

Dear EACC Members,
Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, March 16, 2018:

Let's review.....

- ❖ **MSEA Run Off Elections** for MSEA Vice-President end 3/23.
- ❖ EACC Local elections end 3/23.
- ❖ You should have received an email to vote. If you did not, please check your "other" folder, "clutter" folder and "junk" folders just in case.

What's New?

1. Join educators from across the state at the **March 19th "Fix the Fund" March on Annapolis, 6:00 PM**
 - **Please RSVP to attend the event** at www.bit.ly/fixthefund There will be "swag" for those members who RSVP!
 - EACC has 2 buses going!!!!
 - The buses will leave at approximately 4:30 PM from the Mattawoman-Beantown Park&Ride in Waldorf.

See your EACC Rep for details!

2. **The EACC Representative Assemblies have MOVED to the La Plata High School Media Center**
 - EACC Rep Assemblies are the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
 - RAs begin at 5:00 PM and they take place at the La Plata High School Media Center.
 - The next RA is April 11, 2018.
 - Any member is welcome at any time to attend our Rep Assemblies. Please see your Building Rep for more information.
3. **Ruth Ann Hall Champion Student Recognition for middle school students**

The Ruth Ann Hall Champion Student Recognition was established by the EACC as a memorial to Ruth Ann Hall. Ms. Hall was a middle school teacher in Charles County for over twenty years, a former EACC President, and a passionate advocate for children and public education. In her memory, EACC established this award for **middle school students** in 2001.

❖ ***The Ruth Ann Hall Champion Scholars will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting on April 17, 2018***
4. The **EACC Trivia Night** is next **Tuesday, 3/20, 5-7 PM at Thomas Stone** in the media center. Right now we only have one team. ***If we don't have more teams sign up by 8:00 AM Monday 3/19, we will have to cancel the event.*** Teams can sign up on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org under "Register for Events"
5. Are you within 5 years of retiring? The EACC is sponsoring an **"Understanding Your Retirement"** workshop on **Tuesday, 3/27**, Stoddert MS Cafeteria, 5-6:30 PM. Right now we have 4 people signed up to attend. ***If we don't have more people sign up by 5:00 PM Friday, 3/23, we will have to reschedule the event.*** You can sign up on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org under "Register for Events"
6. The **EACC Organizing Committee** will be meeting at the EACC office on April 10 from 5-6 PM. Some of the things discussed will be:

- organizing our members with “house meetings” to communicate and engage parents and community stakeholders with education concerns,
- organizing our members to step up and speak out for the upcoming Commissioners’ budget hearing,
- organizing for the upcoming elections (our educators’ voice and our Apple Ballot is powerful in the outcome of elections),
- and much much more!

Look for an email from Denise Pratt, Organizing Committee Chair for more details!

7. Maryland’s General Assembly began its 2018 Legislative Session on January 10, 2018. **EACC** has already been on 4 successful **Lobby Nights** to Annapolis to lobby our elected officials. We have one more Lobby Nights :

- 03/26/18

Sign up to Lobby with us on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org under “Register for Events” – we carpool from the Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park&Ride in Waldorf at 4:30PM.

8. **EACC** has LOTS of great **events** planned for members! See our website www.teameacc.org for details and **sign up!** **Mark your calendars!**

Please RSVP on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org under “Register for Events”

- **EACC Trivia Night**, 03/20, Stone HS media, 6:00 PM, sign up for teams on www.teameacc.org
- **“Understanding Your Retirement” workshop**, 03/27, Stoddert MS Cafeteria, 5:00-6:30 PM.
- **Early Career Educator Monthly Meet-Up**, Thursday, 3/22, Wade ES media center, 5-7PM. Please RSVP on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org under “Register for Events”
- **EACC Wellness Day and Vendor Fair**, 05/05, NPHS Cafeteria, 9 AM – 12 noon.

8. Coffee and Chat with Linda

Come see Linda 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: **Sunday, April 8, 2018, Panera, la Plata, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.**

9. From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:

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

10. On Sunday, 3/18, the Charles County Democratic Central Committee is hosting a **forum for Board of Education Candidates** from 12-2:30 PM at the Waldorf Jaycees (3090 Crain Hwy, Waldorf, MD 20601). Sean Johnson is the moderator. It is open to the public.

From MSEA

1. **MSEA Spring RA** – April 14, 2018, Turf Valley Hotel – All delegates to the Fall 2017 MSEA convention are automatically delegates to the Spring RA.
2. **MSEA NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS: MAY 12**

Join us for the fourth annual MSEA Night at Camden Yards on Saturday, May 12 at 7:05 p.m. to see the O's take on the Tampa Bay Rays! The first 25,000 fans get a free Orioles car emblem. MSEA members and their families can purchase discounted seats by visiting <http://www.orioles.com/tix/msea>.
Contact: Adam Mendelson, 443/433-3630

3. **MSEA 2018 SUMMER LEADERSHIP**—POWER. OPPORTUNITY. ACTION.

2018 Summer Leadership is where we can organize and mobilize members around the three critical issues facing public education and educators in Maryland—the general election, Janus, and the education funding formula being developed by the Kirwan Commission. At SLC 2018, we're aligning every program and event with these threats and opportunities so members who attend can lead on these issues at the local level.

Members will learn why elections matter to collective bargaining; how we will retain our power and influence with the loss of agency fee in the Janus Supreme Court case; how an active, dependable association rep system can organize members to build power and influence critical issues; and lots more.

NEW for 2018 SLC: Inspiring and interactive events for all attendees

- **T(ed) Talks**—Featuring inspiring public education and labor leaders
- **Conversation Cafés**—Where members dig deeper into the issues that interest them
- **Power Hours**— Each school hosts special guests who'll make the connection between the education policies that define their jobs, organized people, and organized money

July 17–20 at Salisbury University. Check out the course descriptions on February 16 @marylandeducators.org. Registration opens the week of March 5.

If you are interested in attending, contact your local president.
Questions about SLC? Contact at MSEA: Beth Ramey, 443/433-3658

EACC Committees – **Want to know how YOU can get involved?**

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.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 4:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: April 16, 2018, 4:30 PM, EACC Office

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 5, 2018, 5:30 PM, EACC Office

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

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

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: April 12, 2018, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair: Kathy Reamy

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

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: TBD, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority Affairs/Human and Civil Rights Committee – Chair: Margot Savoy

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

Meetings are the 4th Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: March 22, 2018, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

EACC Organizing Committee Chair: Denise Pratt

This committee is a special committee open to ALL members who are interested in organizing to support our negotiations goals and elections 2018.

Next meeting: April 10, 2018, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

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