



# NEOEA -- Retired

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## OEA-R Advisory Council Officer Elections

The OEA-R Advisory Council positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary will be elected during March. Declaration of Candidacy forms must be filed by February 15, 2018. The term of office for these positions begins September 1, 2018, and ends July 14, 2021. These positions serve as automatic delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly by virtue of office. Contact Carol Price at OEA (800) 282-1500 or (614) 227-3169 for more information.

Download the Declaration of Candidacy Form at [http://oea-r.ohea.us/files/2017/09/Decl-of-Cand-OEA-Retired-Advisory-Council-Pres.VP\\_Sec\\_Cap\\_E.NC\\_NW-2018-2021.pdf](http://oea-r.ohea.us/files/2017/09/Decl-of-Cand-OEA-Retired-Advisory-Council-Pres.VP_Sec_Cap_E.NC_NW-2018-2021.pdf). Additionally, representatives from Capital, Eastern, North Central, and Northwestern will be elected.

## NEA-Retired Delegate Election

If you wish to be a candidate for NEA-Retired delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly in Minneapolis, MN, June 30-July 5, you must file a Declaration of Candidacy form by February 15, 2018. Contact Carol Price at OEA (800) 282-1500 or (614) 227-3169 for more information.

Download an NEA-R Delegate Declaration of Candidacy Form at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/files/2017/09/NEA-Retired-Delegate-Declaration-of-Candidacy-18.pdf>.

## OEA Lobby Day

January 31, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the OEA Headquarters Media Center and the Ohio Statehouse, Columbus OH. Download a registration form at <http://www.neoea.org/LobbyDay.pdf>.

Member Lobby Day provides an opportunity for OEA members and other members of the public education community to collectively lobby the Ohio General Assembly about issues that are important to public education, education employees, and the learners we serve. The briefing will be provided at OEA Headquarters by OEA officers and Government Relations staff to update members on the latest legislative action at the Ohio Statehouse, including the introduction of OTES reforms supported by the OEA (Senate Bill 240).

Our NEOEA Legislative Liaison will make appointments for you with legislators, and carpooling is available.

Donate to OEA-FCPE at <https://ohea.org/donate/>



## Megaconference

Join hundreds of NEOEA members at our annual Megaconference on Saturday, February 24, for a morning of relevant topics in leadership, personal, and professional development — along with breakfast and lunch, too.

The 2018 Megaconference will be presented at Corporate College East, located in Warrensville Heights at 4400 Richmond Road. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 a.m., and workshops begin at 9:00. The \$15 registration fee (\$25 for nonmembers) covers a continental breakfast, lunch, and parking. Megaconference features twelve simultaneous breakouts in three one-hour time slots. All the details are available at our "All Things Megaconference" page at <http://neoea.org/Mega/>. Register by February 9. Download schedule and form from <http://www.neoea.org/Megaconference.pdf>.

If you have friends that haven't joined OEA Retired, bring them to the Pre-Retired Workshop for NEOEA Members after the Megaconference on Saturday, February 24, 2018, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Although the presentation is aimed at active members nearing retirement, all of the information will be relevant to currently retired NEOEA members. Download schedule and registration from <http://www.neoea.org/PreRetiredWorkshop.pdf>.

## West of Cleveland Wine Tour

Cure your winter doldrums at the NEOEA Environmental Concerns Committee's West of Cleveland Wine Tour, Saturday, January 20, 2018, 9:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Spend a winter's day at four cozy tasting rooms enjoying award-winning Ohio wines as we travel from Avon to Sandusky through Vermilion and south. Enjoy Ohio wines as you learn how Ohio wine has become a multi-million dollar industry in Ohio for fine wine and tourism, too. As we travel the four wineries in a motor coach, you'll see why northern Ohio has taken its place with world class wines. Learn how Lake Erie provides a unique microclimate to grow the best grapes for some very fine wines. The tour ends with dinner (on your own) at Mulligan's. Download schedule and registration from <http://www.neoea.org/WineTour.pdf>.

## Retired Lunch Leaders Needed

For the past few years, NEOEA has had a system of holding retired luncheons in the various counties making up northeastern Ohio. The purposes of the program are to provide an enjoyable event for our retired members and to promote communication between retired members and their leaders within the Association. Participants have been appreciative of the county luncheons and have advised us to

continue the program.

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If you'd be willing to organize a luncheon, please send an email to [desk@neoea.org](mailto:desk@neoea.org) so that you can be put on our luncheon leaders list. Current luncheon leaders include Debbie Bernauer, Barb Catalano, Carol Dolgosh, Marti Franks, Peg Ham, Dennis Lewis, and Donna Smoot-Walters.

### NEOEA-Retired Spring Conference

The popular NEOEA Retired Spring Conference will be held on April 10, 2018, at the NEOEA Conference Center. Break-out sessions include: STRS/SERS, OEA Legislative Update, NEA Member Benefits, and the OverDrive Library App. The registration form will be included in the March newsletter.

