

NEA RA New Delegate Orientation

Monday, June 8, 2009

Southington, CT

5:30 - 6 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions

- *Phil Apruzzese, CEA President*
- *Patrice Lundgren and Natalie Lynne Smith, co-chairs, RA Planning Committee*

What to take to the RA (p. 2 New Delegate Guide)

- Bring photo identification for NEA RA registration
- Credentials
- RA delegate notebook
- Food at RA (snacks during the day, lunch breaks, bringing food to the RA floor)
- Extra medication, copies of prescriptions

What to pack for clothing (p. 3 New Delegate Guide)

- Bring layers – hot outside/cool inside
- Casual, comfortable clothes
- Pack comfortable shoes for convention – lots of walking, concrete floors – comfort over style
- Red, white & blue for 4th of July

Money/incidental spending (p. 3 New Delegate Guide)

- Additional incidental costs during the RA (food, tips, cab fare, parking, etc)
- Fundraising for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education
- CEA Instant Lottery

Security (p. 5 New Delegate Guide)

- *Don't* bring valuable jewelry
- *Don't* wear delegate credentials outside RA/Caucus
- *Don't* travel alone
- *Do* use hotel safe/safety deposit box at front desk (Keep airline tickets secure)
- *Do* bring traveler's checks – hotel limits on cashing, especially over the 4th of July
- *Do* be aware of your surroundings

Daily transportation to and from the convention center (p. 6 New Delegate Guide)

- Shuttle bus system to and from hotel to RA -- **GREEN ROUTE #3**
- Hotel & convention parking rates.

RA Today (p. 8 New Delegate Guide)

- Newspaper published daily by NEA -- *distributed in morning at caucus*
- Includes new business items, other pertinent RA info

Delegate action items (p. 8 New Delegate Guide)

- New business/legislative items
- Resolutions
- Budget
- Voting

Questions, wrap-up & distribute DVDs