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NEOEAE-R Newsletter New Schedule!

The September, January, March, and June issues of the NEOEAE-R Newsletter will be posted on the website and emailed to all NEOEAE-R members for whom we have a valid email. In addition, the September and March issues will be printed and mailed to NEOEAE-R members who are also members of OEA-R. Any additional announcements will also be emailed.

Use our "Contact Us" page at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/contact-us/> to update your email. Don't have internet access and need a hard copy? Just call the NEOEAE Office at 216-518-0200 with your mailing address. If funding develops, we will try to mail you a copy.

This is a good time to take advantage of the current combined OEA-R and NEA-R lifetime dues of \$350. It will increase to \$400 on September 1 and is likely to increase again to \$450 next September.

OEA-Retired Advisory Council and NEA-Retired Delegate Election Results

The Ohio NEA-R delegation consists of nine delegate seats; the Chair is a delegate by virtue of office. There were 33 candidates running for the remaining 8 seats. Eleven candidates are from NEOEAE; two from CAPITAL; five from Central; two from ECOEAE; four from NCOEAE; one from NWOEAE; three from SWOEAE; and five from WOEAE.

2018 NEA RA RETIRED DELEGATES (by votes):

By Virtue John Hoyes (EOEAE); Dorsey, William (NEOEAE); Sears, Bill (SWOEAE); Traxler, Donald (NWOEAE); Allen, Marilyn (CAPITAL); Kinsey, Carol (EOEAE); Adams, Homer O. (NEOEAE); Long, Phil (WOEAE); Binigar, Mary (CENTRAL).

Alternates:

Swank, Christina Wall (NCOEAE); Purdy, Kathleen (EOEAE); Walters, Donna Smoot (NEOEAE); Corbin, Jeff (CAPITAL); Hudson, Deloris Rome (SWOEAE); Ham, Peg (NEOEAE); Terrell, Willie (WOEAE); Mayer, Becky (NCOEAE); Hives, Joyce (NEOEAE); Buschle, Judith (SWOEAE); Catalano, Barbara (NEOEAE); Matias, Adele (NEOEAE); Alcock, Barry (CENTRAL); Harris, Lynnette (NEOEAE); Washington, Gretchen Y (SWOEAE); Rahn, Jane (WOEAE); Franks, Marti (NEOEAE); Brown, Vivian (CENTRAL); Hillstrom, Norman (NEOEAE); Coe, Sandra (WOEAE); Crawford, Susie (CENTRAL); Novak, Judy (NCOEAE); Woolridge, Beverly A. (NEOEAE); Skocic, R. Joyce (NCOEAE); Vickery, Wil (CENTRAL); Duvall, Warlita (WOEAE)

Elected OEA-R Officers (Term: September 1, 2018 – July 14, 2021):

- Chair—Bill Sears (SWOEAE)
- Vice-Chair—Mary Binigar (Central)
- Secretary—Peg Ham (NEOEAE)

OEA Legislative Scorecard – A Legislative Scorecard for each Member of the Ohio General Assembly

OEA Government Relations has developed and will maintain a legislative scorecard for each member of the Ohio General Assembly. It tracks floor votes on bills that OEA has taken a position (support/oppose) as well as notified OEA voting members of the same. Additionally, co-sponsors of bills that OEA has intense interest (either in favor or against) are also tracked. Scorecard at <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/legislative-scorecard/>.

Here is a list of legislative issues that OEA is tracking:

- HB 21 would improve charter student residency verification. OEA supports this bill. It passed the House 94-0.
- HB 87 requires misspent public funds recovered from charter schools to be returned to school districts. OEA supports this bill. It passed the House 94-2.
- HB 53 is Right to Work is wrong legislation for the public sector. OEA opposes this bill.
- HB 113 is Right to Work is wrong legislation for the private sector. OEA opposes this bill.
- HB 200 would greatly expand private school vouchers in the state. OEA opposes this bill.
- HB 298 would reduce sick leave for public employees and exclude sick leave from collective bargaining. OEA opposes this bill.
- HB 512 would consolidate the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation into a single cabinet-level agency and strip the State Board of Education of most of its functions. OEA opposes this bill.
- House Bill 572 requires the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) to grant a full year of service credit to certain employees of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities. OEA supports this bill.
- HJR 7 is a proposed constitutional amendment to institute Right to Work is wrong for the public sector. OEA is opposed.
- HJR 8 is a proposed constitutional amendment to institute Right to Work is wrong for the private sector. OEA is opposed.
- HJR 9 is a proposed constitutional amendment eliminating prevailing wage. OEA is opposed.
- HJR 10 is a proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting project labor agreements. OEA is opposed.
- HJR 11 is a proposed constitutional amendment requiring annual recertification for labor unions. OEA is opposed.
- HJR 12 is a proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting payroll deduction for union dues. OEA is opposed.

