

Reports to the Assembly

Report of the Education Support Professionals Committee

Submitted by Jenny Wood

The purpose of the Education Support Professionals (ESP) Committee is to promote respect and understanding of ESPs and advocate for ESPs to be involved in Association activities. The Committee shall plan and implement programs that promote:

- Advocating for the rights and needs of ESPs
- Recruiting ESP members
- Recruiting ESP leaders
- Training ESP leaders
- Facilitating communication among ESP members.

Attached below is a summary of the critical work our ESP leaders, members, and staff have been engaged in during the year:

- NSEA-U, Kearney, NE

Judy Roach (state ESP coordinator) had a session for ESP members: "How to Build ESP Membership in Local Associations"

- National ESP Conference

The conference was held from March 21st through the 24th in Las Vegas, NV.

NSEA members joined colleagues from across the country to collaborate and learn about issues affecting education support professionals at NEA's annual conference. The theme this year was "Education, Freedom, Democracy." Workshop topics included: ESP Bill of Rights; Fantastic Facilitation: Elevating Presentation Skills to Build Member Engagement and Professionalism; Advance Your Negotiation Mastery; Maximizing Your Financial Potential: A Hands-On Approach; social-racial justice; AI; fighting privatization; and many others.

NSEA was well represented by ESP members Jenny Wood (South Sioux City) and Trish Harrahill (Palmer). Judy Roach, NSEA Organizational Specialist, attended as well.

Additionally, Judy Roach and Mary Reynolds East (Millard ESP), presented on Zero to Fifty in One Drive: Increasing Paraeducator Membership. Trish and I (Jenny) attended this session to support our fellow Nebraskans and to learn how to work on membership.

- The ESP Committee met on April 1, 2023 via Zoom.
- ESP spotlights in The Voice magazine
Please submit names to Judy Roach of ESPs in your districts that have done outstanding work.
- Delegate Assembly

It is being held at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln

ESPs will have the opportunity to gather at the Delegate Assembly.