

Report to 2015 Delegate Assembly by the Educational Support Professionals (ESP) Statewide Committee

By Gerald Hopp, Falls City Education Association, Chair

This team is: Gerald Hopp, Falls City; Diane Garner, Columbus; Amy German, South Sioux City; Crystal Lee, North Platte; Shannon Lauby, Overton; Arturo Vega, Omaha; and Ellen Yates, NSEA Organizational Specialist. There are 505 Nebraska ESP members in 2014-2015, a 6.48 percent decrease from 2013-2014, or, a drop of 35 members.

The Committee Chair attended five of the eight NSEA Board of Director meetings from June 2014 to February 2015. He was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Structure chaired by John Heineman.

A telephone conference call was attended by five members and held November 13, 2014, and checked details for the December 10 WebEx, awards and conferences, and discussion about bargaining units.

A WebEx on Dec. 10, 2014, was led by Jason Hayes. It was a professional development offering that taught how an idea goes through the system of the Nebraska Unicameral. Specifics were learned about the bill draft, how it proceeds through a senator's sponsorship, committee hearings, and then floor debate. The WebEx content was meant to motivate and give confidence to ESPs who could then present an issue to a State Senator.

No one attended the NEA Educational Support Professional annual meeting in New Orleans.

Four members met at the NSEA Building on March 14, 2015, and also joining was President Nancy Fulton. Topics presented were how to establish contacts with members by virtue of their building assignment, how to know which topics are of value for any WebEx professional improvement, a review of Digibooks, and a list of deadline dates for awards/conference registration. A desire to identify building contacts as a priority is because such persons can reinforce the communication from and between the local membership and NSEA.

There will be a vacancy as Gerald Hopp will not seek another year for the ESP representative on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested should first contact Ellen Yates at 1-800-742-0047, or ellen.yates@nsea.org. This position is ultimately appointed by President Nancy Fulton.