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Make Your Voice Heard!

Today I was doing my favorite thing: shoe shopping! Then it happened. The inevitable. That one thing that makes you realize, as much as you want it to, summer doesn't last forever. I saw my first dreaded "Back to School" sign. Sigh. Is it really that time already? As much as we don't want to think about the "S" word, it is right around the corner. I shouldn't have been surprised.

I just returned from the always overwhelming, yet revitalizing National Education Association's Representative Assembly (NEA RA). Held in Denver, Colorado, the 9,000 delegates created policies and actions for the next school year. Everything from Education Equity and Excellence to Toxic Testing and Accountability was debated and voted on. We were inspired by keynote speakers. We were driven to create change. We were motivated to empower others. We even sang a little Bob Marley: "Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights. Get up, stand up, don't give up the fight." Departing the NEA RA always leaves me empowered and energized, feelings I wish all educators could experience and internalize. Reflecting on my visit, I feel so fortunate to have a voice in those things that impact my future and my career. Do you feel like you have a voice? Whether you are a new leader or a seasoned veteran, are you ready to lead the charge against the organized effort against public education? If you need assistance or support, the East Central Ohio Education Association (ECOEA), the Ohio Education Association (OEA) and the NEA are here to help!

ECOEA will be offering its Summer Leadership Workshop Thursday, July 31 at the Courtyard Marriott in Canton. We are offering three afternoon and three evening sessions for a total of six different and exciting sessions with dinner being provided to all registered participants. Besides networking opportunities, presenters will share important information and valuable resources in order to empower local leaders to make an impact in their local or even their state. Check out the ECOEA website to register for all workshops, grants, and scholarships! www.ecoea.ohea.us ECOEA is the link between your local and the OEA and NEA!

OEA will be offering its Summer Academy August 4-6 at the Hilton Downtown in Columbus. "Rise, Reclaim and Renew" will continue the energy generated at the NEA RA. There are four schools to choose from, as well as several electives and NEA Member Benefit sessions. There will also be several opportunities for fun and networking. You can register online at www.ohea.org. OEA also offers many valuable resources and important deadlines for local leaders on its website. Be sure to stay informed!

NEA also offers many important resources on national issues that affect every group in its diverse membership. Tools and talking points can be found at www.nea.org. You can sign up for various notifications depending on your passions and interests.

Whether you are an ESP or a teacher, are you ready to make your voice heard? Are you ready to stand up for your rights? For the rights of your students? And if not you, then who? Although summer's not quite over, it's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming school year and preparing yourself as an educator and as a leader. So take some training and make a plan, and not just to go "Back to School" shopping. But then again, it's always nice to start school with a new pair of shoes!

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the Monthly Executive financial reports are
available to any member upon request

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of your dues dollars

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Check out the ECOEA Website for
info and "online" application forms
for all of the following ECOEA
member opportunities:

* **ECOEA Unit Scholarships for Members**

- deadline Nov 1st

* **ECOEA Public Relations Grants for**

Locals - deadline Nov 1st

* **ECOEA Inservice Meeting funds**

* **NEA SUMMIT Conference Scholarship**

- deadline Jan 1st

* **NEA ESP Conference Scholarship** -

deadline Jan 15th

* **Quinn Member and Student**

Scholarships - deadline March 1st

* **NEA-Retired Conference Scholarship** -

deadline Feb 15th

* **OEA Collective Bargaining**

Conf.Scholarship for ECOEA Locals -

deadline January 15

* **OEA Summer Leadership Conference**

Scholarships-deadline April 15

* **Local Levy Support**-contact the ECOEA
office

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July 2014

Thurs 7/31: [ECOEA](#) Summer Leadership Workshop

August 2014

Mon 8/4-8/6: OEA Summer Academy, Columbus

September 2014

Wed. 9/10: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee meeting 5:00

October 2014

Wed 10/8: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee Meeting 5:00

Mon. 10/13: Deadline for reservations to [ECOEA](#) Fall Roundtable

Mon 10/20: [ECOEA](#) Fall Roundtable-Legal Update-Hartville Kitchen

Wed 10/29: [ECOEA](#) Finance Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM

November 2014

Sat 11/1: Deadline for [ECOEA](#) Unit Scholarship applications & PR Grants

Tues 11/4: Election Day-Get Out and Vote!

