**MICHIGAN CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 1, 2021 – Noon

Via Zoom Webinar

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Paula Herbart called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Chandra Madafferi, supported by Brett Smith, to approve the June 30 meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion adopted 133:0.**

The delegation was shown the links for the Michigan Caucus materials at <https://mea.org/neara21/> and the NEA RA information at [www.nea.org/ra](http://www.nea.org/ra).

Paula reminded delegates to contact their region coordinator or an NEA Director instead of the officers due to the mass amount of texts/emails they are receiving and they cannot respond in a timely manner. The officers have provided all the information they have to the delegation and they do not have any super-secret sauce to share. The Strategy Committee will connect and those leadership positions will be put on the MI NEA RA Delegates Facebook site with an L thumbs up or L thumbs down if things change based on action on the floor.

**NEA-PAC (NEA Fund for Children & Public Education)**

PAC Chairperson Michelle Woodman reported we are doing well raising $9,202.37 thus far and are currently in seventh place. We are ahead of Ohio, but they are beating us for overall total. The easiest way to donate to PAC is at [www.neafund.org](http://www.neafund.org). If you want to bid on silent auction items, there are more than 100 items now. Thank you to Pam Kellar for the wonderful auction donations as well as Heather Schulz, Kim Cook, Ann Marie Borders, Jen Almassy, Maryanne Levine, and Judy Daley provided items and there is handmade jewelry from Julie Brill. The link to the auction is [www.mira2021.givesmart.com](http://www.mira2021.givesmart.com). If delegates do not have access to funds to donate right now, they can create a PACtivist page. Can have other MEA members or those who live with members donate towards your goal. Then email to your members and post on Facebook and any funds raised count towards you total and moves us up on the ranks. Please contact Michelle with any questions at [shell333@gmail.com](mailto:shell333@gmail.com)

It was moved by Chandra Madafferi, supported by Brett Smith, to suspend the rules of the MEA Caucus meetings of the 2021 NEA RA that all motions requiring a second have been seconded. **Motion adopted 157:8.**

**NEA RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

It was moved by Stacey Daniels to nominate Jennifer Shelito from Region 11 for Resolutions.

It was moved by Liz Hubert to nominate Dawn Levey from Region 8 to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

It was moved by Doug Hill to nominate John Pakledinaz from Region 12 for the Resolutions Committee.

It was moved by Alphonso Salais to nominate Maureen Eke from Region 12 for the Resolutions Committee.

It was moved by Marcia Mackey to elect Jennifer Shelito, Dawn Levey, John Pakledinaz and Maureen Eke by acclamation. **Motion adopted 176:2.**

**STRATEGY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**New Business Items**

It was moved by Karen Abella, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 7. **Motion adopted 139:25.**

It was moved by Chandra Madafferi, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 9. **Motion adopted 153:5.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to take no position on NBI 10.

It was moved by John Pakledinaz to substitute the position of no position to a position of opposition on NBI 10. **Substitute motion adopted 117:44.**

**Main motion in opposition to NBI 10 adopted 145:21.**

It was moved by Jeff Wilson, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support NBI 11. **Motion adopted 173:8.**

It was moved by Karen Abella, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support NBI 12. **Motion adopted 146:27.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 13. **Motion adopted 158:13.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 15. **Motion adopted 102:53.**

It was moved by Jeff Wilson, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 16. **Motion adopted 149:23.**

It was moved by Brett Smith, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to take no position on NBI 18.

It was moved by Maureen Eke to substitute the position of no position to a position of support for NBI 18. **Substitute motion adopted 94:59.**

**Main motion in support of NBI 18 adopted 110:53.**

It was moved by Jennifer Shelito, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to take no position on NBI 19. **Motion 129:20.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 20. **Motion 166:4.**

It was moved by Paula Herbart, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support NBI 21.

It was moved by Dave Daly to close debate. **Motion adopted 141:5.**

**Main motion in support of NBI 21 adopted 152:6.**

NEA’s Midwest Representative Jason Burns joined the meeting to greet his home state. He is originally from Michigan and loves working with MEA and its dynamic team! He is proud of being from Michigan and all of the hard work Michigan has done!

**POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** (meeting recessed)

Maureen Eke thanked the delegation for electing her to the Resolutions Committee.

Jennifer Shelito gave Stacey Daniels a shout out for nominating her and thanked the delegation for electing her to the Resolutions Committee.

John Pakledinaz thanked the delegation for supporting his election to the Resolutions Committee. He thanked Doug Hill for the nomination.

Brittany Perreault thanked the delegation for its support on NBI 21.

Ann Marie Borders thanked the delegation for its past support. She is retiring this summer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Herbart reminded the delegation that Stacey Abrams will be addressing the general assembly at 1:45 p.m. and adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

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