

## ECONOMY AND PERS LINKED TO COVID-19

*By: Harry Beall, NSEA-R representative to the NSEA Board of Directors*



Head of Multi-Asset and Head of U. S. Equity at Lazard Asset Management, who spoke earlier this month at the virtual meeting of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems.

Here in the United States, Temple said, our economy could be greatly improved through additional COVID relief, tax reform, and legislative investments in infrastructure and climate change.

He said the United States is focusing heavily on jobs. Small businesses, which Temple said are the backbone of the U.S. Economy, saw their revenue plummet an average of 33 percent in 2020. Job losses, according to Temple, are concentrated on low wage service sector jobs, where low-income unemployment fell 20 percent in 2020.

Globally, the most important event in 2021 will be the worldwide vaccine rollout timeline. That's according to Ron Temple, the Co-

The American work force had their jobless benefits extended nationally through March 11, and that will help, Temple predicted, but even though workers were aided by the stimulus package, spending nationwide is down and holding steady. Temple explained that is because high income households cut consumption the most, and that loss contributed to sharp declines in the consumption of services.

Temple said that sometime in the second quarter of 2021, the United States should be at herd immunity, but that we are way behind getting shots in arms, and he also suggested that even those who have had COVID-19 should still get a vaccine.

Temple emphasized that although the American work force has been hurt through extensive layoffs during the pandemic, those layoffs did not happen as much in Europe because in Europe it is the employer, not the employee, who files for unemployment benefits and then passes those benefits to the employees. The idea, Temple said, is that if employers keep employees on the payroll, they will not have to train new employees when business returns.

# RED FOR ED BRINGS EDUCATORS TOGETHER TO IMPROVE EDUCATION



At last month's Presidents Day Red for Ed rally in Carson City and Las Vegas on February 15, concerned educators, students, parents, and community members donned their warmest red clothes and demonstrated their support for public education.

In Carson City, two to three hundred people showed up holding signs. At the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas about 75 people demonstrated for prioritizing education and education funding this legislative session.

The demonstration was organized by the Nevada State Education Association, but they were joined by Battle Born Progress, the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, Mi Familia Vota, Faith in Action, and the Culinary Workers Union, among many others.

Red for Ed is a grassroots wave powered by social media that has swept across the country and brought educators out onto the streets and into state legislatures to demand better pay and resources.

Although the Red for Ed movement seems to have been around a lot longer, it actually began

only three years ago. It started in West Virginia in February, 2018 when educators demonstrated against low salaries and increasing health care costs.

Their victory in West Virginia then prompted educators in other states, generally states controlled by Republican legislators, to begin their own Red for Ed movements. By April of 2018, Red for Ed protests sprang up in Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arizona, and Colorado.

In 2019, educators in many states, including those run by Democratic legislatures, began putting together their own Red for Ed demonstrations.

Although taking part in these actions has dramatically raised educators' expectations for improvements in education, there is only so much that protests can do to reverse decades of public school neglect.

Red for Ed calls for more money for education, better teacher salaries, more affordable health care, and smaller class sizes.

The National Education Association says educators make only 80 percent of what other paid professionals with the same credentials are making in other fields. Meanwhile, teachers spend over 450 dollars every year for needed school supplies. Nearly a third of all educators must take a second or third job to stay financially afloat.

The Red for Ed movement helps educators advocate make our schools the best they can be for every student. By standing together in a large, very visible group, educators create much larger voice than by working alone to advocate for schools and for public education.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TOM WELLMAN

Six years ago, when I was first elected President of the NSEA-Retired program, our membership growth was flat. Many of our active members had forgotten we even existed. During the last six years, the NSEA-Retired board of directors has put a great deal of time and energy into building the brand of our retired program and making it a much more active organization. Our goal was to make this a program a leader in preserving and enhancing the rights and benefits of our members and to assist NSEA to meet their goals and objectives to fully fund Nevada's public schools. We have worked hard to achieve our goals, and although we are not quite at the point in our development where we would like to be, we are proud of the work we have accomplished and the steps that we have taken to achieve our goals. We want to ensure that ours is a program that our current members feel fully represents them and that active members will want to join when they retire. Our goal is to make sure retired educators have a safe and secure retirement. We also want to help our active members successfully transition into their own retirements.

