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Our Students are Still our Special Interest

NEA Representative Assembly Election Results

The GGEA Rules and Elections Committee reported the results for last month's election as follows:

For NEA Representative Assembly (nine (9) seats, eight (8) 2-year terms and one (1) 1-year term)

Sherrill Huebner	763 votes	Elected (2 years)
Champ Clark	712 votes	Elected (2 years)
Michael Greer	695 votes	Elected (2 years)
Marcelle Nguyen-Newcomb	575 votes	Elected (2 years)
Diane Lenning	547 votes	Elected (2 years)
Noelle Dickenson	467 votes	Elected (2 years)
Jennifer Closson	433 votes	Elected (2 years)
Abby Lewis	428 votes	Elected (2 years)
Steve Varalyai	367 votes	Elected (1 year)
David Aprea	349 votes	First Alternate
Laurie Smale	14 votes	Second Alternate

The results were ratified at the Rep Council meeting on Tuesday, March 22. GGEA would like to thank all of our Association Reps for their assistance in conducting the election at the school sites and the Rules and Elections Committee for their help in the election process. Congratulations to those members who were elected.

Site Representative Election

The GGEA Bylaws state that Association Representatives shall be elected by the membership at each work site by June 1 of each year. Association Representatives serve a two-year term and take office on July 1 following their election. The election is by open nomination and written ballot. Please contact the GGEA office after your election and give us the name(s) of your elected representatives. If you have any questions, please call the GGEA office.

GGEA Board Elections

The Rules and Elections Committee has called for an election to be held May 2-6, 2005. Declared candidates are as follows: Secretary, Angie Balius; High School Segment Director, Lisa Park; Intermediate Segment Director, Champ Clark; and Elementary Segment Director (2 positions), Cammy Devereux, Kolleen Nolan, and Tina Gustin-Gurney.

Secretaries Tribute

GGEA will be hosting the annual Secretaries Tribute on Thursday, April 28, at 3:30 PM. This event will take place at the Garden Grove Community Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue across from Garden Grove High School. Please invite and encourage your school secretary(s) to attend this annual event held in their honor. All teachers and administrators are also invited to attend and honor the GGUSD secretaries for their dedication and hard work.

Alliance for a Better California

The Alliance for a Better California represents nearly 2 million teachers, firefighters, nurses, health care workers and average, every day people who are devoting their careers to helping others. We want what's best for Californians and we don't understand why the Governor is blaming us for all the problems of our state.

Instead of dealing with the problems Californians care about, the Governor is still pursuing an agenda that will do nothing to fix schools, traffic or the state's budget — and he's still threatening to hold a special election costing taxpayers \$70 million on ideas that aren't ready for prime time. The Governor needs to work WITH the people, not AGAINST them. If you would like to obtain more information on this alliance, please go to their website at www.allianceforabetterca.org.

Orange County Education Coalition (OCEC)

The Orange County Education Coalition is made up of Orange County teachers associations, classified unions, administrative groups, superintendents, Board of Education members, and parent groups (PTA, PTO, and others). They have been meeting and working together to support and improve public school funding. The group has been responsible for contacting local legislators in person, by letter or email, and by phone to encourage support for public education. GGEA is part of this coalition and is diligently working to preserve the public education system in California. Please consider getting involved and participating in the upcoming activities. More information will arrive at your work site soon!