

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, March 31, 2017!

### **Catching Up.....**

**The Protect Our Schools Act of 2017 has been passed!** Thanks to everyone who sent emails, called their legislators, and came lobbying in Annapolis with us- your voices have made a difference!

**There will NOT be a Lobby night to Annapolis on April 3, 2107.** We have concluded our Lobby nights for this Legislative Session. We received comments from multiple legislators that they appreciated our consistency and continued advocacy, so thanks to everyone who came out and lobbied with us!

On March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, a team from each middle school received training on **Restorative Practices** from the University of Maryland's Center for Dispute Resolution. EACC and CCPS collaborated to engage the Center for Dispute Resolution for this training, and we look forward to more trainings for elementary and high school teams in the future!

Thank you to everyone who came out and provided input at the **EACC Negotiations Committee meetings March 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you were unable to attend one or both of the meetings, and you have suggestions or input for the Bargaining Team, please continue to send your ideas, concerns and suggestions to the Negotiations Committee Chair, Leslie Schroeck at [lschroeck@ccboe.com](mailto:lschroeck@ccboe.com) or our Chief Negotiator, Courtney Dowling, at [cdowling@mseanea.org](mailto:cdowling@mseanea.org)

The EACC By-laws Committee met and suggested **amendments to the EACC bylaws**. Those bylaw amendments were brought to the Rep Assembly and discussed, and have been sent to the reps to be sent to members. Reps have received paper ballots to vote on the By-laws amendments. **The voting on the by-laws amendments is until April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please see your rep to vote.

### **What's New?**

**1. EACC Elections** - Nominations forms for locally-funded NEA delegates (contingent on budget) , MSEA Convention October 2017 delegates, and EACC PAC chair are due April 7<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be found on the EACC website at [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) under EACC Portal under "2017 EACC Elections". Voting will be 4/24-5/5

**2. Do you know lots of trivia?** Do you like to compete against your colleagues? Which school has the smartest educators? Get a team together and find out! On Tuesday, **April 25<sup>th</sup>**, EACC is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Trivia Night** at the **Gwynn Center from 5-7PM**. There will be:

- ❖ Food and drink provided
- ❖ Door prizes for the TOP teams

The event is FREE for EACC members, \$5 for non-members

- ❖ Register your team of **up to 4 people** on the EACC website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) under "Register for Events"

3. Your Membership Committee has some great **Teacher Appreciation Week Activities** planned! Please see the attached flyer with details!

Sunday, **April 30**, 2017- **EACC Scavenger Hunt and Picnic**

Tuesday, **May 2**, 2017- **EACC Paint Night**, Martini's, 5:00-7:30PM- sign up begins April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, **May 4**, 2107 - **Ice Cream Social**, Cold Stone Creamery, 3:00-7:00PM

Friday, **May 5**, 2017 - **EACC Happy Hour and Social**, Red Oak Bistro, 3:00-7:00 PM

Visit our website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) for more information and to register for events!

#### **4. Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see me at "Coffee and Chat with Linda!" I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me. *Please note: There will not be a "Coffee and Chat with Linda" in April due to Spring Break covering 2 weekends.*

**Sunday, May 21, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata**

#### **5. From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:**

**Thinking about retiring?** Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

#### **6. EACC MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS!**

We have created a form called "EACC Member Highlights" which can be found on our EACC website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org). On that form, you can describe the fantastic feats of your school friends and colleagues that you feel should be celebrated! You will be able to tell about the amazing awards you and your colleagues are receiving!

Please visit this link <http://teameacc.org/eacc-member-highlights/> today (or visit our EACC website), and any day to let us know about positive achievements going on for you and around you!

#### **Opportunities/Action Items from MSEA:**

##### **1. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SEEKING INPUT**

The Resolutions Committee is seeking input on MSEA's 2017-18 resolutions. Members are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Resolutions Committee being held at MSEA headquarters in Annapolis on May 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to observe the committee's work and are encouraged to bring resolutions for consideration by the committee. The tentative final Resolutions Committee meeting for year will be held at MSEA headquarters on August 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting is only scheduled if member resolutions are brought to the committee and NEA resolutions are being considered.

Contact: Cathy Perry, 443/433-3649

##### **2. MSEA NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS**

Join us for the third annual MSEA Night at Camden Yards on Saturday, May 6 at 7:05 p.m. to see the O's take on the Chicago White Sox! The first 20,000 fans get a free Orioles tote bag. MSEA members and their families can purchase discounted seats by visiting <http://www.orioles.com/tix/msea>.

Contact: Adam Mendelson, 443/433-3630

##### **3. INSTRUCTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

The MSEA Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee invites members to attend the 2017 IPD Conference. This conference has workshops designed to assist locals build professional development programs and events to meet their members' needs as well as offer workshops that will benefit members in their personal workplace. Workshop offerings include:

- How locals can plan successful events, featuring the MSEA Communications Dept.
- Yes You Can! for classroom management modules on communication, building home/school relationships and teacher/para collaborations.
- Hot Topics: Restorative Practices, Cybersafety for students, Smart use of Smart devices by educators, workplace bullying and more!

Date: April 29, 2017

Place: BWI Hilton

The online registration is now open and can be found on our website that includes workshop descriptions and more details. Go to: <https://marylandeducators.wufoo.com/forms/ipd-conference/>

PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited this year! Registration closes on April 12 OR WHEN WORKSHOPS ARE FULL!

#### **4. SAVE THE DATE: 2017 MSEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP, JULY 18-21, 2017**

Please save the date and spread the word! The 2017 Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 18-21, 2017 at Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. Details and registration will be coming in the near future.

Contact: Cathy Perry, 443/433-3649 or Erin Sakalas, 443/433-3654

#### **EACC Committees**

We would love for more members to become active on our committees! Please contact the committee chairs listed below if you are interested in joining.

**Membership** – Chair: Lisa Terlecki

The Membership Committee helps grow the membership of the Association by planning and running member social activities.

**Next meeting: TBD April ??, 2017, 5:00PM**

**Government Relations (GR) Committee**- Chair: Veronica McFadden

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office.

**Next meeting: April 6, 2017, 5:30 PM**

**Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee** – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen

The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

**Next meeting: May 11, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

**Public Relations Committee**- Co-Chairs Adam Frisbee and Will Lewis

The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

**Next meeting: April 20, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

**Minority and Human Affairs** – Margot Savoy

The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union

*December meeting has been cancelled.*

**Next meeting is April 27, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

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