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NEOEA Turns 150 Years Old !

NEOEA is sponsoring a poster contest to commemorate our 150th Anniversary. This will be just the start to the celebrations! If you would like to submit a design, please send it to the attention of Mary Alice Conkey at conkey@neoea.org or mail it to NEOEA, 5422 East 96th Street, Suite 200, Garfield Hts., OH 441125. Submissions should arrive by August 1. The winner will receive a gift and will be highlighted in a future issue of *News and Views*.

Here is an excerpt from the history as narrated by Bill Lavezzi on our website:

For a year or two a number of superintendents and teachers of the schools, in the cities and towns of which Cleveland is the commercial center, had been accustomed to meet frequently and exchange views on questions pertaining to their special work. These informal meetings were felt to be profitable to those engaging in them. The opinion was generally entertained that there was professional interest among the teachers to warrant an organization which should hold meetings at stated times, thus securing agreement as to time of meeting and questions to be considered. Accordingly, on Saturday, November 13, 1869, a few gentlemen met in one of the rooms of the Weddell House, and there organized the North-Eastern Ohio Teachers' Association.

Read more at <https://neoea.org/history/>. Also, if so inclined, please submit your own "history" of our organization. We would like to preserve the anecdotal thoughts and records in our history going forward.

NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference 2018

Our Summer Leadership Committee has planned NEOEA's annual summer leadership event for July 25-26, 2018 at the picturesque Bertram Inn in Aurora. It is a day and a half of learning, socializing, and relaxation. The poolside reception on Wednesday evening is always a big hit. Our Keynote Speaker this year is Kathleen McKinley. Kathy will talk about what union life was like before the collective bargaining law took effect and offer her insights as to how life will be once a *Janus v. AFSCME* decision is reached.

Our prices for this year are: \$85 (commuting), \$220 (double occupancy); \$200 (single occupancy). These prices will increase after June 8. The costs includes dinner, reception, breakfast, lunch, and, if selected, a hotel room.

Bring your colleagues! Our conference offers topics that will interest seasoned leaders and our new members. Details are available at our "All Things Summer Leadership" page <http://neoea.org/SLC/>.

Baseball, Food, and Fireworks— NEOEA Night at the Akron Rubberducks

Join fellow NEOEA members, family, and friends as we enjoy a night of baseball on the Akron RubberDucks' Tiki Terrace on Friday, June 22. Price of the ticket (\$25 each) includes an all-you-can-eat buffet, admission to the game, and fireworks. Mark the date on your calendar now; see a video of the venue (<https://tinyurl.com/NE-tiki>).

Tickets can be purchased at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Neoea3>. Only 70 tickets are available for the Tiki Terrace. The flyer is at <http://www.neoea.org/Baseball.pdf>.

The two-hour all-you-can-eat buffet-style picnic includes hamburgers, potato salad, hot dogs, mac and cheese, BBQ pulled chicken, chips, cookies, water, iced tea, and lemonade.

Vintage Ohio Wine Festival and a Little Brew, Too

Come join us at Vintage Ohio on August 3-4 at the Lake Metroparks Farmpark at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland, Ohio. Download the flyer: <http://www.neoea.org/VintageOhio.pdf>.

Sample wines, enjoy scrumptious food, cooking school demonstrations, live music entertainment, artisans, shopping, and spectacular Friday fireworks.

To receive your \$10 discount, use the code "NE18" when you order tickets before July 30 at <http://visitvintageohio.com/> (tickets are \$35 at the gate).

Three Great Tours Available For August and October

VINE & WINES AND VIRGINIA VIEWS—AUGUST 2-4! This is our tour through the Virginia countryside. Visit almost a dozen wineries paired with amazing views. <http://www.neoea.org/WineTour2018.pdf>.

NEOEA Day Weekend—Two Different Tours Available!

NEW YORK CITY—OCTOBER 11-14! New York City tour includes lodging for one night in Pennsylvania, two nights lodging in New York City, a guided city tour, and dinner on the way home. A ticket for one Broadway Show, the 911 Memorial Museum, and dinner at Carmine's in NYC are optional. Details at <http://www.neoea.org/NYC2018.pdf>.

