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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This issue is being sent to all members as well as to anyone who has ever expressed an interest in Teachers Saving Children®



## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connie Bancroft

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”*

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

Since this current newsletter edition is mailed to our entire data base which includes individuals who are interested in Teachers Saving Children®, but who do not necessarily join, I wanted to take a moment to recap two major decisions the Board of Trustees made this past April. These decisions were made to benefit the organization, increase our membership, and fulfill our mission in being a voice for life. In summary we...

- ✓ Approved changes to the Constitution & Bylaws which will eliminate State Affiliate Chapters and expand the National Board of Trustees to a maximum of 15 members, with a minimum of no less than 7 members. These changes will be effective September 1, 2013.
- ✓ Approved a revised purpose statement as follows: *Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National, hereinafter called Corporation, is an organization of pro-life individuals who are associated with the education profession. The Corporation's primary purpose is advocacy for all innocent human life from conception to natural death. The principal focus of this advocacy shall be especially among professional educators.*

To read a more in-depth article about these decisions, please go to our website ([www.teacherssavingchildren.org](http://www.teacherssavingchildren.org)) for our May newsletter. In the May edition, I explained in the opening article on page 1 the events of the past four years and the amazing way the Lord directed our path towards this decision. Thank you for your support and your prayers as we work through this transition period so that together we can be a more effective “Voice for Life in Education.”

## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

**NEA Expo 2013:** With God’s help, over a 2 day period, our exhibit put the facts and the wonder of human development before the largest assembly of decision-making educators in this nation. Although again this year there were fewer delegates at the NEA Representative Assembly, the Lord used “The Wonder of Life” exhibit to minister in special ways to those who visited our exhibit.

Once again this year we had the unique opportunity to minister to women who were expecting. One of our members, Carmela Ciancio made and donated 7 sets of afghans, booties, and hats. Volunteers carefully listened to the leading of the Holy Spirit as they spoke with individuals who visited the exhibit. Gift sets were given to grandmothers whose daughters were expecting, to mothers who were expecting, and even to fathers whose wives were not with them but who were expecting their first child. The expressions of “awe” and the glowing smiles on their faces told the story of their appreciation for these gifts of love. Thank you, Carmela, for your gifts of love.

An application with a \$50 deposit has already been submitted for the NEA Expo 2014 in Denver CO. We will need your assistance once again in providing the financial means to take “The Wonder of Life” to the NEA Expo in Denver.

**Students for Life of America Conference 2014:** Soon Teachers Saving Children® will be making application to be a vendor at the SFLA Conference on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, in Bethesda, MD. The estimated cost for this endeavor is about \$1500 total which includes sending at least 2 volunteer representatives to the conference.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life educational outreach ministry opportunities we have and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of these special endeavors in 2013-2014 by sending in your contribution today.

**Note:** Please make checks payable to “TSC Inc. – National”. Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (Educational Outreach) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are **NOT** tax deductible.

## “DOES NEA’s ‘REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM’ INCLUDE *INFANTICIDE*?”

By Sissy Jochmann

In early July, I attended the NEA convention held in Atlanta, Georgia. As Chair of the Conservative Educators Caucus, I have been attending the annual convention for the past twelve years. I can honestly say this year’s experience left me disturbed and disillusioned with some of the NEA’s controversial, non-educational resolutions, which are their belief statements. One particular resolution, Family Planning I-17 states *“The NEA supports family planning including the right to reproductive freedom.”* As a result of this resolution, one pro-life, conservative, retired teacher proposed a bylaw amendment challenging the NEA to *“prohibit the use of dues money to support abortions politically.”* If this passed by secret ballot by the delegates of the Representative Assembly, one impact to the NEA would be to prohibit the NEA to “advocate for - including support of - any legislation, ballot measure, budgetary item, candidate, nominee, or other political activity that supports abortion whether by way of funding, legal protection or otherwise.” The following statement in their impact statement was rather shocking. It stated, “NEA supports reproductive freedom, which encompasses the right of a woman to choose to **have a baby or not to do so**”. This is the first time I ever noticed the word “baby” used in NEA documents. That prompted me to attend the Open Hearings on Proposed Amendments to Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. I intended to get clarification on the full meaning of the term, “reproductive freedom.” I asked the following question to NEA’s chief legal counsel, Alice O’Brien: “What does the term reproductive freedom encompass? Is it to be interpreted that the NEA supports a women’s right to choose an abortion up to and including nine months? Does the NEA have any restrictions or limitations referring to abortion when our documents use the term reproductive freedom?” Her response was a resounding “NO!” I repeated...“No restrictions?” She boldly responded, “No restrictions!” I was nauseated and sickened by her response!

