

Representative Assembly Planning Committee Report

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The 2018 Representative Assembly Planning Committee has met at noon during NSEA Board of Directors meetings. Some of the items they've worked on are setting the delegate fee and the allowance for state delegates. This year our delegate fee will be \$175 per delegate to help pay for our caucus breakfasts. The allowance set for state delegates is at \$1,100 for the 2018 RA.

This year the delegation will stay at the Westin Edina Galleria in Edina, MN. The cost for a room is \$175.74/night, so half of that would be \$87.87 a night per person with double occupancy.

The committee brainstormed ideas for Nebraska Night and decided to opt for a trip to the Mall of America with dinner at Dick's Last Resort on June 30.

The committee also suggested themes for RA. Day 1 is Cupcake Caucus Day, with the suggestion of wearing either current or past t-shirts. Day 2 is School Spirit Day. July 4, the third day of RA, will provide an opportunity for the traditional red, white and blue theme. Our final day is Nebraska Day. Show your state spirit and wear red.

NSEA Vice President Paul Schulte researched the possibility of renting a bus to take Nebraska delegates to Minnesota. The bus will depart on Friday, June 29, and return on July 6. The cost will be based on the number of riders. If we fill the bus (54 people) the cost will be \$152 each. If we have 40 riders, the cost will be about \$200 each. The bus would stop in Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha to pick up passengers.

We will once again raise money for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. Delegates are encouraged to bring auction items to help raise money for this fund.

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