

## **Report of the State Executive Director**

Date: September 20, 2011

Name: Pam Deardorff

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

Speeches: Iredell Co.; Johnston Co.; Onslow Co.; Pitt Co.; District 4

Attended ASRTE convention in New Orleans.

Participated in Retirement and SHP roundtable meetings. Also attended 4<sup>th</sup> Branch Board meeting re: extension of Bailey Benefits to all government employees.

Lobbying General Assembly Jan-Aug and then again Sept.

2. Highlights of *significant* actions taken since your last report:

Convention: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Representative Assembly—Over 400 attendees.

6 Leadership Training sessions; over 300 leaders in attendance

General Assembly in session Jan-July: Worked on Retirement (contribution rate increased to 7.44% for 2011-12 and 8.33% for 2012-13); State Health Plan—(fought to keep 80/20 Plan premium free but GA decided to charge \$10 or \$21.62 for retirees/month); and dues deduction (successful in getting Governor to veto the bill to save Payroll deduction of dues).

Finalized grant with NEA-R re: communications.

Worked with Elections Committee regarding selection of 12 delegates going to NEA-R/NEA.

Coordinated Membership mailing (Sandra) to local treasurers (cash pay forms, etc).

Worked with Dave on starting the process for Group Exemption (EIN's) for IRS.

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

Motion 1: Staff be given authority to move forward with exploring additional options for collecting dues from members.

Rationale: Senate Bill 727: No Dues Deduction: Dues deduction option for membership payment could be taken away by the legislature at any time. We need to develop a plan for optional methods of collecting dues, ie. credit card or bank draft payments by members

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Motion 2: Board develop policy on distribution of PAC funds to candidates.

Rationale/Suggestions: Legislative Committee, with input from lobbyist(s), could recommend candidates to the Executive Board to receive PAC funds.

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

Staff update: Executive Director began working 4 days a week in August, 2011 (Generally in office M-Thur.)

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Administrative Secretary began working 5 days a week in August

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Systems Analyst is on contract through June 2010 (Generally in office on days Bookkeeper is there.)

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Bookkeeper comes to office twice a month to cut checks, balance bank statements, etc.

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