

President's Report – January 2023

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*"When given the choice between right and kind, choose kind."
Wayne W. Dryer*

New Educators- Please encourage our new educators to view the presentation and enroll in the Union. Everything is now online making it even easier to enroll today! Visit www.readingea.com and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the link to the new educators presentation.

Direct Dues: For the most part direct dues pulls have gone smoothly. If there is an issue with a pull, then both PSEA and I will contact you. It is IMPERATIVE that you correct any errors that may have caused the issue and respond to communication from myself and PSEA. If you have the EFT option and 2 consecutive pulls are missed, you will be removed from the system and need to re-enroll. If you have the credit card option, a second pull will occur 20 days later and if that pull fails you will be removed from the system. If there is an ongoing issue with your direct dues, you will no longer be in good standing with REA and will lose voting rights and privileges.

Negotiations: We met with the district on December 20, and they presented their initial proposal at that time. The negotiations committee will be meeting to review the district's initial proposal on 1/4/23. A meeting with the district is scheduled for 1/24/23. While this is not a traditional early bird, we have been successful with discussions and will continue with negotiating limited topics.

Open Chair positions: We have 3 open chair positions, SAC / Labor / REF (Reading Education Foundation). If you have thought about getting involved this would be a great opportunity and area to start! Please feel free to contact me with your interest or any questions you may have.

Prescription Deductible: Please remember with the start of a new calendar year we have a prescription deductible of \$50 (for generic)/ \$100 (for name brand) before our co-pays go in to affect.