### OEA-Retired Spring Conference

SWOEA and WOEAE will present the OEA-R Spring Conference on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 9:40 a.m. – 2:15 p.m., at the Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409.

\$25.00 per person. All OEA-R members in are invited. Bring a friend! Download a registration form: <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/files/2017/09/2018-OEA-R-SPRING-CONFERENCE.pdf>. For hotel accommodations contact Marriott Courtyard.

### NEOEA-Retired Delegate Election Results

Congratulations to the OEA-Retired Delegates from NEOEA-R that were elected in the October election. There were a total of 1,022 votes casted, 330 from NEOEA-R members.

- OEA-R Advisory Council (by virtue of office): Secretary, Peg Ham; NEOEA Representative, Marsh Buckley; ESP Representative, Barb Catalano; Higher Education Representative, Bonnie Harris.
- Delegates (by votes received): William A. Dorsey, Nanci DiBianca, Bill Lavezzi, Gary Hollow, Warren Hershberger, Nancy Wonson, Donna Smoot Walters, Debbie Bernauer, Beryl M. Burkle, Hank

Haynes, Marti Franks, Joyce M. Hives, Norm Hillstrom, Lynn Aring.

- Alternates (by votes received): Lynnette R. Harris, Lyn Curry-Huston, John Veverka, Homer O. Adams.

OEA-R leadership is now posting meeting summaries and minutes of the OEA-R Advisory Council, OEA-R Delegate Assembly, and the OEA Board of Directors on the Documents/Reports page of the OEA-R website at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/>.

### 2018 OEA-FCPE Candidate Screening Committees

OEA-FCPE Candidate Screening Committees began forming this fall. In the late spring, the committees will screen and endorse candidates for the Ohio General Assembly based on OEA legislative and educational priorities. One retiree will be appointed to each House District Screening Committee along with representatives from each local association whose school district is wholly or partially within that House District.

Several positions are still vacant. If interested, please contact NEOEA President Jeff Wensing or NEOEA Executive Director Mary Alice Conkey. Most people are appointed to serve on the House District Committee in which they live, but on occasion you may be asked to serve on an adjoining House District Committee. Members not recommended for appointment will be considered for Alternate positions.

### OEA-Retired Organizing Committee Report

By Nancy Wonson, Chairperson

- **NEOEA-R Facebook page:** Keep up-to-date on information from OEA, OEA-R, and NEOEA-R. Join our Facebook page. Search NEOEA RETIRED, then ask to "join" and you will be approved quickly. You will see both state and national issues as well as fun local activities involving our members.
- **Are You a Volunteer? Does Your Organization Need Help?** NEOEA-R is looking to connect NEOEA retirees with your organization. Submit the details on the NEOEA-R website, [\[r.ohea.us/volunteers/\]\(http://r.ohea.us/volunteers/\) and we will post them on our Volunteer page.](http://neoea-</a></li>
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### NEA-Retired Conference

By Marshall Buckley, NEOEA-R Representative to the OEA-R Advisory Council

This year's NEA's Retired Conference will be held March 18-19, 2018, the Hyatt Regency, Chicago. The registration date is January 8 through January 26. The theme for the conference is "Uniting Our Members and the Nation: Retirees Hand in Hand with You." The cost for the registration is \$50. The cost for the room at the Hyatt is approximately \$250. Forms and a detailed agenda are available on the NEA-R website at <http://www.nea.org/home/1598.htm>.

### OEA Higher Education Member Benefit

OEA, in partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College, has created a Higher Education Benefit enabling you and your family members to earn an associate degree online from a public, accredited community college – with no out-of-pocket costs to you.

The program is available to OEA members, retired OEA members, and family of OEA members. The Higher Education Benefit covers any amount for tuition, fees, or books that is not covered by federal or employer education grants. Family of OEA members are defined as children (or stepchildren), grandchildren (or step-grandchildren), spouses, domestic partners, and financial dependents. For more information: <https://freecollege.ohea.org/> or <https://ohea.org/resources/professional-resources/higher-education-benefits/>.

Degree programs include: Business Management Degree; Concentrations in the Business Management Degree (Human Resources, Healthcare Management, Marketing, and Finance); Accounting Degree; Patient Home Navigator Certificate; Associate of Arts Degree; Criminal Justice Degree; Paralegal Degree; Early Childhood Education Degree; and Associate of Individualized Study



Degree.

### NEA & OEA Discounts

Enjoy financial programs and discounts offered by **NEA Member Benefits**:

- Savings & investment programs
- Credit, home financing and loan programs
- Special member-only discounts through the NEA Click & Save program

For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/>.

**NEA Click & Save**, the online discount buying service for NEA members, highlights select retailers and merchants each month. Stop by <http://www.neamb.com/clickandsave> every month to see the featured "Buy-lights" for that month.

Save even more with your OEA membership and the **OEA ACCESS** program:

- A wide range of professional services and benefits
- Professional liability coverage
- OEA/NEA periodicals and publications
- Member-only discounts and services at many local and national businesses

Login with the 10-digit number on your OEA membership card.

