

10. President's Report- January 2018

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"When given the choice between being right or kind, choose kind." Wayne W. Dryer

➤ **Insurance:**

- Prescription Grievance: Scheduled for 1/10/2018
- Please take the time to read through the packet that was sent out by the district.
- Please continue to check out the REA website regarding helpful hints with insurance.
- Our next Joint Healthcare meeting is scheduled for January 31st. Please send any concerns to your level officers so we may address them at this meeting.
- Please do not hesitate to contact the office directly with insurance questions. It can be extremely difficult to understand at times and there are many inaccurate pieces of information floating around.

➤ **POM Award:** I would like to implement a new initiative to highlight our teachers. You will find attached a description of the POM (Professional of the Month) Award and application. Please make sure that your members are aware of this opportunity. A copy of the application will be posted on our website. Any teacher receiving the award will be entered in to a drawing to receive their local dues back!

➤ **School Board Meeting:** Please mark your calendars for the January 24th school board meeting. We are asking that you arrive at 6:30 and stay until 7:30. Any member in attendance will have their name put in to a raffle. Two names will be chosen to receive a cookbook created by our brothers and sisters from Southern Region. Let's show our support for each other, there is power in numbers!

➤ **Childline:** The calls have begun. Please note that building reps, officers, President, and our Uniserv are not able to hear details of occurrences since we are mandated reporters. A building rep may be present during the initial meeting placing a teacher on leave. All dues paying members are entitled to PSEA legal should a claim be made against them. The number for the PSEA Eastern Region office has been given to all reps.

➤ **Conferences:** Conferences are a great way to start to get involved with little obligation. I would like to see more of our Reps and Members start to attend conferences. Lodging and travel is paid for by the REA. The following are dates and locations of conferences coming up in the new year. If you would be interested, please send an email to me at president@readingea.com. Participation will be limited to the first 5 people that express interest.

- March 9-10, Minority and Women's Leadership, Kalahari Pocono Manor
- March 9-10, Urban Locals, Kalahari Pocono Manor
- **March 16-17, Eastern Region Leadership Conference, Bear Creek Mountain Resort**
- May 10-12, PSEA House of Delegates, Pittsburgh

➤ **Full Time Release Grant:** NEA awards grants to locals that have full time release presidencies. It awards up to \$25,000 towards the cost of reimbursement. In an effort to help offset any further increase to your local dues I have applied for this grant. If awarded it runs for 3 years. Stay Tuned!

➤ **Spirit Wear:** Our spirit wear store is up and running. All proceeds from the sale of shirts will go to the REA scholarship fund. You may place your order by going to the REA website and clicking on the link. www.rockhoundapparel.com/rea

➤ **Facebook:** Our public page is up and running! Please be in contact with Laura Stauffer (Communications Chair) for anything special your building is doing. We need to show off all the amazing things our teachers do!