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# AFA NEWSLETTER

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OCC Adjunct Faculty Association IEA/NEA  
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**Office Room # 2470 - Ext. 2193 Thurs 1 – 3 p.m.**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 4:30 P.M. AT  
HACKNEY'S ON LAKE AT WAUKEEGAN  
RD IN GLENVIEW.**

All members of the association are invited for free. For \$15 extra you can bring a spouse/significant other. Please return your invitation to Bev Stanis (DIV 4) or email [cbrown@oakton.edu](mailto:cbrown@oakton.edu).

**AFA SURVEY.** Please return your survey to Chet Kulis (RHC) or Keith Johnson (Div 4). Or you can turn it in at the membership meeting on Sunday. We have a decent response so far but YOUR OPINION is what we value most.

**TOWN HALL MEETING WITH IEA  
PRESIDENT SWANSON.** Barb Dayton and Chet Kulis attended the regional meeting. We urged IEA and its legal staff to try to get SURS to give out more relevant information about what adjuncts can expect as a pension. Their annual statement and benefits booklet is geared to FT staff. For example, your SURS annual statement merely indicates how many years of credit service you have, but in fact that number is reduced by PT service and affected by whatever FT percentage equivalent each college reports for each course taught.

A second issue which we brought up is that of NEA/IEA dues which for adjuncts is 1/4 that of a FT professional. However, an adjunct just teaching one course or two courses is paying a disproportionately high percentage towards

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dues, compared to his FT colleagues. Swanson replied that any modification of the dues structure would have to be approved by the delegate assembly.

Barbara also attended the IEA Strategic Planning Committee. Due to the poor performance of the stock market this year, it is likely that our IEA dues will be going up, in order to cover administrative costs.

If you are interested in attending the IEA Delegate Assembly in March, please submit your name to the AFA, to be on the ballot for the election to be held on November 4/5.

On October 3/4 Donna Ryan, Cheryl Wollin, and Barb Dayton attended the IEA Higher Ed Conference in Bloomington. Ed Maloney (Senate Chair of the Education Committee) and David Miller (House Appropriations Committee) discussed higher ed priorities.

**AFA DIRECTORY.** Please return your info form to Dave Arieti ASAP. We hope to have it ready in November. Anyone interested in helping to distribute it, contact Olivia Cronk in the AFA office.

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