My term as president is coming to an end, and that means elections were recently held. The next president of NSEA-Retired will be Mr. Steven J. Horner. He is a true advocate for members' rights and public education. Steve will be an amazing leader for the organization and will take our program to the next level. Mr. Harry Beall was re-elected to a second term as the NSEA-Retired representative to the NSEA board of Directors. In his first term Harry has done great work on the NSEA board of directors representing the views of our members and helping to shape policies that benefit all members of the NSEA family. Both of these men and the board of directors will continue to do big things to help build the NSEA-Retired program. Their pictures and biographies are posted here to give you a chance to meet these leaders and to learn more about them.

In closing, I just want to add that it has been both my honor and my privilege to serve as president of this amazing program. Thank you!

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The pandemic has caused much difficulty for everyone, and that holds true for education and the Nevada Legislature. Public Education is facing massive cuts in funding. Class size reduction, virtual and Zoom schools, teaching and support professional jobs are all vulnerable. NSEA and NSEA Lobby Team are doing an awesome job in trying to keep losses at a minimum. NSEA-R is also continuing to advocate for affordable health care across the state.

As members we can track bills and help our Lobby Team by logging on to [nsea-nv.org](http://nsea-nv.org) and [track the bills](#) that will help us fight the budget cuts or help pass a new revenue bill. You can send your testimony and comments to the legislature from the NSEA web site.

All events will be posted with location and registration information so that everyone can get involved.

NSEA-R will be adding to public comment on Affordable Healthcare and the affect it has on quality of life for so many retirees. We are also looking for people from all over the state to join us in our effort to tell our stories to the legislators.

This is going to be a difficult legislative session but with members help and effort we can help to limit the damage. We look forward to working with everyone to protect Public Education.

## MEET THE OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT-ELECT STEVE HORNER



Most of my formal education was in McGill and Ely, Nevada where I witnessed the unionization of teachers in Nevada. I served in the Army then moved to Las

Vegas, did a lot of jobs before I decided to fulfill my life's desire to teach school.

The 1995-96 school year changed my life forever, I signed my NEA, NSEA, CCEA membership form and became active in the largest union of educators and support professionals in this country. I had been a member of other unions in the past; however, I was finally where I had wanted to be since I was a child, I was going to be a teacher. I knew that my first move had to be to join the Union, as soon as I signed my teaching contract, I went to CCEA and joined.

I was always involved and went to meetings, but knew I wanted to be even more involved. So, I became the Senator from my school at each location I taught and became a delegate to Delegate and Representative Assemblies to do the business of my Union with my brothers and sisters. I believe in Unions; they protect due process and bargain protections for all the people that are protected by those contracts. Beyond that the union protects Public Education and the students that learn how to learn. We didn't win every fight but never stopped

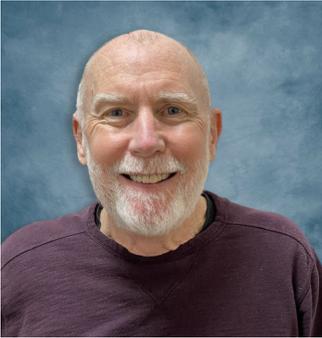
fighting. I was elected to the NSEA Board and fought to protect all educators and support professionals from the entire state of Nevada. I ran for President of CCEA, and Vice President of NSEA. I was always ready to raise my voice to help those that were Public Education.

I was offered an opportunity to do even more by becoming an advocate for teachers, nurses, councilors, and other licensed professionals. I joined the staff of CCEA, as a UniServ Director I worked to protect due process and the contract, I also worked everyday to organize and build the Union I love. Unfortunately, my time as a UniServ was cut short by health and other circumstances. So, I retired, but I knew I wasn't done with union work.

I got involved with CREA and NSEA-R. I have approached working with retirees with the same pride and passion that I worked with actives. I have been elected as President of NSEA-Retired. I promise you all I will continue to represent you all no matter the county, no matter the local. I was raised in rural Nevada and taught in Urban Nevada I will listen before speaking and own my mistakes. Thank you all for this opportunity to work for you to continue to work to build our union.