I decided to write a follow-up question for another CEC member, Margaret Mary Phinney, to ask on the floor of the RA. The question she asked was, “Does the NEA place any restrictions pertaining to “born alive” abortions? What is the NEA’s position on reproductive freedom when an unsuccessful abortion occurs and the baby is still breathing?” Our chief legal counsel’s response was “In the NEA resolution, Family Planning I-17, it states that the NEA supports family planning including the right to reproductive freedom.” With that brief comment, she quickly returned to her seat. Ms. O’Brien obviously skirted the question and gave a response that we all knew meant no limitations including “the right of a women to choose to have a baby or not to do so” even if the baby is born alive after a botched abortion! We were heartbroken and shocked to hear that our teachers’ union could actually support infanticide! After Margaret Mary’s point of information, another pro-choice teacher rallied up the delegation with her emphatic and passionate speech in opposition to the bylaw amendment. And before debate on the floor actually occurred, another delegate rose to close debate which the RA overwhelmingly responded, “AYE!” End of debate! Conservative voices silenced once again!

The next day, 7,149 delegates had the opportunity to vote by secret ballot. The results were as following:

**Support 2,224...33.7% Opposed 4,357...66.3%**

If those delegates at the convention that voted for the “NEA to prohibit the use of dues money to support abortions politically” would seek out and join the Conservative Educators Caucus, our united and collective voices on the floor of the RA could make a huge difference on our pro-life message! We also need the support of more pro-life teachers across the country to become delegates to the NEA convention so that our passion for the unborn could be heard and put an end to this travesty within our organization! Contact me for details on how to become a delegate to next year’s convention held in Denver, Colorado. Would you prayerfully consider this challenge? If so, contact me. Because every life matters!

**Editor’s Note:** Sissy Jochmann has been an NEA delegate for 13 years. She has been the chair of the Conservative Educators Caucus for 12 years. She has been teaching elementary school for 22 years of which the past 10 years as been in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. [sjochmann@yahoo.com](mailto:sjochmann@yahoo.com)

### BYLAW AMENDMENT 3 - DEFEATED

**TITLE:** To prohibit the use of dues money to support abortions politically.

**New: Bylaw 11-9(f)**

NEA will not use dues monies for politically supporting abortion.

**IMPACT STATEMENT** [written by NEA legal counsel]

“This amendment would add a new Bylaw that would prohibit the use of NEA dues money “for politically supporting abortions.” The Committee on Constitution, Bylaws and Rules interprets the phrase “politically supporting abortions” to encompass any form of advocacy for – including support of – any legislation, ballot measure, budgetary item, candidate, nominee or other political activity that supports abortion whether by way of funding, legal protection or otherwise.

NEA supports reproductive freedom, which encompasses the right of a woman to choose to have a baby or not to do so. That support is reflected in NEA Resolution I-17, which states that “NEA supports family planning, including the right to reproductive freedom.”

If adopted this Bylaw amendment would prevent NEA from acting on that belief by spending dues money to advocate for reproductive freedom that includes the right to choose to have an abortion. For example, NEA could not spend dues money at the federal, state or local level to lobby for comprehensive women’s health insurance coverage that included abortion or medication that induce abortion (such as RU-486 or the morning after pill). Nor could NEA support litigation that sought such coverage, that protected a member from adverse employment action for choosing to have an abortion, or that sought to preserve the right of women to choose to have an abortion.”

Submitted by 50 delegates

Contact Person: Christine Nowak, New York

### NEA RESOLUTION I-17

“The National Education Association supports family planning, including the right to reproductive freedom.

The Association urges the government to give high priority to making available all methods of family planning to women and men unable to take advantage of private facilities.

The Association also urges the implementation of community-operated, school-based family planning clinics that will provide intensive counseling by trained personnel.” (1985, 1986).

