

September/October News 'N Notes

PDP Training for Initial Educators

September 16 ■ 9:00—2:30
Location to be determined
Lunch will be provided

As a new educator, you will have the opportunity to do a Professional Development Plan for your license renewal. KMUC is having a session to demonstrate how to do these plans. If this is your second year teaching, you will need to submit your goals and plan to a Professional Development Team for approval. If this is your first year teaching, you will use this year to reflect on what your plan will include. Call Sarah at the KMUC office to register.

Local Treasurer's & Membership Chairs

September 19 ■ 4:00—7:30
KMUC Office
Dinner will be provided

Training on IRS reporting requirements for local associations including employer identification numbers (EINs), tax exempt status, annual Form 990 filings and Form 1099 and 1096 for members receiving stipends. Financial controls and internal review procedures that should be put in place to safeguard local association's assets will also be covered.
Call Sarah at the KMUC office to register.

"Managing Your Financial Life" Presented by Bob Moeller, WEAC Member Benefits Specialist

October 5 ■ 6:30—9:00 p.m.
KMUC Office

All members are invited to this seminar including financial planning, life insurance issues, investments and estate planning. A flyer will be mailed to all members in mid-September.

Linda Helf, KMUC Board President, presented the first Professional Development Plan Team Training August 9, and 10. There were 35 participants which represented seven different school districts. This group is now qualified to verify the Professional Development Plans of initial and professional educators.

We currently have a waiting list for the next training session. If you are interested please contact Sarah at the KMUC Office.

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Howards Grove EA	Kiel EA
Kohler EA	Kohler ESP
Lakeshore EA	Sheboygan EA
Sheboygan Falls FA	Sheb. Falls ESP

Wade House 2006 Civil War Weekend

KMUC is a proud sponsor of this event. We have 12 free tickets (each a \$10 value) and 20 half-price tickets (\$5 each) available to our members on a first come, first served basis. The first 12 members who call the KMUC office (1-800-834-7076) on Thursday, September 14th after 8:00 am can each claim one of the free tickets and may purchase half-price tickets until all 20 are gone.

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September 4
KMUC Office Closed

September 11
KMUC Board Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC

September 13
Solidarity Kickoff
Range Line Inn
5:30 PM
Call KMUC to Register

September 14 & 15
WEAC Staff Meeting
Madison

September 16
PDP Training Initial Educators
9:00—2:30
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September 19
Treasurer's Training
4:30—7:00 at KMUC

September 27
KMUC Exec. Committee
4:30 PM at KMUC

October 5
Financial Planning Seminar
6:30 PM at KMUC
Call KMUC to register

October 9
KMUC Board Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC

October 11
CBC/Presidents Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC

October 14 & 15
WEAC Board Meeting
Madison

October 23
KMUC Exec. Committee
5:00 PM at KMUC



Welcome Back!

Here it is — the beginning of the school year. That means new class lists to learn, new schedules to work through, new staff members to get to know, and a new UniServ newsletter to read.

Fall is a beautiful time of year. But our world this fall is going to heat up and provide opportunities to break our routines. Some of the opportunities we face will cause us to make a decision — do we get involved with the opportunity or not? If I could offer

a perspective by which to make that decision, I would say to use this question — **If we don't do this, who will?**

So, what are those fall opportunities? Let's start with politics.

I can almost hear the sighs — the "here we go again" mutterings. I know that there are many of you who wonder why we would be involved in political campaigns. The best answer I have is this, if we get involved in politics or not, politics are going to be involved in our lives — in our schools — in our classrooms. Are you involved in a class that has some funding to make the size smaller — that was a political decision! Are you covered by insurance that allowed your bargaining team to be part of the decision making — that was a political decision! The candidates we choose to recommend have been interviewed by people just like you — right in our UniServ office — during the summer. They were asked questions that relate to our lives as public school employees. Their answers were the closest to our thoughts about education and what we want for our students as well as ourselves. You all know that

There are many issues involved in who each of us supports in an election. **But, if we don't make education a top priority, who will?** If we want our schools funded well, our students considered important, and our work to be valued, then it is time to look for candidates who think that way. It is time to work together to have our education priorities be the priority of our elected officials.

If we don't do this, who will?