VIRGINIA HIDDEN GEMS & HISTORIC QUAIN TOWNS—OCTOBER 12-14! You'll get to see Manassas National Battlefield Park, the Winery at Bull Run, Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre (one of the few surviving courthouses and jail complexes from the 1820's), Ben Lomand Historic Site (see, smell, and hear an active field hospital as it would have been operating during the Manassas battles), Quantico National Cemetery (participate in the "Missing in America Project"), and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. You'll see charming towns, visit some wineries, and sail along the river. Details at <http://www.neoea.org/VAgems2018.pdf>.

Retired POP5 Protect Our Pensions OEA Report

Many members have again received a solicitation from an organization called Protect Our Pensions, also known as POP5. OEA and OEA Retired want you to know that while there does not appear to be any inherent conflict between the stated goals of POP5 and OEA, it is important to note that there is nothing that POP5 is seeking to accomplish that OEA and our allies are not already working on.

Download the POP5 - OEA Report: <http://neoea-r.oea.us/files/2017/09/POP5-OEA-Report.pdf>.

OEA Retired Dues Increase Passed

By Nancy Wonson, Chair, NEOEA-R Organizing Committee

It has been at least 15 years since OEA has raised the OEA-R dues. At the most recent OEA Board of Directors meeting, a motion was made by OEA Secretary-Treasurer Tim Myers, during his budget report, to increase the OEA-R membership dues. The OEA-R annual dues would be set at \$25 (\$10 increase) and the OEA-R Life Dues would become \$150 (a \$50 increase). Combined OEA-R and NEA-R dues will be \$400. The new OEA budget was approved at the Spring OEA RA. The new dues rate will become effective by September 1, 2018.

The rumored NEA increase in NEA-R Life dues by \$50 for this September appears to be on hold until next year. It would cause an additional \$50 increase to \$450 for a combined OEA-R/NEA-R Life membership if and when it occurs.

To lock in the \$350 current rate for the combined OEA-R/NEA-R Life Membership and avoid the dues increase to \$400/\$450, we strongly encourage you to inform all active educators to join as a Pre-Retired Life Member between now and September. Their membership will convert seamlessly when they retire. Of course, if you are a currently retired educator, but have not yet joined OEA-R and NEA-R, please take advantage of this opportunity now.

All forms and information are on the OEA-R website at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/join/how-to-join/>. Or you can join both OEA-R and NEA-R with a credit card at <https://ims.nea.org/JoinNea/>.

The \$350 combined OEA-R and NEA-R Life Membership pays for itself in eight years compared to paying annual dues of \$45. In addition, if you take advantage of even a few of the NEA Member Benefits discounts you can be receiving over \$350 in discounts each year.

Go to NEA Member Benefits at <https://www.neamb.com/> to see your benefits. Unified membership in both OEA-R and NEA-R is a requirement to maintain all NEA Member Benefits products (NEAMB).

OEA-Retired Fall Membership Conference

The OEA-R Fall Conference will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the STRS Building, 7th Floor, 275 East Broad Street Columbus OH 43215. \$15 per person. All OEA-R members in are invited. Bring a friend! Download a registration form from the OEA-R website: <http://oea-r.ohea.us/events/fall-conference/>.

NEOEA Representative Assembly

NEOEA Representative Assembly, April 21, 2018, Normandy High School in Parma:

<http://www.neoea.org/SummarySpring2018RA.pdf>.

View other past NEOEA RA Summaries on the NEOEA Members Only Presidents page after logging in on the NEOEA website.

OEA-Retired Delegate Assembly

The OEA-R Spring Delegate Assembly was held at the STRS Building on May 10, 2018, prior to the OEA Representative Assembly. Forty-three delegates and one alternate were in attendance. OEA officers and various OEA -R committees provided their reports. More information is available on the OEA-R website at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/documents-2/>.

SERS Board Report

By Barb Catalano, OEA-R ESP Representative

The May SERS Board of Directors meeting summary is now posted at <https://ohsers.org/about-sers/board-of-trustees/> along with past summaries and upcoming meeting dates.

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NEOEA Calendar

- June 19-21** OEA Summer Academy, Columbus, OH
- June 30-July 5** NEA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- July 25-26** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, Bertram Inn, Aurora, OH
- August 2-4** NEOEA Vine and Wines and Virginia Views Tour
- August 7** Special Election Day
- September 3** Labor Day Parades, in your community
- September 13** OEA Retired Fall Conference, STRS Building, Columbus
- September 18** NEOEA Retired Organizing Committee, NEOEA Conference Center
- September 20** OEA Retired Delegate Declaration of Candidacy Forms due
- October 11-14** NEOEA New York City Tour
- October 12-14** NEOEA Virginia Hidden Gems and Historic Quaint Towns Tour
- October 12** NEOEA Day Professional Workshops