Executive Committee meeting is June 15th.



Public education in Wisconsin . . . Did you know?

- Public schools provide transportation services for private school students.
- Public schools share their federal grant dollars with private schools.
- Public schools provide special education services to students in private schools.
- Public schools are responsible for providing education for students who are incarcerated.
- Public schools pay for transporting homeless children to their district of prior residence.
- Public schools provide interpreters and translators to support parent communication.
- Public schools provide instruction for all students, regardless of native language.
- Public schools pay tuition for students to earn dual credit in college courses taught by district teachers.
- Public schools pay for medically fragile student needs (such as nursing, physical therapy).
- Public schools pay for transition services for students with disabilities who are 18-21, such as job training and coaching on the job.
- Public schools pay for 3-year-old programs to serve students with disabilities.
- Public schools pay for residential programs outside the public school for students with severe mental illness.
- Public schools pay for day programs outside the public school for students with moderate mental illness.

We are proud that each of these is a part of our mission to serve all students. As part of that mission, public schools need to be more adequately funded in order to continue to meet our mission of serving all students. ■



Region 2 Kohl Award Winners—Congratulations

Four WEAC Region 2 teachers received fellowships from the Herb Kohl Foundation.

"Kohl Fellowship recipients are chosen for their ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others, and their leadership and service in and out of the classroom. Each fellow receives

\$3,000. Their schools receive \$3,000, as well."

Congratulations Region 2 members:

- Quan Banh, Prentice High School, Prentice
- Jeremy Jorgensen, Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School, Arbor Vitae
- Rebecca Wegner, Tomahawk Middle School, Tomahawk
- Anne Dick, Marshfield High School, Marshfield

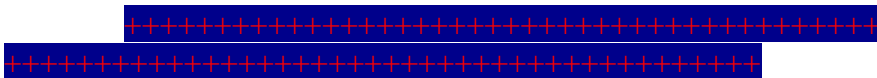


Educator Days at Miller Park

WEAC is again teaming up with the Milwaukee Brewers to offer Educator Days at Miller Park, where members received discounted ticket prices on select seats to games.

Dates this year include:
August 4, 5 & 6

Read more & order tickets [here](#)



Discounted Tickets to Noah's Ark

WEAC is again partnering with Noah's Ark Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells to offer a special discount for WEAC members in 2015. The WEAC member daily ticket admission is \$27.17 (a discount of \$5.82 off each ticket purchased!)

[Find out more here](#)



A Message from: Heather DuBois Bourenane and the

Wisconsin Public Education Network!

Dear friends of Wisconsin public schools,

I just wanted to share that we have learned that each of the two new pro-public education bills being circulated has now been co-sponsored by nearly thirty legislators!

Please continue to [contact your legislators](#) and ask them to co-sponsor these bills. The deadline for co-sponsorship is Friday.

This is a great opportunity to stand up in a unified way for local control and fair funding, and we hope to see [bipartisan support](#) for these very basic bills, both of which respond to concerns shared by districts, parents and taxpayers all over the state. Here are the details on the proposed legislation:

- **LRB-2356 (Increase Revenue Limits):**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxHr6KXdn27kVWE1S05SbzdEvv9DNllzTFFVd3gwUG83U2pJ/view>
- **LRB-2357 (Increase Special Education Funding):**<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxHr6KXdn27kNndFUDRBSGpGdmd6eS1rcIRVSzVnc3BoZi1R/view>

Find your legislators here: <http://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/>

Keep up the great advocacy work!

Heather