

# **2022 NEA-Retired Annual Meeting**

## **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS RECEIVED BY JUNE 10**

(Deadline for Amending - June 22)

### **NBI #1**

**I MOVE THAT NEA Retired support NEA NBI 2** which reads as follows:

Move that the NEA create a task force of one Active and one Retired member from each impacted state, recommended by state presidents, focused solely on the repeal of Government Pension Offset-Windfall Elimination Provision (GPO-WEP). The GPO-WEP impedes NEA members and other individuals in the public sector from living with independence and dignity in retirement. This task force will bring the repeal of this egregious federal legislation to the forefront of NEA's legislative priorities.

#### **Rationale:**

GPO/WEP, an antiquated law, affects our members AND our future members with penalties and losses. It is our responsibility to speak on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are so drastically affected. Taking a stand adds support as this item is brought before R A delegates.

**Cost to Implement:** \$0.00

Strategic Objective: SO-4 Strengthen Public Education as the Cornerstone of Democracy Submitted by: Governance body of affiliate Contact: Lisa Morgan, Georgia, [lisa.morgan@gae.org](mailto:lisa.morgan@gae.org)

**Being submitted to NEA RA:** No

**Date of submission:** 5/29/2022

**Submitted by:** Tom Wellman, NV

**Seconded by:** Roberta Margo, MN

## **NBI #2**

**I MOVE THAT** the NEA Retired President and Executive Committee actively lobby the NEA Executive Director to take steps to create a line on the NEA phone switchboard for retired issues, and when employed, it is answered by a staffer who can assist the caller. That same staffer will be directed to ensure that all US Post and email messages/questions to NEA centering on retiree issues are responded to in some fashion.

**Rationale:**

This will make contacting NEA in Washington more efficient and rewarding.

**Cost to Implement:**

**Being submitted to RA?** No

**Date of Submission:** 6/2/2022

**Submitted by:** Dennis Pfennig, VA

**Seconded by:**

## **NBI #3**

**I MOVE THAT** the NEA create and develop a media campaign (through existing media sources and outside media when possible) to more fully educate and inform members about the importance and value of defined benefit pension programs which provide for financial security, which allows our members to live with dignity in their retirement.

**Rationale:**

Over the past number of years, we have seen more and more disinformation campaigns and legislative actions designed to attack and destroy the benefits that we have fought so hard to earn and keep. We need to have broadly disseminated, accurate information that will allow us to defend and protect these programs from being destroyed by politicians wanting to limit retiree benefits or even privatize our retirement.

**Cost to Implement:** \$

**Being submitted to RA?** Yes

**Date of Submission:** 6/10/2022

**Submitted by:** Tom Wellman, NV

**Seconded by:**