

## Online Documents and Network Access For a "Greener" 2010 NEA Representative Assembly

### Network Access @ the RA

Although bandwidth is limited in the convention center, delegates will be provided free wireless access in most areas, including the lobby areas, Delegate Café, and the RA Hall.

Free wireless will not be available in the Exhibit Hall (NEA Expo), nor will it be available in meeting rooms without prior arrangement with the Convention Center.

If you own an air card from Sprint, AT&T, or other mobile carrier you are encouraged to bring it. We have enhanced [www.nea.org/ra](http://www.nea.org/ra) to create views that work with Blackberry and iPhone devices. These items typically have a longer battery life and may not be susceptible to the band width limitations in the convention center since they utilize the cell phone data network.

Please be courteous to your fellow delegates and do not engage in any "high-bandwidth" utilization of the shared network, like streaming music, videos, or large downloads. Such usage will limit network availability for others.

Finally, we recommend that you download convention related materials prior to coming to New Orleans. If you must download items after arrival, you are encouraged to download from your hotel before arriving at the convention center. Delegates can go to <https://dennis2delegates.com> or [www.nea.org/ra](http://www.nea.org/ra) to find downloadable convention related materials.

### Official RA Business Documents Now Online!

The Dennis2Delegates website (D2D) is the secure online home for all electronic RA business documents. If you are a delegate and do not already have access to D2D, please send a request with your preferred email address to [d2d@nea.org](mailto:d2d@nea.org). After providing your email address, you will receive an invitation to join the site.

There is also a sign-up page for the Green Delegate Pilot Initiative, where delegates may skip the traditional printed registration packet and "go green" by opting to use the download electronic materials instead. It is important to note that this is a pilot. We want to better understand the bandwidth and power demands that will be necessary before attempting to expand this option at future meetings.

### RA Today is Greener

We have consistently heard that the one thing delegates need is daily RA business (NBIs, amendments, and other floor action) printed on paper and delivered to the morning state caucus meetings. So the daily RA Today on paper will now focus just on those core documents. It will be in the tabloid format familiar to returning delegates, complete with the RA Today masthead. The paper edition will clearly and prominently highlight the additional RA coverage available online.

Non-RA business coverage can be found on [www.nea.org/ra](http://www.nea.org/ra). That means news coverage, features, and photos that have been included in the paper RA Today will be posted in a more immediate fashion on [www.nea.org/ra](http://www.nea.org/ra). We will enjoy increased capacity to feature more content, and include blogs, video, and social media links, as well as delegate-generated content.

### Charging Stations

The Convention Center has a limited number of free charging stations in the lobby areas. Places to plug in and charge laptops in the RA Hall are very limited and generally prohibited because of the fire code. It is strongly recommended that Delegates fully charge their laptop batteries in their hotel rooms before coming to the Convention Center. Backup batteries are also a good idea, as are laptop locks.