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AEA Bargaining Update: Our Ducks are Lining Up!

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Last Spring, applications went out to all members for consideration to be on for the AEA Bargaining Team. In April 2009, the Bargaining Team for Contract 2010 was announced.

AEA Members include Brian Nelson--spokesperson, Corey Aist, Skip Foster, Bill Mans, Lisa Loruso-Santo, Rob Taylor, and Cindi Crawford.

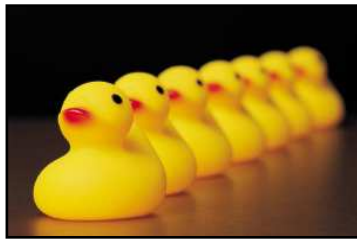
The team will be receiving assistance from NEA-Alaska UniServ Directors Willie Anderson and Debbie Omstead.

Team members already created this year's AEA Bargaining Survey. At the October Building Rep Council meeting, representatives were given the face to face surveys for their buildings. Hopefully by now, as you are reading this, you have had an opportunity to meet face to face with your building representative to complete the bargaining survey.

Just to provide you with a bit of background, the Negotiations Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis throughout the school year since December 2007. They have been research-

ing your issues: surveying members, taking building rep council input, and combing the contract section by section. This small group of AEA members laid a solid foundation for the newly appointed Bargaining Team.

Thank you in advance for taking your valuable time to give the bargaining team your



opinion on critical issues facing this round of negotiations. If you have not had an opportunity to complete the AEA Bargaining Survey, please seek out your building representative or contact Jim Lepley, AEA President (AEA@asdk12.org).

The Bargaining Team members will be using your input to draft a proposal to take to the bargaining table.

We have an exciting and challenging year ahead of us. There will be MANY opportunities for member involvement over the next couple of months. A Bargaining Support Team is being formed. This is an excellent opportunity for YOU to get involved in your next contract! Contact

Important Dates

Oct. 21: AEA Open House, AEA Office, 3:00-6:00

Oct. 21: AEA Bargaining Team meets with reps., prescheduled times

Oct. 23-24: Trick or Treat Town, ACS Warehouse

Oct. 27: AEA Rights

Oct. 31: Policy Assembly

Nov. 3: AEA Rep. Council, East, 4:30

Want to know more about these events? Contact your building rep, or call the AEA office 274-0536.

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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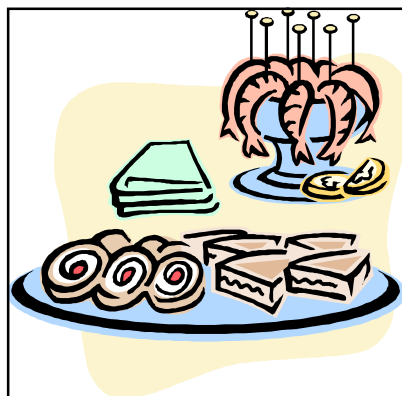
Bargaining: anchorageea.org/e-adv/oct09/bargaining.pdf



AEA Open House: Welcome new members!!

The first New Member event of the 09-10 school year will be the Open House, to be held on October 21st at the AEA office, between 3-6 pm.

The building will be buzzing with the energy of our newest members, fresh from completing their first academic quarter. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be provided.



members with an opportunity to obtain information about AEA's role in the public education system of Anchorage.

AEA leaders will be present to welcome new members and to answer any questions they may have.

If you are a new member, please join us. If you are a building rep., please bring your new members to the AEA office at 4100 Spenard. If you know

This casual get together that will provide new a new member, please pass on the invite.

BAT: Building Association Teams are coming to your site

At the September Rep. Council, Building representatives were trained by the AEA Board on how to establish Building Associations Team (BAT) in their schools.

The purpose of these teams is to involve and engage more members at each site and to provide assistance to the building rep.

If you have yet to hear about a BAT being established at your school, talk to your building rep. and see how it is progressing and what role you can play.

AEA hopes that every school/worksite will be organized with a "team in place" to carry out the objectives of the members and the Association within each building/worksite. BATs can also be used for fun social functions as well.

The BATs are designed to give each member

more voice in the Association. The goal of each BAT is to have one team member for every 10 people at the site .



While one obvious purpose of having a well-organized BAT is to allow the building to deal with whatever goals or tasks the building may need to accomplish.

For example, the recent face-to-face bargaining surveys that have arrived in the buildings can be accomplished far quicker if the entire BAT is involved. With more personal interaction, the site and the organization becomes

stronger.

If the building needs to mobilize its members to attend a school board meeting, put on a social function, or gather or disseminate information, it can occur more quickly, and everyone can feel they had a part in organizing the event or ac-

AEA Trivia: Commissioner in 1920?

Who was the U.S. Commissioner of Education when the first American Education Week was first observed in 1920?

Send responses to mary.nibbelink@neaalaska.org

Answers received by 5:00, Sept. 18th will be eligible for a \$10.00 gift certificate.

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.

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