

## **Report of the Representative Assembly Planning Committee Of the NSEA Board of Director to the 2015 Delegate Assembly**

**By Deb Gnuse, NEA Director, Grand Island, Chair**

The Representative Assembly Planning Committee of the NSEA Board of Directors has met several times over the past year to prepare for the NEA Representative Assembly in Orlando, Florida this summer. Nebraska delegates will stay at The B Hotel near Downtown Disney. The cost for a room is \$167.63/night. This includes all taxes, so a shared room would be \$83.82/night.

State delegates will receive a per diem rate of \$60/day to cover the cost of food. We will deduct \$20/day for the days breakfast is provided at caucus. The total delegate allowance will be \$1,200 for room, food and transportation to/from the airport. State delegates will need to contact NSEA administrative assistants for all travel reservations, unless given permission from the NSEA president to make their own flight arrangements.

The delegate fee for 2015 was set at \$120. The fee will go up to \$130 in 2016 so locals can plan ahead for the additional cost.

Nebraska Night will be held at Splitsville. Nebraska delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy a buffet and bowling while getting to know the other delegates from Nebraska.

After reading comments from last year, the committee chose to limit our dress suggestions to one day. We would ask all Nebraska delegates to wear red on the last day of RA.

A reminder from last year, state delegates will have 20 days following the conclusion of RA to turn in expense vouchers. Those state delegates not turning in vouchers within the allotted time will be given only air fare and hotel costs up front the following year and the remainder must be expensed out with receipts. Those delegates not turning in vouchers before the end of the NSEA fiscal year will not receive reimbursement.

We will once again have both live and silent auction items to bid on at our caucuses in Orlando. Delegates are asked to consider donating items for the auction.

Special thanks go to Julie Wolf and Joan Sparks! They do a lot of the leg work and research for the committee so we have up-to-date, relevant information when we meet.