



East Central Ohio Education Association

The Link Between Your Local
and the Ohio Education Association
Serving members in Stark, Wayne,
Holmes, Carroll, Tuscarawas,
and Columbiana Counties

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**ECOEA President
Julie Nelson**

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A Message from Julie

Welcome Back! We hope your school year is off to a good start. Although my throat hurts from too much talking and my feet ache from wearing wedges instead of flip-flops there is an excitement and enthusiasm that accompanies each start to a school year. I love the fresh start that comes with new notebooks, freshly sharpened pencils, and bright white tennis shoes.

I'd like to extend a special welcome to new members. When you join your local association you also become a member of ECOEA. East Central Ohio Education Association is one of ten districts throughout the state. ECOEA is comprised of over 8,000 members in 63 local associations in Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Stark, Wayne, and Tuscarawas counties. ECOEA serves as a link between the Ohio Education Association (OEA) in Columbus and your Local Association.

ECOEA receives \$11 in dues from each full-time certified member and \$5.50 for full-time classified members. Throughout this newsletter you can see the variety of things that your ECOEA dues dollars support. We hope you take advantage of all we have to offer your local association and you individually through workshops, networking events, education scholarships, scholarships to OEA and NEA trainings, public relations grants, levy funds, and special awards. You can find all of the details on the ECOEA website at ecoea.ohea.us. There are numerous ways to be involved in our district and I look forward to seeing you at ECOEA events throughout the year!

COMMUNICATIONS:

Keep in touch!

ECOEA has a commitment to "green" communications with members. We do this in several ways:

Website-the website at ecoea.ohea.us is the most up-to-date source of information

Email-we provide newsletters and important information to local presidents to pass on electronically to their members

Facebook-"Like" us at [facebook.com/East-Central-Ohio-Education-Association](https://www.facebook.com/East-Central-Ohio-Education-Association)



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Per By-Law 3.9 Access to Financial Reports-the Monthly Executive financial reports are available to any member upon request

Take advantage
of your dues dollars

www.ecoea.oha.us

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

- * ECOEA Unit Scholarships-deadline Nov. 1st
- * NEA-Minority & Women's' Training Scholarship deadline Nov. 1st
- * NEA SUMMIT Conference Scholarship - deadline Nov. 1st
- * NEA ESP Conference Scholarship - deadline Nov. 1st
- * NEA-Retired Conference Scholarship - deadline Nov. 1st
- * OEA Scholarships & Awards-deadline Jan. 10th
- * ECOEA Quinn Member and Student Scholarships- deadline March 1st
- * Local Levy Support-contact the ECOEA office
- * Inservice Funds-Apply on the ECOEA website

