

Section 6: to develop and promote a continuing program to secure and maintain better employment benefits, uniform practices, and improvements in terms and conditions of employment.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be two classes of membership in the Association: Regular and Retired.

Retired members may elect to pay dues annually to belong to the NEA/MSEA/EACC or participate in the one-time lump sum lifetime membership program through NEA to secure lifetime membership in all three organizations.

Annual and Retired life members may not vote or hold office in EACC, but may enjoy all other benefits of membership, including attendance of meetings, professional development, publications, and other social events.

A. Active membership in the Association shall be open to certificated professional employees and ROTC instructors employed by the Charles County Board of Education. Other categories of membership may be determined by the Board of Directors.

B. A person shall not be eligible for active membership in the Association unless he/she maintains membership in MSEA and NEA

C. A retired member shall be appointed by a simple majority of the executive board to serve as the liaison between the Executive Board and retired members. The retired liaison will not be considered a board member and will not have the right to vote on matters of the EACC, but may vote on the selection of representatives for retirees at the state level.

D. Annual and lifetime retired membership shall be opened to retired certificated educators provided the retirees were active members in the EACC the year prior to retiring.

Section 2. Membership shall be continuous until the member leaves Charles County Public School system, resigns from the Association, or fails to pay membership dues. The membership year shall be September 1 to August 31. A member may withdraw from Association membership by notifying the Association in writing. Notifications received after September 15th will remove the member from active status; however, dues deductions will continue through the end of the membership year.

Section 3. Membership dues of the Association shall be based on the recommendation of the Budget Committee and approved by the Representative Assembly.

Section 4. Annual dues for a person eligible for regular membership who is regularly employed fifty (50) percent or less of the normal schedule for a full-time faculty member shall be one half (1/2) the dues of a regular member.