## TWO NEW NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

**Ruth Boyatt:** Ruth was a physical education teacher for 32 years and retired this past May 2013. She has been married to her husband, Joe, since 1982. Joe is a police officer. Joe and Ruth have two young adult girls and one granddaughter, Aspen, who was born blind.

Ruth was a vocal voice for LIFE for 12 years as a representative to the National Education Association. During her last year as a NEA delegate, she served as the vice-chairman of the Conservative Educators Caucus.

Ruth and her husband are passionate about sharing Christ with people. Lord willing, she plans during her retirement to be involved in Bible Clubs after school programs in the public schools.

Ruth first started serving on the Teachers Saving Children® Inc. of Ohio Board of Trustees in 2011 and will begin serving on the National Board of Trustees September 1, 2013.



**Greg Roth:** Greg grew up in Canton, Ohio and attended public school in Plain Township schools. He is married to Connie Roth and they have two adult sons. They have one grandson with a granddaughter expected in September 2013.



Greg received his undergraduate degree in history and psychology at Malone University. He did graduate work in social & intellectual history at Bowling Green State University. He received a Master of Arts in Secondary Education at The University of Akron. He taught at Cuyahoga Falls High School (Ohio) for nearly all of his thirty-one years in public education. During that time he held numerous positions in the Cuyahoga Falls Education Association and was elected to two terms as president and vice-president. Over the years, Greg taught Latin American history, American history, general psychology, sociology, world history, A.P. American history, and principles of democracy (American government). Greg was the Cuyahoga Falls High School student council advisor and leadership teacher for twenty of those years before retiring teacher emeritus in 2007. During his tenure, he received numerous teaching awards and was awarded the Sister Janice Ernest Student Council Advisor of the Year in 2002 from the Ohio Association of Student Councils.

Greg has served in numerous lay positions at Canton First Friends Church for over forty years. He has been teaching for twenty-two years an Adult Bible Fellowship (Sunday school) class called “Growing Disciples.” He firmly believes that Christians must stand up for those who cannot do for themselves. This would include individuals from conception to natural death. Jesus has commanded that we care for the least of His. The unborn and elderly are among those He commands to our care. Matthew 25:45 – “. . . Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.” (NIV-2011)

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**Bumper Stickers—Traveling Billboards!!**

Think of the many times you’ve seen a bumper sticker that immediately caught your attention and stayed in your mind for hours, or even days, afterward. Bumper stickers are like travelling billboards. They have the potential to reach hundreds of thousands of people with a message, a cause, or with the name of an organization, and they are definitely cost effective! Now you, our members, are in a position to help Teachers Saving Children® Inc. to spread the word across the continent that there ARE pro-life educators in America and that there IS an organization that serves their interests!

Teachers Saving Children® Inc. has purchased, through generous grant money, 1,000 bumper stickers (see photo below), which are available FREE OF CHARGE per request. \* Simply enclose a legal-size SASE and the following form in an envelope addressed to Judy Bruns-Public Relations, Teachers Saving Children Inc., 405 Park St., Coldwater OH 45828.

\*For a Teachers Saving Children® Inc. bumper sticker on magnetic backing (for metal bumpers, trunks, hatchbacks, etc.), write a check for just \$1.50 to Teachers Saving Children® Inc. Address the envelope to the same location as above and enclose the form below. Questions? E-mail [brunsj@roadrunner.com](mailto:brunsj@roadrunner.com).

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The Board of Trustees realizes that many of the younger generation are doing more of their business online and so we decided to offer an online payment option in reaching out to the younger generation with Teachers Saving Children® membership. We just want our members and supporters to be aware, however, that using an online payment option does impact the monies made available for being that “Voice for Life...in Education.”

If you have questions about our online payment options, please contact our IT coordinator, Gary Winney, at [gwinney@neo.rr.com](mailto:gwinney@neo.rr.com).

### 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIPS

In late June, renewal information was sent to all current members. We are grateful for those individuals who have already renewed their membership for the 2013-2014 membership year. Thank you! **The enclosed membership form is provided for those individuals who have NOT yet renewed this year or who have never officially joined Teachers Saving Children®.** All members receive a quarterly newsletter and other pertinent information throughout the year. Please contact the National Office (330-821-2747) if you have any questions regarding your membership status.

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