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Message from the President



Soon we will have a building representative program. We will be looking for GCEA members in each location that would be interested in helping to keep our membership better informed of their rights, and association activities. By next month we should have everything

worked out and ready to embark on a new phase of representation for classified professionals in Granite School District.

The Building Representative will play a vital roll in the link between (GCEA) Granite Classified Employees Association executive leadership and the association members. It is through a building representative that the classified employees in the district buildings come in day-to-day contact with the Association. GCEA will rely on the building representative to be the eyes and ears for the Association. It is through the building rep. that all are assured of those rights that make-up the Agreement between the District and the Association.

No need to panic!! No one will expect the building representative to be perfect. All that can ever be expected is that the building representative act responsibly, and are sincere and honest. In other words, one would expect of you, as a representative, the same qualities one expects of any good Classified Professional. No one expects the building rep. to know all the answers. But they do have the right to expect them to know where to get the answers. The idea of the Building Representative Program is to have an individual who is the best informed Classified Employee in the area. You should be the best informed on the current issues of GCEA and its activities.

When the GCEA leadership comes around looking for volunteers to fill these positions, be open to serve your association in the capacity of Building Rep. It won't take but a small amount of time to make a difference.

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National Association Affiliation Change

Seeking more effective representation on national issues, the USEA Executive Board voted in April to end its affiliation with the American Association of Classified School Employees (AACSE).

It is important that classified employees have quality representation on important issues, which impact our members every day.

After careful investigation, the USEA Board came to the conclusion that the National Association of Classified School Employees is the best option for National Representation.

NACSE employs a highly respected lobby firm which is located in Washington D.C. In addition to lobby services, this firm will provide USEA with a weekly update of what is happening in congress that affects classified employees.

Other organizations that belong to NACSE include the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Public School Employees of Washington (PSE), and the Minnesota School Employees Association (MSEA). These organizations are quality organizations that represent classified employees in their respective states. Just like USEA, classified employees control these organizations and the needs of classified employees are always the priority, not teachers.

Including USEA, **NACSE** represents almost 250,000 classified employees, making NACSE the largest independent voice of classified employees in the country.

The GCEA Web Site is here for members to use:

WWW.GRANITECLASSIFIED.COM

Lots of Information

Outstanding Employees of the Month Awards

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**Online
Nomination Form**

No more making excuses for not submitting an Outstanding Employee.

Online Nomination Form is here.

Nominate any Classified Employee that is a member of GCEA for Outstanding Employee.

Members will be judged on performance and whether they improve the image of classified professionals. Also add anything that makes them special.

Questions & Answers

If you have a question you want answered, send us a letter or email us at:
gcea@softcom.net

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GCEA Executive Board 864
East Arrowhead Lane
Murray, Utah 81041-5221.

Question: Why do I have to contribute to GCEA/USEA even if I don't want to be a member?. Why should I become a member?.

Do you think it's right for people to accept benefits and not pay their fair share of the cost of securing these benefits? Suppose your next door neighbors paid no taxes on their houses and yet sent their children to the public schools and used the roads and other public services. Would this be fair?

The Association is a democratic organization. Priorities and policies are established by the members and their elected representatives. Only members are able to vote on these matters and in the election of representatives.

The Association needs participation in order to effectively represent your interests. When you come to meetings, express your opinions, and vote, you help to make sure the Association fights for the improvements in working conditions and benefits that you want.