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## **New Year, New Beginnings**

2019! A new year filled with new beginnings and new changes and that is no different for NSEA-R. A transition from a printed newsletter to a digital format is absolutely necessary due to increase of postage. Fifty-five cents (effective 1/27/19) is simply more than we can afford. For those concerned with the digital format, we will soon offer a subscription rate which will cover all costs of printing and postage. Stay tuned for more details about this proposed service. The intent is that you will see more direct communication from NSEA-R by providing membership a more relevant association. Patience would be most appreciated as we make this transition.

This new year comes with concerns and frustrations in the political arena as politicians are once again taking aim at Social Security and Medicare. Many elected leaders in Washington, DC feel that these are “entitlement” programs which cost taxpayers money and helping to escalate the national debt. Social Security and Medicare are NOT ENTITLEMENTS BUT BENEFITS! We must remain diligent and vigilant to ensure these benefits are not lost or cut. Keep your eyes and ears open to any news that may threaten these two issues. Contact Nevada’s Federal delegation and urge them to protect and maintain both Social Security and Medicare.

In my time as NSEA-R President, I have found retirees are committed to protect public education. 2019 legislative session is our time to roar. The Gang of 63 has 126 ears and 126 eyes. We must make sure they hear and see us on a regular basis. Attend a legislative hearing, open your mouth and testify or contact your legislator by email or a phone call three to five times per week. Individuals can collectively make a difference for the state of Nevada and public education. Bill draft requests have already been submitted to look at and investigate changes to NVPERS. When it comes to PERS read, see and understand everything you hear.

GET INVOLVED with NSEA-R/ NSEA during this legislative session. Contact me at 702-525-9084 or via email at WTazziemann@aol.com . Let’s determine how YOU can best fit into the process.

New year, New beginning, NEW RESULTS!

## *And the Winners Are...*



Steve Horner was declared Vice President and Fran Edison was declared Secretary/Treasurer of NSEA-R in the recent elections. Open nominations were held and candidates' eligibility verified. Due to other nominees being declared ineligible for the positions indicated, Steve and Fran were elected by acclamation and will take office at the close of NEA RA in July.

Steve is a retired Special Education teacher for CCSD, served on the NSEA BOD's and Uni-Serve director. Upon his retirement in 2014, he became actively involved in NSEA-R and CREA. He is currently CREA Vice President. Welcome him and his expertise to the NSEA-R BOD's.

Fran is a retired elementary teacher from the WCSD and served as building rep for WEA. She attended numerous NSEA Delegate Assembly events over her teaching years. Fran retired in 2016 and like Steve, jumped into NSEA-R and WREA and started recruiting new members to NSEA-R. Fran has already proven herself to be a positive and wonderful addition to the NSEA-R BOD.

Congratulations to our new officers and welcome aboard! We all look forward to working with you and utilizing your many talents.

## *New Leadership Role*

NSEA-R Vice President Peggy Rosch has opted to step down in an effort to address her health/medical concerns. In the November 2018 board of directors meeting, Steve Horner from Clark County was appointed to fill the remainder of Peggy's term. Many of you will remember him as a delegate to NSEA Delegate Assembly and a member of the NSEA Board of Directors. He also has been very active in the Clark County Democratic Party and has served as chair of two Party clubs. Steve has received numerous awards and honors for his hard work and dedication to public education and the Democratic Party. We are both pleased and delighted to work with Steve as the new Vice President of NSEA-R.

## *The Times They Are a Changing*

The times they are a changing. Due to the rising cost of printing and postage, NSEA-R has been confronted with a very important communication decision; what and how is the best and affordable way to communicate with our members. As we move forward this year, we will be moving toward digital/online communications. It has become more and more apparent that this is the most cost-effective way for us to get information to members in a timely manner. By moving toward this form of communication, we will be saving thousands of dollars each year which can be put to better use serving members. So, be on the lookout for an invitation to opt into this format and get more timely information.

What we need from you is a current email address to send you the online communications. If your mailing address or phone number have changed this is a great time to update that information for NSEA/NSEA-R and your local chapter. We would like to keep you informed and involved, so, please send us any updates that you may have to your contact information. You can send changes and corrections to Tom Wellman at [WTazziemann@aol.com](mailto:WTazziemann@aol.com). Also, please forward any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this transition. The Board is working together to address these concerns. Those who provide us their email addresses will be entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 Starbucks gift card. Thank you for your patience as we work through this transition.

The winner of our last newsletter drawing for the \$25.00 gift card to Starbucks is Susan Storey a lifetime member from Clark Retired Education Association. Thanks for providing us your email address. We are stronger together!