

Report to the 2015 Delegate Assembly by the Budget Committee of the NSEA Board of Directors

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The Budget Committee is a committee of the NSEA Board of Directors made up of appointed representatives from each of the NSEA's six districts, plus two at-large board members elected each September by the NSEA Board of Directors. The elected officers of NSEA and management staff are also committee members.

The NSEA continues to be fiscally sound. The finances of the NSEA are carefully and thoughtfully managed by the staff and management. The NSEA Board of Directors reviews the monthly financial statements and is presented with a comprehensive audit each year.

The Budget Committee met Nov. 21, 2014, to discuss and revise the budget timeline in Bylaws and Policy. The committee recommended Bylaw and Policy changes to the Bylaws and Policy Committee regarding the budget timeline. The recommended changes to the language address current practice in regard to flexibility of the budget timeline. The changes will be presented as a Bylaw change to Delegate Assembly.

On Feb. 23, 2015, the Budget Committee met by WebEx to thoroughly review a preliminary budget, looking at the income and expenses for the upcoming association year. On March 6, 2015, the Budget Committee met again to make decisions on the tentative budget and to recommend the dues amount for the different membership categories to the 2015 Delegate Assembly. The Budget Committee considered and debated the budget and presented a dues recommendation to the NSEA Board. The NSEA Board of Directors adopted those proposed dues rates at the March 7, 2015, meeting. The Budget Committee requested the management and staff adjust the budget to meet the dues amount proposed. The Budget Committee met again on a WebEx March 24, 2015, to hear the proposed budget adjustments.

A dues increase of \$3 for full-time active members will be on the agenda during the final day of the Delegate Assembly. This reflects a 0.78 percent increase.

Specific income and expense amounts are found in the Strategic Planning and Budget document available to all delegates. Following the Delegate Assembly's determination of the dues amounts, the 2015-16 budget will be finalized and adopted by the NSEA Board of Directors by September.