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ECOEA Calendar 2017-2018

Wed. Sept. 13, 2017	ECOEA Exec Board meeting	ECOEA Office
Fri., Oct. 6, 2017	ECOEA Leader of Distinction nominations due	
	ECOEA PR Grant applications due	
Wed., Oct. 11, 2017	ECOEA Executive Committee meeting	ECOEA Office
	ECOEA Program meeting to follow	
Wed., Oct. 18, 2017	Legal Update reservation deadline	
Mon., Oct. 23, 2017	ECOEA Fall Roundtable-Legal Update	Hartville Kitchen
Wed., Nov. 1, 2017	ECOEA Unit Scholarship deadline	
	NEA Minority & Women's Training Scholarship deadline	
	NEA Leadership Summit, OEA-Retired, & ESP Scholarship deadline	
Sat., Nov. 11, 2017	ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly	CPEA office
Wed., Nov. 15, 2017	ECOEA Exec Meeting	ECOEA Office
	ECOEA Finance meeting to follow	
Fri., Dec. 1, 2017	DLAMC Banquet	Columbus
Sat., Dec. 2, 2017	OEA Fall Rep Assembly	Columbus
Wed., Jan. 17, 2018	ECOEA Exec Meeting	ECOEA Office
	ECOEA Finance meeting to follow	
Fri., Jan. 19, 2018	ECOEA Retirement Workshop reservation deadline	
Sat., Jan. 27, 2018	ECOEA Retirement Workshop	Courtyard Canton
Wed., Feb. 7, 2018	ECOEA Exec Meeting	ECOEA Office
	ECOEA Program Meeting to follow	
Fri., Feb. 23, 2018	ECOEA Legislative Dinner reservation deadline	
Thur., March 1, 2018	ECOEA Quinn Scholarships deadline	
Fri., March 2, 2018	ECOEA Legislative Dinner	LaPizzeria
Mon., March 12, 2018	Letter of Intent ECOEA elections	
Wed., March 14, 2018	ECOEA Exec Meeting	ECOEA Office
	IPPA screening to follow	
Wed., April 11, 2018	ECOEA Exec Meeting	ECOEA Office
Sat., April 21, 2018	ECOEA Spring RA	CPEA Office
Fri., May 11, 2018	OEA Spring RA	Columbus
Sat., May 12, 2018	OEA Spring RA	Columbus
Wed., May 16, 2018	ECOEA Exec Meeting	ECOEA Office
TBD	OEA Summer Academy	Columbus
June 30-July 5, 2018	NEA Rep Assembly	Minneapolis
TBD	ECOEA Summer Leadership Workshop	

ECOEA FALL ROUNDTABLE – Hartville Kitchen



FALL ROUNDTABLE--A LEGAL UPDATE-GOOD ADVICE ON PROTECTING YOUR LICENSE

Join us for dinner and Professional Development at the Hartville Kitchen on Monday, October 23, 2017, where members will hear from OEA attorney Kathleen McKinley. Kathleen will share advice about protecting your educator license because of behavior in and outside the classroom. Kathleen, a former local association president herself, will share cautionary tales based on real legal cases and ODE actions. Kathleen helps us understand the higher standard that educators are held to and the consequences that seemingly innocent use of social media can have.

This workshop is a **MUST** for our early career educators who may utilize more social media in their classrooms and personal life. Know what is ok to post and what can lead to disciplinary action.

There is NO charge to attend. The evening includes a yummy turkey dinner, some famous Hartville pie, door prizes, and one hour of PD. ECOEA has a two-step registration process. First register online, then send in a deposit check of \$10 to finalize your registration. Your deposit check is returned when you attend, or if you fail to show up, is deposited to offset your meal expense. It's a great night out with your colleagues—dinner, PD, and great information!

Register now at [ECOEA FALL ROUNDTABLE](#)

Deadline to register is Wednesday, October 18, 2017, or when capacity (100 members) is reached.

ECOEA Retirement Workshop Canton Courtyard Marriott, January 27, 2018

When can I retire? That question applies to everyone although it is more pressing as you move closer to the end of your career. ECOEA programming brings you our winter Retirement Workshop on Saturday, January 27, 2018, to help you make your retirement decisions. Along with a delicious breakfast buffet, representatives from STRS, SERS, NEA Member Benefits, and OEA-Retired will provide important resources in interactive presentations. Choose the session that meets your needs! Registration opens December 1, on the ECOEA website at ecoea.oea.us. Please note: This is a general information session, not individual counseling.



CANTON COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

4375 Metro Circle NW
North Canton, OH 44720

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Registration opens **8:15 AM**

Complimentary breakfast buffet, door prizes!

Sessions begin **9:00 AM**

No charge to members. Your \$10 deposit is returned at the door. Bring your spouse/guest \$15 fee.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE FUTURE EVENTS

ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, November 11, 2017
Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

ECOEA Spring Rep Assembly
Saturday, April 21, 2018
Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

OEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, December 2, 2017
Ohio Expo, Cardinal Hall

OEA Spring Rep Assembly
Fri-Sat, May 11-12, 2018
Columbus Convention Center

*** Save the Date ***

ECOEA Spring
Legislative Dinner
and Program

*Friday, March 2, 2018
LaPizzaria*

Details and reservation information
will be posted on the website at

ecea.ohea.us

Join us for an evening with our
elected legislators and state board
of education members to discuss
public education in Ohio.

