

Anchorage Education Association

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AEA Offers Incentives to Members

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AEA's No. 1 goal for the 2008-09 school year is to "Increase member engagement by involving and training more members in Association Leadership." In addition to offering courses for credit and other activities to engage members, AEA will also offer an incentive for those who attend Rep. Council the second Tuesday of each month.

Any current AEA member who comes to Rep council and arrives by 5:00 p.m. will be given a ticket (faculty representatives will receive two tickets) that will be put into a drawing to be held immediately upon adjournment. Two tickets will be drawn. The holder of the first ticket will receive \$100.00 in cash; the holder of the second ticket will receive \$150.00. Only one prize will be awarded to any individual at each meeting. The winning ticket holders must be present to win.

Incentives continued: anchorageaea.org/e-adv/oct08/incentives.pdf

Important Dates

Nov. 4 Vote
Nov. 11 Rep. Council, East High
Nov. 17 Negotiations Committee Meeting
Nov. 18 Executive Board Meeting
Dec. 3 Holiday Part for New Members

Want to know more about these events? Contact your building rep, or call the AEA office.

Help AEA Get Its Ducks in a Row

YOU could be leading the row or at least be part of the flock. We need your help!

The Negotiations Committee is always welcoming new members into our fold. **Bargaining Team 2010** will be

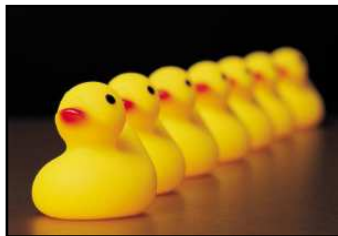
selected in the near future and the Negotiations Committee could be a foundation for that selection process.

We are actively working on contract issues and are currently a small but mighty group. As we move forth toward team

selection and bargaining, we will need a mightier group of volunteers. **PLEASE** strongly consider joining this committee and be part of our future.

We meet on the third Monday of every month.

Next Meeting:
November 17th
4:30 @ AEA office.



FREE rubber ducky for those who attend/participate!!

Contact: crawford_cynthia@asdk12.org with questions or for more information.

Who do I contact for...

Health Insurance

Assistance: NEA-Alaska Health Plan—274-7526

A Mentor for New Teachers:

Log into "My Learning Plan." On the left side of the screen, Go to 'MY Mentor Request'.

An Instructional Coach for Professional Support and Plans of Improvement:

donohue_erin@asdk12.org

Contract questions:

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Delegates Shape the Future of the Association

Right around Super Bowl Sunday, NEA-Alaska holds its largest meeting of the year. Delegates from across Alaska come to Anchorage to help chart the future for educators in Alaska.

More than perhaps any other union, NEA-Alaska is a member-driven organization, but in the course of day-to-day operations, like any organization, it may seem to depend heavily on its officers, staff, and board



also write and vote upon resolutions about what teachers in Alaska support, and set the priorities for legislation that NEA-AK will seek in Juneau.

If you've served as a delegate before, perhaps it's time to come back and participate again. If you've never been a delegate, perhaps it time for you to consider running. For many members it's a first look at how broad and diverse educators across Alaska can be.

the course of day to day operations, like any organization, it may seem to depend heavily on its officers, staff, and board members to make decisions.

Delegate Assembly, however, is an opportunity for general members to come together and shape the policy that guides those decisions. Members write and vote upon new business items that direct the association to accomplish a wide variety of tasks, such as the statewide advertising campaign that is just getting under way. Members



Delegate speaks against an issue at the 2008 Delegate Assembly

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Elections for Anchorage delegates were recently completed. But there is always an opportunity for you to nominate yourself or be nominated next year. AEA qualifies for approximately 130 delegates, and AEA needs to send the entire number it qualifies for so it is well represented at Delegate Assembly. DA historically takes place on a Friday and a Saturday, usually the weekend in

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AEA Trivia: What is the current office?

In a letter to Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Hon. Margaret Spellings, dated October 7, 2008, our own NEA (national) president, Dennis Van Roekel, discussed a grant program that provides enhanced instructional opportunities for immigrant children and youths. He expressed, "strong concerns with the Department's plan to shift the administration of the Title III English Language Acquisition grant program" from one office to another. What is the office that currently oversees the administration of Title III program grants, and what office is proposed to take over?

Answers received by 5:00, November 7th will be eligible for a \$10.00 gift certificate.

AEA's New Member Holiday Dinner

AEA would like to welcome its new members! On the evening of December 3, the Social Committee and the Communications Committee will host a festive get-to-know-you dinner.



Childcare is provided as well as opportunities to win some wonderful prizes.

If you are a new member or building rep., please watch for an invite to arrive in the mail and/or through email.

Like Social Events? Join AEA's Social Committee!

AEA decided that it needed to form a Social Committee in order to provide members a chance to get together and have fun. This newly developing committee is tasked with planning and implementing union get-togethers. We are



interested in new ideas. If you like to plan events, help with the set-up, and/or take down, and have some fun, then the Social Committee is for you! Contact Shevaun Hacking at hacking_shevaun@asdk12.org for more information.

Have you changed schools? Moved? Changed phone numbers? Please call us at **274-0536** and assist us in keeping your information up to date.

Questions? E-mail us at AEA@asdk12.org or call 274-0536.

Your newsletter is compiled by member volunteers just like you. If you would like to participate in our newsletter, or have helpful suggestions for us, we'd like to hear from you.

To contact us, go to www.anchorageea.org click the AEA Committees link and select "communication." This webpage contains information about your volunteer committee and the appropriate contact person for questions and information.





AEA Trivia: Prizes go to those who respond first

Which "dealer" said, "The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize"?

Prizes (\$10.00 gift cards to Barnes and Noble) will be given to the first AEA member to respond correctly in each category: Related Services, High School, Middle Level, Elementary.



