

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, February 3, 2017!

Happy Valentine's Day(a little early)!

Catching Up.....

1. Unfortunately, due to low registration numbers, we had to cancel the **EACC EdCamp** planned for January 21st. But don't worry, we have plans to re-visit the idea and try again to hold the EdCamp in spring!

2. **MSEA Elections** began on January 30th and go through February 24th. The elections are for: MSEA Treasurer (1), MSEA Board of Directors(4 seats), NEA Board of Directors(2 seats), and MSEA Delegates to the annual NEA Representative Assembly in summer 2017. To see a list of who is running for those elected positions(and their blurbs and videos), go to <http://marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>

All members should have received an email to either their home email address, or their cchoe email, or both. The email contained your MSEA member ID and a link for voting. All you need to vote is the link to the page, which is <https://vote.election-america.com/msea/>

You put in your member ID, the last 4 of your social, and it will take you to the ballot. All building reps were sent a list of members and their MSEA ID numbers, so if you have any problems voting, please contact your building rep.

The school/site with the highest percentage of members who vote will receive a Chick-Fil-A breakfast for their members!

3. EACC had an excellent showing at **MSDE's Southern Maryland ESSA Listening Session** on January 24th. Approximately 12-15 EACC members were in attendance! There were sessions on Accountability, Educator Supports/Student Supports and Supporting Low Performing Schools. The pull out sessions were set up as collaborative round table conversations with MSDE facilitators asking questions and taking feedback for use by MSDE. Thank you to everyone who came out for the listening session! We had some very strong voices speaking out for what our educators and students need, and how ESSA can help be provide opportunities for success.

What's New?

1. Are you a K-12 educator who wants to learn more about your student debt options and what you can do? Come to EACC's Informational session on **NEA's Degrees Not Debt** Program on Tuesday, February 7th at 5:00 PM at Mattawoman MS in the media center(flyer is attached to this update email).

Michael Gavin, NEA Member Benefits Specialist, will give a short presentation on "Degrees Not Debt" and answer any questions you might have.

2. LOBBY Nights to Annapolis

Come Lobby with us in Annapolis! Your elected officials need to hear YOUR voice and YOUR stories and YOUR concerns!

- To let us know you are coming to lobby, sign up on the form at <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/eacc-lobby-nights-in-annapolis/>
- Our remaining Lobby Nights are **February 6th**, **February 27th**, **March 13th**, **March 27th**, and **April 3rd**(if needed).

- At each Lobby Night we have:
 - A dinner for each of our lobbyist at the Park & Ride
 - A drawing for a gift card for those who attend!

We have a couple of "special" Lobby Night opportunities:

- **Monday, Feb. 6th**- we are having a **special incentive**- a limo will take 10 lucky people up to Annapolis and back, from the Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park & Ride in Waldorf. Last summer at NEA, Linda won a drawing for a limo ride, and so the "**Lobby Limo**" idea was born!
- When we assemble at the Park & Ride on Monday at 4:30 PM, we will draw 10 names from the names of the people who are there. Those people will ride in the limo! The others will carpool up (it's still fun!).
- **Monday March 13th- MSEA Statewide Lobby Night**- we want to **PACK Annapolis with our educators!**
 - If we get enough people registered to lobby, we will rent a bus to take us there! We need at least 30 members to register **by February 22nd** to lobby to rent a bus.
 - **We will meet at 5:00 PM on March 13th**, to give people a little extra time to get to the Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park & Ride to come with us.
 - We will have a Lobby Night **drawing for a \$25 gift card** - everyone who attends the March 13th Lobby Night will be eligible for the drawing, AND
 - **In addition, for every additional member a rep or member brings to the March 13th Lobby Night, we will put an additional ticket for the rep or member in the drawing (the more people you bring with you, the more chances you have to win!)**

Please contact Veronica McFadden, EACC Government Relations Chair at vmcfadden@ccboe.com with any questions about Lobby Nights.

3. The bEACCon

The next installment of the EACC newsletter, the **bEACCon**, will come out very soon. Thank you to Kathy Reamy, EACC Vice President, for putting together the newsletter for our members!

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.

Sunday, February 12th, 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.

The EACC Retirement Seminar will be held on **March 21, 2017**, Mattawoman MS Cafeteria, 5:00 PM. Please sign up on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org, under "Register for Events."

6. SAVE THE DATES!!!! The IPD has created even more opportunities for members! More information will be coming soon!

1. "Degrees Not Debt" presentation, 2/7/17, Mattawoman MS Media Center, 5:00 PM (Michael Gavin, NEAMB) (see attached flyer)
2. New Teacher Financial Planning, 2/28/17, Stoddert Middle School cafeteria, 5:00 PM (Damion Dengler)
3. EACC Wellness Day, 3/25/17, 8:00 AM- 12 noon, NPHS

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7. EACC MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS!

We know there are many awesome projects and initiatives going on in our schools every day that are created, initiated and led by our fantastic EACC members! The community benefits not only from what we do in our classrooms and in our schools to support our school community, but what we do outside of our schools as well!

Do you have a headline about yourself or another EACC member colleague that you would like to share? Do you know of an EACC member who is receiving an award for something school related, or something community-service related? EACC would like to know about it! EACC would like to recognize and celebrate all the great things that are happening in our schools and in which our members take part. To do that, we need you, our members, to keep us informed.

We have created a form called "EACC Member Highlights" which can be found on our EACC website, 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! We will use the information we gather to promote EACC member accomplishments on our Facebook page, when we speak to our elected officials and the Board of Education, through the Maryland Independent, and when we advocate for our profession and the excellence that we create here in Charles County every day!

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. SAVE THE DATES!!!! The **MSEA WEEK OF ACTION** will be **March 13-17, 2017**. We will send you more details as soon as they are available.

2. MSEA MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZING WORKSHOP: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The 2017 Membership Organizing Workshop is on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the DoubleTree Annapolis from 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. The training will include sessions covering the following: examples of successful membership organizing campaigns and building representative engagement, incorporating membership recruitment into issue campaigns, engaging new employees, utilizing available resources for a strong local plan, and an overview of the current opportunities and challenges for our union. **The registration deadline is March 10, 2017.**

To be eligible for a 2017-2018 membership grant from MSEA, each local affiliate is required to send at least two members to the workshop. ***If you are interested in attending, please contact Linda at lmclaughlin@mseane.org***

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: Thursday, February 9, 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: March 2, 2017, 5:30 PM

Come to Annapolis and lobby our legislators with us! Save these dates during the next legislative session!

Lobby Nights 2017-

1. 02/06 (snow date 02/13)
2. 02/27 (snow date 03/6)
3. 03/13
4. 03/27
5. 04/03(if needed)

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: March 9, 2017, 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.

Next meeting: February 16, 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 February 23, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

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