

UniServ Link



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Who are the Volunteers?

...Marlene Irons, WEA President

As many of you know the Weber Education Association has a part-time released President. I teach four periods per day at South Ogden Junior High then work for members the remainder of the day and into the evening many days.

All other members of the WEA Board of Directors and the UniServ President and Vice-President are truly volunteers. They receive a small stipend for mileage.

The WEA Board of Directors, elected by members, to represent you are: Vice-President: Terie Maxfield—Farr West Elementary.

At-large Reps. are: Paul Fawson—Roy High, Kirk Ottley—Weber High and Jo Egelund—Fremont High.

High School Rep.: Mary Margaret Lyon—Bonneville High.
Junior High Rep.: Glen Larsen—South Ogden Junior High.
Elementary Reps. are: Cara Dayley—Municipal Elementary, Cheryl Parkinson—Roosevelt Elementary and Lee Claycomb—West Haven Elementary.

The WEA Building Representative Council consists of at least one person from each building who attends the Representative Council Meeting each month. Your representatives are: Laura Wright, Debbie Pippin, Deborah DeBeer,

Suzanne VanderSys, Jessica Volpe, Marrisa Meadows, Merrill Harris, Craig Jeffs, Marjean Wayment, Cary Zipperer, Nicole Heaton, Cara Dayley, Elaine Pitcher, Lynette Duersch, Vicki Stanger, Karen Thorsted, Carolyn Choate, Becky Okey, Krista Berntsen, Sue Dellos, Corie Claycomb, Amy Boden, Michelle Montierth, Lina Byrne, Kristin Teller, Jan Ott, Mary Schenck,

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The following 26 members will represent all of our members at the UEA House of Delegates meeting in April this year: Marlene Irons, Glen Larsen, Cara Dayley, Cheryl Parkinson, Jo Egelund, Jana Dunn, Mary Margaret Lyon, Lee Claycomb, Shari Combe, Corie Claycomb, Jennie Pollock, Teri Parslow, Don Carper, Allison Pfister, Barbara Mikolash, Camille

Cherry, Karl Powell, Debra Green, Jake Burnett, Gennie Kirch, Jennifer Graviat, Ashley Strong, Claudia Reeves, Bryan Hatch, Cassie Cox and Sabrina Smith. Terie Maxfield will attend as a UEA Board Delegate and Paul Fawson will attend as a UniServ Delegate.

Insurance Committee: Lee Claycomb, Jo Egelund and Marlene Irons.

Catastrophic Leave Committee: Barbara Mikolash, Aimee Walker and Marlene Irons.

Calendar Committee: Marlene Irons and two others.

UEA Board of Directors: Terie Maxfield.

UEA PAC Committee: Glen Larsen.

UniServ Vice-President: Paul Fawson.

We also send six people to the Western Regional Leadership Conference each January.

The President, Vice President and four others on the Board of Directors spend seven days attending the NEA Representative Assembly in July.

As you can see there are many opportunities for volunteering. The more involved you get the better you understand the value of membership. Thanks for your continued support.

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Legislative Wrap Up 2010

...Rick Palmer, Ogden/Weber UniServ Executive Director

Another legislative session has concluded and like a bad wind storm that passes by, we must assess the damage.

- No money was funded for the new growth (11,000 students) in our schools this fall.
- Most districts will see about a 5% cut from last year's budget.
- Our districts will receive less money to hire new

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teachers for the growth and class sizes will suffer.

- Benefit costs will increase with no new money to pay for them.
- Supply money was cut in half and so the amounts that you will receive will be reduced.
- New teachers who are hired next fall will see an entirely new (reduced) retirement system.
- Retiring teachers will have to wait a year before they are able to return to teaching and receive their pension and salary.
- Our association leaders will be able to have released time to work on your behalf (and help the district at the same time).
- The cost of buying future service years for retirement will increase after July 1, 2010. (as much as 50%)
- Taxes on tobacco were

raised.

- School districts (like Jordan and Granite) will be able to use building money to pay salaries.
- Tests (UBSCT and Iowa Basic) will be limited for a couple of years to save money.
- The rights of Home School students to participate in extracurricular activities were protected.
- Cuts were made to Electronic High School, Job Enhancement bonuses, and Library books.
- Budgets will be tight as we enter negotiations and we will have to fight for every cent of compensation.
- Cost of Living increases will remain at zero.
- Ethics reform laws passed.
- Charter schools gained.
- No increase in the weighted pupil unit.



"Speak for Tomorrow Today"

...Rick Palmer, Ogden/Weber UniServ Executive Director

UEA's new public relations campaign: "Speak for Tomorrow Today" is up and running. Lawn signs and ads promote the goal of Making Quality Public Schools a Priority Now. We support a quality public school that:

- Is accessible to all students.
- Prepares students with the skills to succeed in the new global workplace.

- Allows classroom teachers to use their professional judgment.
- Provides competitive salaries and benefits to attract and retain quality teachers.
- Has a caring, dedicated teacher in every classroom able to give individual student attention.
- Is a place where parent involvement is valued and encouraged.
- Provides a well-rounded education with many

choices, including music, arts, sports, and other extracurricular activities.

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