OEA Summer Academy 2017

ECOEA members attended the OEA Summer Academy in Columbus this June 19-21, to gain valuable bargaining, organizing, political activism, and leadership skills. The theme this year was ***Leading the Way for Continuous Improvement of Public Education***. ECOEA was proud to provide scholarships through a matching grant program with OEA.

Receiving ECOEA/OEA matching scholarships this year were:

- Mary Beth Liossis, Massillon EA
- Katie Kirkpatrick, Wooster EA
- Karen Brank, Canton Professional EA
- Kristi Cropper, North Canton EA
- Abby Hughes, Wooster EA
- Lori Liskey, Jackson Classified PA

Attending the OEA Emerging Leaders Program was:

- Haley Brown, North Canton EA

Attending through a Region 2 Scholarship were:

- Julie Nelson, North Canton EA
- Megan Beachy, New Philadelphia EA
- Stacy Callahan, North Canton EA
- Aleesha Gallentine, New Philadelphia EA



OEA SUMMER ACADEMY 2017

Leading the way for continuous improvement of public education.

Also attending were Alice Johnston, Massillon EA; Cindy Endres, Jackson Classified PA; Carol Kinsey, OEA-Retired; Tamika Moss, Canton Professional EA; Dr. Geneva Parker, Canton Professional EA; Angela Stewart, Newcomerstown TA; Anne Bowles, Wooster EA; and Courtney Musser, Wooster EA.



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Left: North Canton EA members Stacy Callahan and Kristi Cropper grabbed this picture with Keynote Speaker Gerry Brooks during the OEA Summer Academy in June. Brooks, an elementary principal from Lexington, Kentucky, is a well-known internet fun-maker with his comical YouTube videos.

NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY



BOSTON 2017



State and Local delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly from the ECOEA District:
Row 1: May Alayamini, Canton PEA, ECOEA President Julie Nelson, North Canton EA, NEA Director Angela Stewart, Newcomerstown TA
Row 2: Karen Marquis, Southern Local TA, Christine Willison, Wellsville EA, Tamika Moss, Canton PEA, Glenda Drouhard, Wooster EA, ECOEA Vice President Cindy Endres, Jackson Classified PA, Tina Bradley, Canton PEA
Row 3: Karen Linch, Wooster EA, Julie Rine, Minerva Local EA, Angel McCune, Jackson Classified PA, Kristi Cropper, North Canton EA, Craig Linerode, East Canton EA, Anne Bowles, Wooster EA, Dr. Geneva Parker, Canton PEA

ECOEA PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANTS TO LOCALS

Got a great idea for your Local to support your community but no funds? Apply for an ECOEA Public Relations Grant! This is a great opportunity to enhance your Association's image by participating in a community event. Deadline to apply is October 6th. Applications are on-line at: [ECOEA PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANT APPLICATION](#)

UNIT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

November 1, is the deadline to apply for an ECOEA \$500 Unit Scholarship for continuing education for members. ECOEA will give away three scholarships, one per voting unit, at the Fall Representative Assembly. Open to ALL members, for more information and easy application, visit the ECOEA website at ecoea.ohea.us. Apply today at this link: [ECOEA UNIT SCHOLARSHIP](#)

ECOEA OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION AT ECOEA SPRING REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY APRIL 21, 2018

Executive Board-Three-year term 2018-2021
ESP #1
ESP #2
Columbiana #1
Stark County Rep #3
Wayne County Rep #1
Minority Member

In order for your name to appear on the ballot, a Letter of Intent must be received by the Business Manager no less than 40 days prior to the Spring RA. The deadline for the Letter of Intent is March 12, 2018.

