

**CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**  
Paul Palomba, President

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING**  
April 11, 2022

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Paul Palomba called the meeting of the Executive Leadership Team and Building Leadership Representative Assembly of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on April 11, 2022 at 4:35 p.m. Tina Bradley motioned to accept the agenda with flexibility and Manuel Halkias seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**II. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The following ELT members were in attendance:

Randy Bifolchi	Cheryl Bissmeyer	Karen Brank	Allan Brown	Marcie Eakin	Jen Eberle
Darren Furno	Sharen Lindberg	Jeff McKelley	Andrea McSherry	Brian Mishak	Paul Palomba
Geneva Parker	Tina Riley	Sandy Rosetta	Tracey Smith	Greg Soper	Lynne Watson
Karen Zutali					

The following ELT members were not in attendance (\*Denotes reported excused absence.): \*Mark Holshu, \*Paul Soska, Tamika Moss

Nicole Kosenski motioned to accept the secretary's report from the March 2022 meeting. Catherine Schrock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE** – No report

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for April 2021-2022. On the income side, Darren presented the report noting that there was no unusual activity for March. For expenses he mentioned that winter bills were a bit high. He noted we are doing well when comparing our actual budget to our proposed budget. Randy Bifolchi made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Nicole Kosenski seconded the motion. Motion passed. Darren asked for feedback regarding giving the BLRs \$5 per member for membership appreciation activities at the building level. Discussion followed with several agreeing that CPEA continue to provide \$5 per building member. Finally, he commented on expenses for the three delegates going to Chicago.

**V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Executive Leadership Team and CPEA President Election Results: Jennifer Henderson, Cheryl Bissmeyer, Sharen Lindberg, Tina Riley, Paul Palomba (president).
2. NEA Delegate Election Results: Paul Palomba, May Alayamini, Tina Bradley, Geneva Parker, Michelle Martin Jones Paul reviewed August 2, 2016 motion that approved CPEA will match for the top 3 vote-getters what OEA provides regarding expenses.
3. OEA Delegate Election (Assembly in Columbus May 6-7, 2022): May Alayamini, Karen Brank, April Chenault-McLeod, Jennifer Eberle, Michelle Martin Jones, Andrea McSherry, Tamika Moss, Paul Palomba, Geneva Parker, Yvonne Parks, and Lynne Watson. Delegates need to contact Office Manager Linda Riffle regarding attendance (virtual or in-person attendance) by April 25, 2022.
4. STRS Board Election: OEA Vice-president Jeffrey Wensing spoke about changes to STRS that benefit retirees. He explained that FixMyPension is waging an anti-OEA-endorsed candidates campaign. Discussion and questions followed.
5. Updates: A legislative update will be addressed in the next PACE. Paul reviewed HB 126 (house valuation challenges), SB240 (sponsorship of failing charter schools), HB290 (Backpack Bill), and HB 322 which is now HB 616 (the divisive concept bill).
6. Miscellaneous: May 9, 2022 Paul would like to have a face to face meeting at the CPEA building with a hybrid option. He encouraged the reinstating of the Night Out fundraiser and other face to face events that strengthen our union relationships. Elections Chair, Jennifer Eberle, presented a statement regarding the unprofessional conduct of some members during this year's CPEA election cycle.

**VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. Lynne explained how grievances are filed, stating the lack of grievances shows we have a good environment and this administration's respect for teachers.
2. Membership Appreciation Drawing (\$50 Giant Eagle Gift Cards): **PK3:** Diane Sommer, Gibbs; Theresa Barbato, Patrick **4-6:** Colleen Monnot, Youtz; Kara Adams, McGregor **MS:** Corey Nist, STEAMM; Katie Birdwisa, STEAMM; Chalene Pren Crenshaw **HS:** Kara Bernardo, McKinley Main; Jason Tamako, McKinley Main

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. GRIEVANCE – Lynne reported that there are no Grievances at this time.
2. MEMBERSHIP – Sandy Rosetta reported we have members 695 and 25 nonmembers (tutors; parochial schools).
3. LEGISLATIVE – no report
4. NEGOTIATIONS – no report
5. SCHOLARSHIP – no report
6. PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE– Paul and Lynne will meet with David Whitehill, the new CEO of Arts in Stark. Paul discussed a competition to design artwork that reflects the work of CPEA for the south parking lot that will be created and built by our students.
7. TEACHER WELFARE – Cheryl Bissmeyer reported that the colleague shout-out form will be sent out by Linda to head building reps to send out to members and shout outs need to be submitted by April 22, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
8. CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS – no report
9. PACE – no report
10. LPDC/INSERVICE – no report
11. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – no report
12. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
13. AUDIT COMMITTEE – no report
14. RETIREES – Sandy Rosetta reported
15. UNISERV – no report

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. Discussed the STRS election and OEA’s endorsements.
2. Discussed next year’s teacher placements and filling out the teacher preference surveys.
3. Discussed the superintendent’s listening tour, and the re-scheduling of cancelled meetings.
4. Discussed the May 3, 2022 virtual day being changed to professional development day.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Jennifer Crone motioned to adjourn. Nicole Kosenski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Zutali  
CPEA Secretary