1. Larry McKiernan (SUI) is our **Bargaining** Chairperson. His team includes Paul Chavez (SHS), Gabriela Gonzalez-Orozco (MGE), David Navar (WGE), and Jessica Zwaal (MAI). Executive Director Kathy Schlotz advises the team. Negotiations began Monday, August 13. The team met again Thursday, August 30 and Thursday, September 6. The Board opened every article. Thus far the Board and the Association have tentatively agreed upon Article II. Recognition. Article III. Definitions and Article XIII. Transfer and Reassignment are currently under discussion. Future bargaining dates include September 27, October 4, October 18, November 15, November 29, and December 13.

2. The **School Board election is on the same ballot as the general election November 6.** Political Action Chairperson Jaime Quintero (FPA) will share our plans for our three endorsed candidates: Jennifer Gutierrez, Miki Moreno, and Marisol Uribe. The candidates will make a short appearance at Council. Volunteers have been canvassing and phone banking since July. More volunteers are needed. Lawn signs and buttons are available. Jaime will also discuss the CTA endorsed candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond.

3. President Doug Patzkowski will review the Association **Standing Committees.**

4. Delegates to the **2018 NEA Representative Assembly** will report to the Council on the proceedings held this past July in Minneapolis.

5. Xochitl Maldonado (WAE) participated in the **CTA Summer Institute** in August. She attended the Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) strand. Xochitl will share her experiences with the Council.

6. Remember to update your site’s **2018-2019 Building Reps and Alternates.** The formula for Building Reps is 1 rep and 1 alternate per each 10 members.