OEA Board of Directors-Unit 2-Three-year term 2018-2021

The OEA Board of Directors is an OEA office. The Declaration of Candidacy form must be filed with OEA 75 days prior to the Spring RA election.

ECOEA Representatives to OEA Committees with terms expiring this year and require a Letter of Intent to ECOEA by March 12, 2018:

Legislative Committee
Resolutions Committee
Local Development and Training Committee
Human and Civil Rights Committee

ECOEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP AT STARK STATE COLLEGE

Over 90 members and presenters gathered at Stark State College for a full day of Professional Development on Monday, July 31st. All members heard from Sherri McKinney-Frantz, administrator for Stark County Children's Network Child Advocacy Center. Sherri provided an in-depth presentation on Human Trafficking. The day continued with morning and afternoon sessions that included the OEA Treasurer's Training and Quicken for Treasurers by OEA Secretary-Treasurer Tim Myers. Members also heard about scholarship opportunities from NEA Director Angela Stewart, NEA Member Benefits from Guy Kendall-Freas, and Pre-Retired membership from Kathleen Purdy.

Members chose from a variety of topics that included ESSA Update, Professional Code of Conduct, both presented by Ellen Adornetto, OEA Consultant. Two different Building Rep Training sessions were provided by OEA Labor Relations Consultants Sarah Drinkard, Ethan Young, and Don Holub. LRC Tom Booth provided Grievance Training. Local Leaders networked with ECOEA President Julie Nelson (North Canton EA President), ECOEA Recording Secretary Kelli Green (Perry CTA President), and ECOEA Committee Member Ed Sims (Rittman EA President). These local presidents shared their experience during the Local Leaders session. All members received PD certificates for their attendance at the workshop.



EAST CENTRAL OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

ECOEA is governed by the actions of the Fall and Spring Representative Assemblies. Every local is entitled to send representatives through their local election process based on the membership size of the local. It is important that all locals participate in the Representative Assembly by electing and sending delegates. Representatives must be elected by October 10, and reported to OEA to be certified by October 15. All OEA delegates and alternates are automatically delegates to the ECOEA Representative Assembly. The delegates at the ECOEA RA elect district officers and Executive Committee members, approve the district budget including dues amounts, and approve district Constitution and By-law changes. Be sure your local is using their voice in this democratic process by electing and sending delegates.

The ECOEA officers and Executive Committee members elected to serve for the 2017-2018 year are:

OFFICERS

President Julie Nelson	North Canton EA
Vice President Cindy Endres	Jackson Classified PA
Recording Secretary Kelli Green	Perry Classroom TA
Past Pres. Tracy Lemus Santos	Fairless EA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEA Director #4 Angela Stewart	Newcomerstown TA
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OEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Unit 1 Cindy Endres	Jackson Classified PA
Unit 2 Anne Bowles	Wooster EA
Unit 3 Dr. Geneva Parker	Canton Professional EA
Retired Rep Carol Kinsey	OEA-Retired, from Canton Professional EA
At Large Tamika Moss	Canton Professional EA

COUNTY & GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Carroll-Vacant	
Columbiana #1-Christine Willison	Wellsville EA
Columbiana #2-Karen Marquis	Southern Local TA
Holmes-Leora Troyer	East Holmes TA
Stark #1-Dan Campanaro	North Canton EA
Stark #2-April Chenault McLeod	Canton Professional EA
Stark #3-Alice Johnston	Massillon EA
Stark #4-David Frederick	Plain Local TA
Stark #5-Traci Cottrell	Canton Professional EA
Stark #6-Craig Linerode	East Canton EA
Tuscarawas-Janel Travis	Newcomerstown TA
Wayne #1-Ed Sims	Rittman EA
Wayne #2-Karen Linch	Wooster EA
Minority-Michelle Martin Jones	Canton Professional EA
Retired Rep-Vacant	OEA-Retired
ESP #1-Roxann Long	Wooster EA
ESP #2-Josh Cutting	Lake Local EA

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