For questions, call 1-866-203-5167.

The Savings Really Add Up! Log in today and discover: <https://ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>.

### Cleveland Play House

Come join us to see some great shows at Cleveland Play House. Details and deadlines at <https://neoea.org/announce/great-discounts-great-shows-cleveland-play-house/>.

- February 17, "The Invisible Hand"
- April 14, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

### NEOEA Discounts

Check the **NEOEA.org** website for complete information on these valuable discounts visit <http://neoea.org/resources/member-benefits/>.

- **Best Benefits Club**: Purchasing power allows Best Benefits Club to offer a

complete and comprehensive benefits package including excellent discounts on quality products and services from mortgages, food, clothing, auto purchase/lease/repair and insurance to theaters, amusement parks, sporting events, and more. Each member must register individually with the website in order to have access to the discounts. On the website, click on the Login tab near the top of the page. Click on the words REGISTER HERE, and use the activation code NEOEA0613 when filling out the small form that comes up. Users will now be required to make up their own username and password. For answers to BBC questions, you can call BBC at 330-273-5756. The office in Brunswick is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 and 4:00. <http://www.bbcmember.com/>.

- **Bright Now! Dental**: has been involved in the union community for nearly 40 years and is pleased to be providing the NEOEA an exclusive discount on general and specialty dental care. Whether you have dental benefits or not, you will experience cost savings of up to 35% on general dentistry and 30% on specialty dentistry. This is not an insurance plan. There is no cost to participate and no restrictions. Your choice to receive dental care at one of their offices is voluntary. There are 7 locations in Cleveland making access to one of their offices convenient. Evening and weekend hours are also available. <https://www.brightnow.com/>.
- **Dollar Bank**: Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <http://www.dollarbank.com/neoea/>.
- **Energy Price Choice**: Confused about how and where to get the lowest prices for your natural gas and electricity? <https://neoea.org/announce/energy-price-choice/> is an unbiased energy marketplace that compares energy prices automatically for you. It takes less than 5 minutes to get the best possible price without hours of confusing research and hidden catches.
- **Great Lakes Science Center**: Join their educator membership program and share your love of science with your family! Enjoy free, unlimited general admission to the Science Center and the Mather Steamship for a full year plus free general admission to more than 340

science centers worldwide. For information on their discounted educator memberships, call 216-696-4576 or visit <http://www.greatscience.com/educators.aspx>.

- **Liberty Mutual**: Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea>.
- **Park Place**: Discount airport parking. <http://www.neoea.org/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **Playhouse Square**: Tickets at a discounted rate with a flat \$7 handling fee. Use the promotional code FAMTIX; then select NEOEA. <http://www.playhousesquare.org/ceo>.
- **OEA Attorney Referral Program**: login at the OEA Member Services page <https://www.ohea.org/legal-services>.

### Need to Update Your Contact Information?

Update your contact information with OEA at: 1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or [membership@ohea.org](mailto:membership@ohea.org).

For NEOEA-R only, use our "Contact Us" page at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/contact-us/>. Don't have internet access? Just call the NEOEA Office at 216-518-0200.

### infoOEA Contact Center

OEA has set up infoOEA--a one-stop contact center--to provide assistance to our members with questions they may have.

### Miss Your News and Views?

Each issue of *News and Views* is available online at <http://neoea.org/>. First register at <http://neoea.org/register/> -- it's easy and free. Once registered, you'll have access to the Members-Only page, which has recent issues for download.





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**NEOEA Calendar**

**January 20** NEOEA Environmental Concerns West of Cleveland Wine Tour

**February 24** NEOEA Megaconference, Corporate College East, Warrensville Heights

**February 24** NEOEA Pre-Retired Workshop, Corporate College East, Warrensville Heights

**March** OEA/NEA Read Across America, various locations

**March 5** NEOEA Legislative Receptions (north, south, east, west locations)

**March 18-19** NEA-Retired Conference, Hyatt Regency, Chicago

**April 10** NEOEA Retired Spring Conference, NEOEA Conference Center

**April 18** OEA Retired/SWOEA/WOEA Spring Conference, Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, OH

**April 21** NEOEA Representative

**May 5** Assembly, Normandy HS, Parma, OH  
NEOEA All Committee Conference, NEOEA Conference Center

**May 10** OEA-Retired Delegate Assembly, STRS Building, Columbus

**May 11-12** OEA Representative Assembly, Ohio Expo, Voinovich Center, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH

**June 19-21** NOEA Summer Academy, Columbus, OH

**June 30-July 5** NEA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

**July 25-26** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, Bertram Inn, Aurora, OH

they want.

Download a sign up form at <http://www.neoea.org/>



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or

Scan the QR Code to see the lists and sign up.

**NEOEA Special Interest Groups**

NEOEA maintains eighteen email lists for members who want to receive news and updates from NEOEA on a particular topic. Members can sign up for as many topics as

**Looking for More Information?**

- NEOEA-Retired – <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/>