

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, February 19, 2016:

Recap of past events:

Eight EACC members went to **Lobby Night in Annapolis** on Monday, February 8, 2016, to speak with our legislators! We spoke with Senator Mac Middleton and Senate President Mike Miller, and Delegates CT Wilson and Edith Patterson. Do you want to have your voice and your story heard by the legislators in Annapolis? Come with us to a Lobby Night! Future Lobby Dates are: 2/22, 3/7, 3/21 and 4/4. Sign up to come lobby at <http://teameacc.org/register-for-events/>. If we have enough people sign up, we'll rent a bus!

The **EACC Trophy** has a name! It will be called the **GREAT Trophy: *Government Relations Education Activist Trophy***. The winner of the naming contest was Heather Hartman-Jansen. Get involved in Government Relations sponsored activities and help your school win the GREAT Trophy (details on how to help your school win the GREAT Trophy will be sent out soon).

What's new?

MSEA Elections- Deadline to vote is 5:00 PM February 19, 2016. You will need your MSEA ID to vote ONLINE. The MSEA elections elects NEA directors, regional and at-large delegates for this summer's NEA convention, and elects retired members to the MSEA retired advisory council. **Please vote for all Charles County educators on the online ballot.** See your building rep if you do not know your MSEA ID. Vote online at: www.marylandeducators.org/msea2016election

EACC ELECTIONS- Ballots have been sent to schools for members to vote. For the EACC Election Schedule and candidates' biographical information, please visit the EACC website, www.teameacc.org under "EACC Portal", click on "2016 EACC elections".

EACC Elections ballots are due on March 9th before 4:00 pm at EACC office or at the RA by 5:00 pm. Ballots received after 5:00 pm time will not be counted.

Coffee and Chat with Linda- come visit with Linda at the **Waldorf Panera** on **Sunday, Feb. 21st from 2-4 PM**. Bring your concerns and questions, get an update on MSEA's "Less Testing More Learning" campaign and March's Week of Action, and get a rundown on all the education bills that are being discussed in Maryland's General Assembly right now that will affect you as an educator.

Our **"Saving and Investing" workshop** for new and mid-career teachers is on Tuesday, **February 23, 2016, 5:00-6:30 PM, Stoddert MS Cafeteria.**

To register, go to <http://teameacc.org/register-for-events/> and look under "Saving for Retirement." Sponsored by our Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee, the workshop will be presented by Damion N. Dengler, CFP, CPA of Integrated Financial Solutions, Inc.

Come to the EACC Rep Assembly! All members are welcome at any of our Rep Assemblies. Our next RA is March 9, 2016, at 5PM at the Gwynn Center. Come hear the latest updates from EACC, ask questions, and see how the EACC is working for you! Talk to your building rep about attending the next RA!

EACC's Got Talent! Do you have a well-known or hidden talent? Then ***EACC's Got Talent*** is looking for YOU! Auditions for *EACC's Got Talent* are open to all CCPS employees on 4/27 and 4/28,

4:30-7:00 PM in the John Hanson Middle School Chorus Room. Email Beth Ullmann at bullmann@cboe.com or Peter Ullmann at pullmann@cboe.com to schedule your audition. If your audition is accepted, competing in EACC's Got Talent is FREE to members, and \$10 for non-members. EACC's Got Talent will be held on May 3, 2016 at La Plata High School. Prizes will be awarded.

The EACC Government Relations Committee has met and has been making plans:

- We want you to come to Annapolis and lobby our legislators with us! Your stories will resonate with your elected officials! Our **Lobbying Dates** are:
 - February 22, 2016
 - March 7, 2016
 - March 21, 2016
 - April 4, 2016

Lobby Night incentives:

- Gift card drawing each Lobby Night
- If you attend 4 of 5 of the Lobby Nights, you will put in a drawing for a Kindle
- If you attend 5 of 5 Lobby Nights, you will be put in a drawing for dinner with MSEA President Betty Weller

Future Coffee and Chat with Linda

- Sunday, February 21, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, Waldorf
- Sunday, March 6, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata
- Sunday, March 20, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata

VOLUNTEER AT THE NEA RA!

This year Maryland and Virginia will be co-hosting the NEA RA in Washington, D.C. More than 200 volunteers are needed to ensure a great experience for delegates and attendees. We need volunteers.

Contact: Mary Fenton, 301/751-4435; Liz Brown, 301/452-2102

To register as a volunteer, request committee assignments, and learn more about the various committees, just go to <https://tinyurl.com/hostcommittee2016>.

It is never too early to start thinking about the financial future and retirement.

The Instructional and Professional Development (IPD) committee and the EACC-Retired committee are sponsoring 2 financial workshops to meet everyone's needs:

1. **For new and mid-career teachers:** "Saving and Investing", Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 5:00-6:30 PM, Stoddert MS Cafeteria.

2. **DATE CHANGE For those veteran educators 5 years or less to retirement:** "Understanding Your Retirement", Thursday, **April 7**, 2016, 5:00-6:30 PM, Stoddert MS Cafeteria

Both workshops will be presented by Damion N. Dengler, CFP, CPA of Integrated Financial Solutions, Inc.

To register for these workshops, please go to: <http://teameacc.org/register-for-events/>

EACC is offering the "Creative Discipline Workshop" for 1 CPD credit

Dates: Online hours from 3/1/2016 – 5/31/2016

Two required face-to-face sessions – Saturday April 2 and April 30

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: North Point High School – Staff Development Room

Registration:

<https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Login.taf?orgId=20646&function=Submit&useRedirect=1&redirect=https://ero1.eschoolsolutions.com/user/Course.taf?courseID=252%26srn=2016030101%26fromSearch=0>

FEE: **Free to EACC Members**, \$10 for Non-EACC Members.

Online payment is available when you register.

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. Committee notes will be posted after each meeting on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org

Membership – Chair: Kathy Reamy

Next meeting date March 29, 2016, 5:00 PM, EACC office

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

Happy Hour Dates: Jan. 21, March 17, and May 5.

Teacher Appreciation Week (05/1-05/07) events planned:

1. Picnic at Gilbert Run Park, 1-5 PM, 05/01
2. Cold Stone Creamery, Waldorf- 05/02
3. "EACC's Got Talent", 05/03
4. Happy Hour at Martini's- 05/05
5. Sweet Frog, La Plata – 05/06

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

Next meeting- Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 5:00 PM, EACC office

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

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5:00PM, EACC office.

Future meeting dates: March 8, 2016, April 12, 2016, and May 10, 2016

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

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 5PM, EACC Office

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

Public Relations (PR) Committee- Chair: Joe McMahan

Next meeting – TBA

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

Minority and Human Civil Rights Committee – Margot Savoy

**Next meeting- Feb. 22, 2016- "Rolling meeting" on the way to Lobby in Annapolis, 4:30 PM
Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park & Ride.**

The Minority and Human Civil Rights Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union.

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