

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Wednesday, January 27, 2016

### **Recap of past events:**

EACC held our annual **Legislative Breakfast** on Saturday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Senator Mac Middleton, Delegate CT Wilson, Delegate Edith Patterson, and Delegate Susie Proctor. There were 3 Commissioners present: Commissioner President Peter Murphy, Commissioner Ken Robinson and Commissioner Amanda Stewart. From our Board of Education we had Board Chairman Ginny McGraw, Board Vice-Chair Mike Lukas, Board Members Vicky Kelly, Barb Palko, Mark Crawford and Margaret Marshall. Sheriff Berry was also present at the Breakfast. It was a lively and engaging conversation surrounding subjects such as: PARCC as a graduation requirement, the BOAST bill, community schools, testing, funding for schools, educator workload and morale, and discipline.

There was **rally** organized by the **NEA** in front of the **Supreme Court** on January 11, 2016, while US Supreme Court was hearing the *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* case. Thanks to EACC-Retired members Liz Brown and Charlotte Weirich for coming out with Dan, Courtney and Linda in the freezing temperatures to show our support for working people and their right to negotiate together.

### **Legislative Session began on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> !**

The **EACC Trophy Contest** (the new spirit award to promote member participation in Government Relations Activities) deadline was Jan 15<sup>th</sup>. We received some great suggestions and submissions. **The winner will be announced in February.**

The **MSEA** sponsored a **MLK Breakfast** on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the BWI Hilton. EACC was well represented by EACC Executive Board member Margot Savoy who was part of the MSEA committee that ran the event. MSEA Treasurer and EACC member Bill Fisher announced the student art winners. EACC Executive Board member Cheryl Ervin, EACC member Debborah Collins, and EACC President Linda McLaughlin attended the event as well.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the **NAACP** hosted their annual **MLK Prayer Breakfast** at North Point High School. It was a well-run event with many great speakers to include Congressman Steny Hoyer and Senators Ben Cardin and Barbara Mikulski. At the EACC table were Veronica McFadden, Linda McLaughlin, Cheryl Ervin, Charlotte Weirich, Mary Finneran and Kristin Shields.

### **What's new?**

#### ***Ruth Ann Hall Champion Student Recognition for middle school students **TWO MORE DAYS TO NOMINATE YOUR 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 selection process will be simple:***

- Nominations for the award are now open. **Deadline for recommendations is January 29, 2016.** Nomination forms may be obtained from your EACC building reps or by visiting the EACC website at [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) under "EACC Portal".
- A teacher or a team of teachers may nominate a student by completing a brief nominations form.
- Members of the EACC Public Relations Committee will review the nominations forms and decide on the recipients of the recognition. We ask that you recognize a student/s who has shown improvement in areas such as attendance, good citizenship, excellent effort or other related academic reasons. This award is not intended for those students who already do well in school and

who most likely receive other types of recognition. This is intended for those students who have worked hard, despite having some difficulties, and have persevered.

Please start thinking about deserving middle school students you would like to nominate!

- If you are interested in being on the committee who reviews the nominations forms, sign up via this link: <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/z42brxy0krx1fv/> to let us know that you will be coming to the planning meeting on Friday, February 5 at 5PM at the EACC office.

**EACC ELECTIONS-** Please see the schedule below. If you are interested in running for one of the open positions, the guidelines, nominations forms and biographical information forms are on the EACC website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) under “EACC Portal”, click on “2016 EACC elections”.

### **EACC Election Schedule 2016**

January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Election Schedule delivered to Reps. Nomination Forms distributed to Reps, along with the Guidelines for Literature and a list of vacancies. Nomination information posted on EACC website: <a href="http://www.teameacc.org">www.teameacc.org</a> .
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nomination forms due at the EACC office by 4:00 p.m.
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chairperson of the Nominations, Elections, and Credentials Committee announces candidates and reviews election procedures at Rep Assembly. <u><i>Nominations from the floor will be taken only for offices where there is insufficient candidates to fill the vacancies. The ballot will not provide for write-in candidates.</i></u>
February 12 <sup>th</sup> via reps.	List of candidates, submitted biographies, and BALLOTS sent out to members
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	BALLOTS due 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.
March 23 <sup>th</sup>	Election results certified, winners notified by email and/or phone. All other candidates will receive a copy of the election results.

### **Positions Vacant for 2016 Elections:**

- **THIRTY-TWO (32) MSEA Convention Delegates (Fall 2016, Ocean City, MD)\***
- **THIRTEEN (13) NEA Convention Delegates (July 2016, Washington, DC)\***
- **ONE (1) EACC VICE-PRESIDENT, TERM: 7/1/2016 – 7/1/2019**
- **ONE (1) EACC SECRETARY, TERM: 7/1/2016 – 7/1/2019**
- **TWO (2) EACC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS – AT – LARGE, TERM:**

7/1/2016 – 7/1/2019

• **ONE (1) MSEA PAC Representative**

**\*Attendance at the MSEA and NEA conventions will be funded as EACC budget allows. Elected delegate(s) who are not funded because of EACC budget constraints can attend the conventions at their own expense.**

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

- The GR Committee is sponsoring a **Town Hall** in February on **“How and Why to Lobby”**. It has been re-scheduled from January and will be held on **February 4th** at La Plata High School from 6-8 PM. More details will follow.
- 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 8, 2016
  - February 22, 2016
  - March 7, 2016
  - March 21, 2016
  - April 4, 2016

**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. **For those veteran educators 5 years or less to retirement:** “Understanding Your Retirement”, Thursday, March 31, 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=20160301001%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](http://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.

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

**Next meeting- Tuesday, February 9, 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.

Other meeting dates: Jan. 7, 2016, Feb. 9, 2016, March 8, 2016, April 12, 2016, and May 10, 2016

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

**Next meeting – Tuesday, Feb 2, 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- Date TBA, Mattawoman Middle School Cafeteria, 5:00 PM**

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

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