## MEET THE OFFICERS

### NSEA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NSEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HARRY BEALL



In July, Harry Beall will begin his second three-year term as the NSEA-R representative to the NSEA Board of Directors where he will continue to work

to improve Nevada's education system and the lives of retired educators. During his next term, Beall wants to focus on senior health care, especially in the state's rural areas, and in enrolling more seniors statewide into NSEA-Retired.

Harry Beall grew up in the newspaper business. Both his father and his grandfather owned small-town weekly newspapers. Although Beall began writing for his father's newspaper before he was a teen, he was much more interested in a career in broadcasting.

After graduating from college, Beall accepted an announcer position at KSEI, a Pocatello, Idaho radio station, where he later became news director, sales manager, and finally general manager of the station. After nine years in radio, Beall started work in television as a week-end anchor and weekday reporter at KIDK-TV in Idaho Falls, Idaho. From there, he moved to Yakima, Washington where he anchored the evening newscasts on KNDO-TV.

In 1984, Beall moved to Las Vegas to take an early morning anchoring job at KTNV-TV, Channel 13. While working at the station,

he won several awards for a series of feature stories called Finishing Touches that ended the evening newscast. He worked at Channel 13 until 1992 when he decided to leave broadcasting to become a teacher. After completing the necessary course work at UNLV and getting his license, Beall began teaching in 1994 as an internship coordinator at the Las Vegas Academy. Over the years, he also worked at Vo-Tech High School and at Desert Rose Adult High School teaching English, journalism, and broadcasting.

Shortly after retiring at the end of the 2014 school year, Beall joined the Clark Retired Education Association and later was elected to their board. He wanted to work with the Nevada State Education Association to strengthen PERS, improve senior health care, and create a stronger, more equitable tax base to better fund education.

When the retired NSEA board position became available three years ago, Beall squeaked out an election win, and since he recently ran unopposed, he will continue his board position for another three years.

He has been married to his wife, Ginny, for over 30 years. Among his other honors, Beall is a member of the Nevada Broadcaster's Association Hall of Fame.



## To Provide Public Comment and/or Testimony on a Bill

**Step One:** Go to <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/>

**Step Two:** View Events (Upper Right Corner)

**Step Three:** Find Your Event and Click On the Committee Name

**Step Four:** Click Participate (Upper Right Corner)

**Step Five:** Fill out Your Information

**Step Six:** Choose speak at Public Comment and/or on Agenda Item (*you can select both*)

### For Agenda Item(s)

1. Select Bill(s) from Bill or Budget
2. Your Position
3. Who you are representing

*Tip: "Individual" is fine, and please indicate that you are a NSEA Member when speaking*

4. Click "I Wish to Speak on this Item" (not mandatory)
5. Click Add This Item
6. On the right side of the screen, you will see "Agenda List" Please select the Bill(s) you selected from Section A
7. Click "I'm Not A Robot" and hit "Submit"

- *You will be brought to a confirmation page with the dial-in number. It will also be emailed to you. Use the number and meeting ID provided to dial in once the meeting starts. Listen for the verbal prompts given by the Chair and Broadcast and Production Services staff as to how to participate during the meeting.*
- *Please listen to directions closely. When the support, oppose, neutral sections are called, you will press 9 (or \*6) to indicate which category you are calling in for. They will call you by the last 3 digits of the number you are calling from so be mindful of that. You will then be unmuted and can begin speaking.*

### For Public Comment

1. Select public comment
2. Click "I'm Not A Robot" and hit "Submit"

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## **"SARAH SAYS"**

### **NEA-Retired President Sarah Borgman**

When I turn the calendar page and see a new month, it's almost like seeing a new year come around---new opportunities, new possibilities, new starts. Yes! Now let's see. What needs to be done? The retired conference lies before us and with it, surely, we'll be looking at new goals and good old plain hard work as well as challenges. With a fresh start, everything looks possible. Retired members, NEA Retired needs you. We need your expertise, your energy, your ideas, and your support for the work that lies before all of us. Shock your president! Give him or her a call; send an e-mail or text and ask what you can do or what job needs to be done in your local and/or state affiliate. While you're looking around, consider running for office in your local, state, or national offices. Don't wait for Mr. or Ms. Somebody Else to do the task. As Uncle Sam used to say in the old posters, "We need you!"