HOLIDAY PARTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
December 20, 2007


ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES – Honored guests (past head delegates who are retired), and various other members including retirees, teaching assistants and in-service teachers totaling approximately 100.

Meeting was called to order at 4:25 PM

A Special Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent

MOTION #1

Resolved that the NTA support the following resolution to the 2008 NYSUT Representative Assembly:

“ Whereas NYSUT has affirmed that “all school districts provide the services of a school psychologist in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Education and that any person employed by a school district to provide such services shall be duly certified as a school psychologist;” and

Whereas current research demonstrates the effectiveness of providing mental health and positive behavioral supports in the schools in improving student achievement and adjustment; and

Whereas current research indicates that one in five children are diagnosed with a mental health disorder and that 75% to 80% are not receiving appropriate services for these issues; and

Whereas Federal procedures for reimbursement of school psychological services to some students have changed to require a higher level of credentialing of the professional providing these services; and

Whereas these changes in reimbursement procedures threatens the effective provision of children’s mental health services in the schools; and
Whereas these changes in reimbursement procedures have had an impact upon school psychology positions; and

Whereas some districts have misinterpreted changes in available funding sources for school psychologists' practice, such that their responsibilities and activities have been inappropriately restricted and their scope of practice limited; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT supports legislative changes to reflect the attainment of the appropriate level of credentialing for school psychologists to continue to provide services to all students, without a restriction or limitation of their roles in the schools.”

(Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors)

Moved by: J. Eitel
Seconded: V. Pittman
Passed Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE
- Presentation of the William G. Reilly Profile in Unionism Award to NTA Building Head Delegates, Past and Present.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:25 PM
Moved: D. Brown
Seconded: N. Colon
Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary