EM Rep Convention 2014 Highlights
(Executive Board)

Dennis Van Roekel, NEA
- Testing craze: "When you know something is best for kids and then you do something else, that's malpractice"
- Licensure: "In Arizona as in many other states, the person that cuts your hair needs to have a license"
- Instruction: "Proceed until apprehended."

Randi Weingarten, AFT
- MN legislation (anti bullying, Spec Ed, funding): "Education Minnesota, you rock"
- Evaluations: "Solution driven unionism"
- Took on Pearson, contractual gag orders that prevent people from talking about test
  [Go.aft.org/Pearson](Go.aft.org/Pearson). Sign the petition!

Denise Specht
- Health ins transparency act - HITA
- Edmoments.com

EM Motions & Action items:
- Voting processes
- Retirees/ EM rights
- Dues structure- EM
- Testing - reduction and development of multiple forms of assessment -not just state mandated standardized tests
- HITA Committee
- Commitment to racial equity and social justice (MN Affirmative Involvement Plan)
- Student involvement and membership in EM
- ECFE / ABE equity in working conditions and compensation

Mark Dayton
(Speech highlights)
- Anti bullying law re-cap
- Respectful treatment of teachers
- On budgets: Increasing public education funding, will not create deficits in local school district budgets, will increase per pupil aid formula, passed all day K, more money for spec ed, increase early learning with early learning scholarships
- On instruction: “Get out of your way so you can teach”
- On testing: Reduce number of school tests, “Love of learning destroyed by tests”
- School lunch: “Every child should get a hot lunch”