By Linda Helf, President
Kettle Moraine UniServ Council

Then there is licensure. During the summer, KMUC had a training session for members to be on Professional development Teams. Those teams will approve goals and plans

for our new educators. For our new educators, we will be hosting a training session on how to create a Professional development Plan. This new licensure system is a change. It means that current educators need to be part of a "culture" that helps new educators structure their professional development so that they can have their licenses renewed. They need us. **If we don't serve on their teams and help new teachers produce a Professional Development Plan, who will?**

I hope this is the start of a great year for all of you! I hope it is a year when we can find the same kind of respect from decision makers outside of education as we give to our students. We can if we work together to make that happen. **If we don't do it — if it isn't us who become involved in the political reality of our profession as well as the support of new people entering that profession — who will?**

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Why You Must Care About This Fall 's Election

- The "Taxpayer Protection Amendment " would place rigid limits on state and local government resources.
- The "65% Mandate " would require each school district to spend at least 65% of its operating expenditures in each school year on direct classroom expenditures which would hamstring school district budgets for such things as heating the classrooms, food service, bus drivers, librarians, counselors, school nurses, teacher training and technology.
- Plans to take health care decisions out of collective bargaining.
- Proposals to strip funding from our technical colleges.

YOUR VOTE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Federal and state laws now require every voter in the state to be registered. If you are not already registered, you will need to register before voting this fall. When registering, you will be asked to supply a current, valid Wisconsin-issued driver's license number or Wisconsin DOT-issued ID card number. If you don't have one, you will need to give the last four digits of your Social Security Number. And you will be asked to answer two questions: 1) Are you a citizen of the United States of America? and 2) Will you be 18 years of age on or before the election?

There are three ways to register to vote:

- **BY MAIL:** Go to the Wisconsin Elections Board Web site (elections.state.wi.us) and click on "How do I register to vote?" Print out the Voter Registration Application (EB-131), complete it, and mail it to your municipal clerk (a listing of all clerks in the state is available on the Web site). Applications can be postmarked no later than August 23 for the September primary and October 18 for the general election.
- **IN PERSON:** You may register in person in the office of your municipal (i.e. town, village or city) clerk or at a location designated by the municipality. Walk-in registrations are allowed until 5 p.m. on the day before election day.
- **AT THE POLLS:** Wisconsin also allows registration at the polls on election day. If you are registering for the first time in the state and doing it by mail, registering in person after the mail-in deadline, or registering at the polls, you will need to show proof-of-residence (see list of acceptable proof-of-residence documents on the Elections Board Web site).

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE

Once you are registered, you are eligible to vote absentee. In Wisconsin, you do not need to give a reason for voting absentee. However, you DO need to make a written application.

To vote absentee:

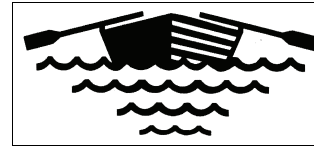
- **BY MAIL:** Go to the Elections Board Web site (elections.state.wi.us) and click on "How do I request an absentee ballot?" Print out the Application for Absentee Ballot (EB-121), complete it, and send it to your municipal clerk (list on Web site). Mail requests for absentee ballots must be received no later than the Thursday before the election (September 7 for the primary and November 2 for the general). To be on the safe side, you should request the ballot, complete it, and send it in well before the primary and/or election.
- **IN PERSON:** You may request and cast an absentee ballot in person in your municipal clerk 's office or an alternative site designated by your municipality. Requests can be made up until 5 p.m. on the day before the election. Ballots must be delivered to the municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on election day.

In most communities, you should be able to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and cast the ballot in one visit to the municipal clerk. Please note that our election law now requires that the casting of an absentee ballot be witnessed by an adult U.S. citizen.

VOTE

Primary ■ September 12
General Election ■ November 7

This is a Wisconsin Statute 11.29 communication with WEAC members, Federal Statute 2 U.S.C.441 b (b)(2)(A)



2006 KMUC SOLIDARITY KICKOFF

September 13, 2006 ■ 5:30 – 8 p.m. ■ Range Line Inn ■ Kohler

Please join KMUC members, leaders, and staff as we plan for the very important November election. If you haven't already signed up, please call Sarah at the KMUC office by September 5. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social and opportunity to meet with recommended candidates, KMUC and WEAC leadership. Following the social, local teams will develop action plans for the November campaign.

WEAC RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

November 7 General Election

Jim Doyle - Governor

Barbara Lawton – Lieutenant Governor

Peg Lautenschlager or **Kathleen Falk** (Winner of Primary) – Attorney General

Jamie Aulik – Senate District 9

September 12 Primary

Anne-Marie Woznicki – Assembly District 25

As of this publication date, the process for recommending candidates in Assembly District 25 (Terry Van Akkeren, incumbent) and Assembly District 27 (Steve Kestell, incumbent) had not yet been completed.

WEAC members determine the recommended candidates. After reviewing the recommendations of the local screening committees, the WEAC-PAC forwards a list of recommended candidates to the WEAC Board of Directors, which votes on each recommendation.

Ballots are then mailed to each member who pays political action dues. These members vote on the statewide candidates and the legislative candidates running in their area. A candidate receives WEAC's support only if the members concur with the WEAC Board.

This is your newsletter. Please let us know what's happening in your local associations so we can share your stories and photos in future issues.