

January 16, 2020

Annual Legislative Survey



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The PEI staff and legal counsel met with the leadership from the House and Senate Education Committees prior to formulating the 2020 Legislative survey. The survey was released January 9 and will close Monday, January 20 at 8:00 am. If you did not receive a survey, please contact us at info@peiowa.org or call our office at 515-221-2330.

Keep in mind, **we are a member driven association**. Our lobbying efforts are based on your responses and PEI's guiding principles. Survey results will be shared with all members via our February newsletter and provided to ALL Iowa legislators.

Congratulations Mrs. Washington!

**NEW BENEFIT!
HEARING AID DISCOUNT**



Free no-obligation hearing screening

35% off Concept C series smart hearing devices

40% off Concept M series devices

45% off Concept 2 series devices

Plus much more! Your membership in PEI allows for children, spouse, parents and grandparents to access these benefits. Call the PEI office at 515-221-2330 for your discount card today.



PEI member Heidi Washington was awarded the Grimes Chamber & Economic Development **Educator of the Year Award!**

Friday, January 10, the Grimes Chamber presented her with the award in her third grade classroom at North Ridge Elementary.

Do you have great news to share with PEI? Send your awards and nominations to info@peiowa.org.

A View from the Hill

by Mark Felderman



Paying Monthly?

Even though **PEI dues are by far the most affordable career protection you can purchase**, some people still find it difficult to come up with \$240 at one time. The alternative is to pay your dues in monthly installments.



The option of paying for dues via ACH is open to all our members. Contact the office for more information.

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The 2020 session of the Iowa General Assembly is underway, and I am pleased to be representing PEI at the Capitol. There are several issues already buzzing about the building.

Naturally, first on the agenda is education funding. This is always big because it is 45% of the total state budget and by law, a proposed budget for education must be one of the first items submitted. Governor Reynolds, in the Condition of the State address on Tuesday, reminded lawmakers they increased state aid to schools by \$90 million last year. She proposed an increase of \$103 million for this year which is about a 2.5% increase, plus some proposed additional money for transportation equity.

Governor Reynolds, citing our states' emphasis on STEM, called for an additional \$15 million in state matching funds for the expansion of high speed broadband expansion into the rural area of Iowa.

For a number of years, our members have expressed concerns regarding the types of student behaviors displayed in schools. One area in particular which has the attention of the Senate is the practice of room clears. We will be looking for a bill concerning room clears and student discipline from Senator Amy Sinclair in the coming weeks. Watch your newsletter for updates.

Currently, every student in Iowa is required to take training in CPR before graduation. Surgeons at the University of Iowa, following the lead of their colleagues in Florida, would like to expand that training to first aid, specifically lacerations. Their argument is that most everyone has dealt with lacerations at times and the proper initial care can make all the difference in a speedy recovery. The training could be taught in conjunction with CPR.

Finally, the Governor is proposing an income tax cut of up to 10 percent.

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Membership Dues Adjustment Beginning August 1, 2020

One of the responsibilities of the PEI Board of Directors is to annually evaluate our dues structure. PEI has maintained the **current dues structure for six years!**

After much discussion the board voted to raise dues \$4.00/month bringing the annual amount to \$288.

This dues adjustment will take place on **August 1, 2020**. Prior to the August 1 date we will offer a **BUY-IN** opportunity to extend the current rate (\$240/yr) from 1-5 additional years without changing your anniversary date. You can renew your membership anytime prior to August 1, 2020 calling our office at 515-221-2330 or online at <https://peiowa.org/membership/register/>.

The PEI Rewards Plan will continue! The past several years we have offered \$120 for every new Professional member recruited by a current PEI member. As of August 1, 2020, we will offer \$144 for every new Professional member brought into PEI.

If you have a credit on your account now, rejoin prior to August 1 to take full advantage of your PEI credit!

More than ever before, it is imperative that teachers and all other school employees understand how important it is to have professional representation and legal protection. Your continued membership and sharing the great news of PEI to others will continue to strengthen our statewide position of influence.

2020-2021 Dues Structure

8-1-2020

Educators, Coaches, Administrators, Nurses

1 Year Membership*	\$288 or \$24/month
2 Year Membership (save \$52)	\$524
3 Year Membership (save \$95)	\$769
4 Year Membership (save \$150)	\$1002
5 Year Membership (save \$202)	\$1238

Paraprofessionals, Drivers, Office Staff, Food Service, Maintenance

1 Year Membership	\$120
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College Students - Student Teaching

1 Year Membership	\$20
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Retired Membership Previous Members Only

1 Year Membership	\$10
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Lifetime Retired Membership	\$100
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* Available for Automatic Direct Payment



Walnut Ridge Farm



Employment Protection and Representation

Members are assured of critical assistance with professional rights, duties and responsibilities such as:

- Dismissal
- Leave of absence
- Assignment
- Resignation
- Awareness & Intensive assistance plans
- Letters of reprimand
- FMLA
- Unemployment
- Classroom Management
- Teacher evaluations

PEI offers legal assistance from the staff attorney on BOEE challenges.

Professional Educator Insurance Policy

\$2,000,000 liability limit per member per occurrence. \$3,000,000 aggregate limit per occurrence.
\$2,000,000 liability coverage for Civil Rights claims. **Defense costs are paid in addition to this.**

Up to \$40,000 in legal expenses for criminal charges if exonerated. Of this amount, up to \$1,000 is guaranteed regardless of outcome.

Up to \$10,000 in legal expenses for alleged sexual misconduct if exonerated. Of this amount, up to \$1,000 is guaranteed regardless of outcome.

Coverage applies to legal actions arising out of duties as an employee of an education entity.

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