Wed 11/12: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee Meeting 5:00

Wed 11/19: [ECOEA](#) Program Committee Meeting 5:00

Sat 11/22: [ECOEA](#) Fall Representative Assembly CPEA office 8:30 AM

December 2014

Fri 12/6: DLAMC Banquet, Columbus

Sat 12/6: OEA Fall Representative Assembly, Columbus

January 2015

Sat 1/10: OEA Scholarship and Awards Deadline

Wed 1/14: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee Meeting - office-5:00

Thurs 1/15: [ECOEA](#) Scholarship to NEA ESP Conference Application due

Thurs 1/15: [ECOEA](#) deadline for ECOEA Scholarships for OEA Collective
Bargaining Conference

Wed 1/21: [ECOEA](#) Finance Committee meeting 5:00

February 2015

Sun 2/1: NEA-R Conference Scholarship Application due

Fri 2/6-2/7: OEA Collective Bargaining Conference-Columbus

Sat 2/7: [ECOEA](#) Retirement Workshop

Wed 2/11: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM

Thurs 2/26-2/28: NEA Leadership Summit

March 2015

Sun 3/1: [ECOEA](#) Quinn Scholarship applications due

Fri 3/6: [ECOEA](#) Spring Legislative Dinner

Wed 3/11: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee Meeting-5:00

Sat 3/14: [ECOEA](#) Letter of Intent for ECOEA offices due

Wed 3/18: [ECOEA](#) Program Committee Meeting 5:00

April 2015

Wed 4/8: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee Meeting 5:00

Wed 4/15: [ECOEA](#) Summer Leadership Scholarship applications due

Sat 4/25: [ECOEA](#) Spring Representative Assembly CPEA offices 8:30 AM

May 2015

Fri 5/8: OEA Awards Banquet

Fri 5/8-5/9: OEA Spring Representative Assembly Columbus

Wed 5/13: [ECOEA](#) Executive Committee Meeting 5:00

June 2015

Sat 6/6: NEA Delegate Briefing-First Caucus-Columbus 9:30 AM

July 2015

7/1-7/6: NEA Representative Assembly-Orlando

Thur 7/30: [ECOEA](#) Summer Leadership Workshop (tentative date)

The Picture Gallery



Thirteen ECOEA members attended the NEA Representative Assembly held this year in Denver, Colorado on July 1-6. Attendees were actively engaged in all aspects of the Rep Assembly. ECOEA President Angela chaired the State Contact Committee and Dan Campanaro, Ramona Moore, Anne Bowles, Tracy Lemus Santos, and Val Heban served as contacts to other states. Vice President Tracy Lemus Santos was on Communications, and Ramona Moore and Allison Grimm rose extra early to assist with the FCPE Silent Auction. President Angela was on the Elections Screening Committee. Anne Bowles served as a hostess to an international guest from the country of Peru.



Shown here on the NEA RA floor are Allison Grimm and Ramona Moore from Lake LEA, Dan Campanaro, North Canton EA and Tracy Lemus Santos, Fairless EA.

ECOEA Local Leadership Training Workshop-July 31, 2014

ECOEA Programming has put together a set of workshops aimed at helping your local get off to a great school year of Association work. Divided into three categories, locals can send as many leaders as they need to get all the information from the various sessions. The workshops and dinner are FREE to all attendees. A \$10 deposit needs to be sent to secure your reservation, but is returned at the event. Online reservations are quick and easy on the ECOEA website under the tab *Meetings and Events*, or use this link to make your reservation today! **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO TUESDAY, JULY 22!**

<http://ecoea.ohea.us/workshopsevents/ecoea-summer-leadership-workshop/>

OEA Treasurers' Training

You asked for it! OEA Treasurers' Training aimed to meet the experience of the treasurer.

