

HASA LEGISLATIVE AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 9, 2004

HASA's legislative and Benefits Committee met at 5:00 PM in the School Board Auditorium at the ROS/SAC Building and concluded at 6:00 PM. Present at this meeting were Linda Cobbe, Sylvia Albritton, Lou Cerreta, Rick Le Gendre, and John Miliziano.

The following issues were discussed:

John Miliziano briefed committee members of the meeting held December 2, 2004 with FASA's Executive Board. John reported that FASA has accepted the Tampa Bay Area Coalition's three legislative priorities for 2005. John also informed the group that a joint statewide workshop is being planned by the Coalition, FASA, the FREA, and other local district administrators associations. The workshop will be held either in Tampa or St. Petersburg, tentatively on Saturday Morning, February 26, 2005. The purpose of this workshop is to invite representatives of administrators associations (27 of them) from all over Florida and train them on "Alert Action Networking". This workshop is scheduled to take place before the 2005 Florida Legislative Session begins in March, so administrators throughout Florida will be better prepared to lobby for our three legislative priorities. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR for we will want as many HASA members to attend.

Linda Cobbe distributed a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of all of Hillsborough County's Legislative Delegation for 2005. Plans were discussed to start visiting these legislators soon after the holiday season. When HASA's Legislative and Benefits Committee Members visit our legislators they will have in their possession a Position Paper and Talking Points for each of the three priority legislative issues that the Coalition is supporting. Committee members will also have a Flyer that lists all the Educator Associations who have endorsed these issues and are planning to work for their passage. Rick LeGendre will be updating the survey he conducted two years ago of the retirement benefits that ten South Eastern States are providing their retirees. The following legislators will be visited by:

Lou Cerreta – Tom Lee and Trey Traviesa
Linda Cobbe – Victor Crist, Ed Homen, and Ken Littlefield
Sylvia Albritton – Fay Culp, Bob Henriquez, and Arthenia Joiner
Rick LeGendre – Kevin Ambler
John Miliziano – Les Miller,

We need other members of the HASA Legislative and Benefits Committee to visit: Jim Sebesta, Frank Peterman, Rich Glorioso, Dennis Ross, Ron Regan, and Bill Galvano. John Miliziano will be calling on other committee members to seek volunteers.

Lou Cerreta said that after the holidays he wants to plan interviews with providers that may offer HASA members better rates on home and auto insurance.