

## **July 5, 2013 Minutes**

submitted by Liz Ratashak

### I. Elections

A. secretary: Cathryn E. “Liz” Ratashak (MI)—elected by acclimation

B. chair: Tobey Spencer (CA)—elected by acclimation

C. vice chair: two nominations—James Stewart (FL) and Mike Thomas (WA)

1. motion carried to suspend the rules for the purpose of amending caucus bylaws.

2. motion carried to amend bylaw Article IV—Officers section 1: The officers shall be a chair, one or two vice-chairs, secretary and treasurer. The officers shall be elected for two year terms. All officers shall take office upon their elections. (new language underlined)

### II. New Business

A. NEA RA action items for caucus consideration

1. NBI #46 “STEAM” workgroup

a. motion carried for caucus opposition

2. NBI #57 to promote and create strategy for hands-on learning

a. motion carried for caucus support

3. Legislative Item #17

a. motion carried for caucus opposition

B. Letter to RA organizers

1. caucus was presented with a draft letter to the RA organizers in opposition to the creation science booths in the exhibit area; a second draft will be e-mailed to caucus members.