Afternoon Session 2-4 Novice Training

Evening Session 5:30-7:30 Advanced Training

Treasurers may attend either or both sessions. This will be presented by OEA Secretary Treasurer Tim Myers.

Building Effective Locals

These sessions will assist local leaders through resource development.

Afternoon Session 2-4 OEA Grant Writing presented by Kevin Flanagan, OEA Asst. Executive Director-Field

Evening Session 5:30-7:30 Local Leaders Networking-meeting and sharing ideas that work with other local leaders. Facilitated by LRC LaVonne Lobert-Edmo, ECOEA President Angela Stewart, and Vice President Tracy Lemus Santos.

Communicating with Members

Is your local using a website? Are you trying to reach your tech-savvy members? Here it is!

Afternoon Session 2-4 Do-It-Yourself Websites with OEA Computer Specialist Darren Clum-bring your laptop!

Evening Session 5:30-7:30 Using Social Media-OEA Communication Specialist will show you how to tweet, post, email, facebook and other ways to safely reach your members!

ECOEA FALL ROUNDTABLE – Hartville Kitchen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FALL LEGAL UPDATE



Monday

October 20, 2014

Presenter will be

OEA Attorney,

Kathleen McKinley

**Registration will begin at
5:00 PM at the Hartville Kitchen**

- * Sign-In begins at 5:00 PM with complimentary dinner for ECOEA members at 5:30, followed by Legal Update Presentation.
- * A \$10 refundable deposit check is required to hold each reservation, and it will be returned to you at the event.
- * **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT THE ECOEA WEBSITE BY OCTOBER 10th.**



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SOME FUTURE EVENTS / DATES

ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, November 22, 2014
Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

ECOEA Spring Rep Assembly
Saturday, April 25, 2015
Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

OEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, December 6, 2014
Columbus Convention Center

OEA Spring Rep Assembly
Fri-Sat, May 8/9, 2015
Columbus Convention Center

*** Save the Dates ***

ECOEA
Retirement
Workshop

Saturday, February 7, 2015

ECOEA Spring
Legislative Dinner
and Program

Friday, March 6, 2015

Details and reservation information
will be posted on the Website

ecoea.ohea.org

OEA Summer Academy 2014

OEA Summer Academy 2014-Rise, Reclaim, Renew

ECOEA members will be attending the OEA Summer Academy in Columbus this August 4-6 to gain valuable bargaining, organizing, political activism, and leadership skills. ECOEA is able to provide 3 scholarships with a matching 3 scholarships from OEA. Receiving scholarships this year are Patti Howe, Beaver Local EA, Jill Rippeth, New Philadelphia EA, Jen McKelley, North Canton EA, Janel Travis, Newcomerstown TA, Cheryl Bordner, Newcomerstown Classified Personnel Association, and Cherie Johnson-Clark, Canton PEA. Receiving Regional Grants are Charity Patterson, Tuslaw TA and Tamika Moss, Canton PEA. Attending as part of the Emerging Leaders program are Kristi Cropper, North Canton EA, and Karen Linch, Wooster EA. Congratulations to these members for receiving scholarships to advance their work for their local associations. It's not too late to register for the Summer Academy online at www.ohea.org/2014-oea-summer-academy It is time to Rise, Reclaim and Renew!



Row 1: Ramona Moore-Lake LEA, May Alayamini-Canton PEA, ECOEA Vice President Tracy Lemus Santos-Fairless EA, ECOEA President Angela Stewart-Newcomerstown TA, Allison Grimm-Lake LEA

Row 2: Michelle Martin Jones-Canton PEA, Dan Campanaro-North Canton EA, Carol Kinsey-OEA-R, Valerie Heban-North Canton EA, Robin Gonzalez-Wooster EA, Karen Linch, Wooster EA, Anne Bowles-Wooster EA, Tamika Moss-Canton Professional EA

93rd REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

