

## **Board Report for State Past President**

**Date:** September 11, 2011

**Name:** Vera W. Taylor

### **Major activities since your last report (function, date, place; do not include committee meetings you chaired):**

March 25 Met with Representative Patsy Keever and District 1 Legislative committee in Asheville.

March 28-30 Worked with the Retirees Legislative Day in Raleigh.

April 15 Attended the District 1 Spring meeting at Lake Junaluska.

May 3 Attended the local Retirees Banquet held by the NCAE.

May 13 Attended an Administrative Council meeting in Salisbury.

June 7 Attended the far west Leadership Training session.

June 15 Attended the Macon County RSP recognition of new retirees held in conjunction with the local school board.

June 16 Attended the Transylvania County Technical Education annual recognition luncheon as an invited retired Technical teacher.

June 26-July 6 Attended the NEA Retired and the NEA RAs in Chicago.

- Served on the NBI Committee at the Retired meeting.
- Worked 4 shifts in the NEA Retired Pac booth during the NEA.

July 11 Held first Board meeting as President of District 1 RSP.

September 5 Met with the staff at the Lake Junaluska Assembly to

finalize plans for the fall District 1 RSP meeting.

September 12-13 Gold Star screenings at the NCAE office in Asheville.

September 20 Spoke at the Jackson County RSP meeting.

October 4-5 Attended a Strategic Planning Committee meeting and Executive Board in Caraway.

### **Highlights of significant actions taken since last report:**

- Planned and held a district meeting.
- Attended on Administrative Council meeting to discuss Strategic Planning.

### **Executive Board action(s) sought: State your request in the form of a motion. Give rationale for the motion.**

**Motion:** I move that the Executive Board take positive action to develop a Strategic Plan which includes plans, strategies, bench marks, and evaluation methods for at least the next five years for the association.

**Rationale:** Strategic planning is the obligation of any Executive Board. If we do not know where we are going, the work we do means nothing other than excuses for action. In today's membership market few will join if they do not feel we contribute something to the causes of the membership, both actual and potential. We must be able to articulate 'why we exist'. Proverbs says 'without vision the people (association) perish(es)'.

### **Other comments or concerns to be discussed at the Executive Board meeting (not automatic motions):**

- We should never assume because we adopted new documents a couple of years ago that we rest on our laurels and cease to look for improvements in our association.
- We need to stop doing things just because it is the way it has always been done and look at the benefits reaped from doing it. If we cannot identify how a particular job, activity, or program benefits the association, then we need to make changes.