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OEA Delegates Elect New President and Vice President

Members of the Ohio Education Association (OEA), the state's largest public employee union, have elected Scott DiMauro to a three-year term as President, and Jeff Wensing to a three-year term as Vice President. Both will take office on July 15, 2019. Both terms conclude July 14, 2022. The current President, Becky Higgins, is term-limited after having served two three-year terms.

The election of the two officers took place May 10, 2019, during OEA's Spring Representative Assembly (RA), the governing body of the organization. Nearly 1,000 member delegates from OEA local affiliates throughout Ohio participated in the RA.

DiMauro, who currently serves as OEA's Vice President, has been an active OEA member throughout his teaching career. He was a social studies teacher at Worthington Kilbourne High School before being elected as OEA's Vice President in 2013.

OEA Vice President-elect Jeff Wensing is a 26-year high school math teacher from Parma, Ohio. Prior to his election as OEA Vice-President, Wensing served as the President of the Parma Education Association and as the President of the North Eastern Ohio Education Association.

Also elected were:

- Kim Richards (Cardinal E.A.) – NEA Director #3 (with a term ending 8/31/22)
- Angela Stewart (Newcomerstown T.A.) – NEA Director #4 (with a term ending 8/31/22)
- Deborah Jackson (Princeton ACE) – OEA Board of Directors At-Large (with a term ending 7/14/22)

NEA-Retired Delegate Election Results

The 2019 NEA National Meeting and Representative Assembly will be held June 27th - July 7th, 2019 in Houston, Texas. The NEA Retired Annual Meeting will be June 30 - July 1. The Ohio NEA-R delegation consists of nine delegate seats; the Chair is a delegate by virtue of office. There were 27 candidates running for the remaining 8 seats: nine candidates are from NEOEA; five from NCOEA; three from Central; three from WOE; two from ECOEA; two from SWOEA; one from Capital; one from EOE; and one from NWOEA. There were a total of 901 votes cast. There were 100 paper ballot request - only 2 were returned.



2019 NEA RA Retired Delegates (by votes):

By Virtue of Office, Sears, Bill (SWOE); Dorsey, William (NEOE); Adams, Homer O. (NEOE); Traxler, Donald (NWOEA); Long, Phil (WOE); Binegar, Mary (CENTRAL); Kinsey, Carol (ECOEA); Terrell, Willie (WOE); Franks, Marti (NEOE); .

Alternates:

Hudson, Deloris Rome (SWOE); Ham, Peg (NEOE); Walters, Donna Smoot (NEOE); Catalano, Barbara (NEOE); Buschle, Judith (SWOE); Mitchell, Steven (NEOE); Purdy, Kathleen (ECOEA); Corbin, Jeff (CAPITAL); Alcock, Barry (CENTRAL); Rahn, Jane (WOE); Hives, Joyce (NEOE); Vickery, Wil (CENTRAL); Mayer, Becky (NCOEA); Swank, O. Christina Wall (NCOEA); Hoyes, John (EOE); Novak, Judy Richey (NCOEA); Adams, Tina (NCOEA); and Skocic, R. Joyce (NCOEA).

OEA-Retired Advisory Council Election Results

OEA-R Advisory Council NEOEA Representative

(Term: September 1, 2018 – July 14, 2021):

- Donna Smoot Walters 136 (elected)
- Marsh Buckley 109
- Diallys York 41

Committees on the Go:

We are Looking for Your Participation!

Join us on Friday, June 7, for "Committees on the Go"— a new format bringing NEOEA to you! Join us at one of our three locations, and we'll offer information on how to jumpstart your association involvement and offer you an opportunity to join an NEOEA Committee. Download registration form: <https://www.neoea.org/CommOnGo.pdf>

We'll have plenty of people for you to meet and greet; here are just some of the items on the agenda:

- food and giveaways
- resources for building representatives, committee representatives, elections officials, and local officers
- planning and participating in Megaconference
- member benefits and discounts
- OEA's Labor Relations Consultants and the UniServ system
- drawing for Indians tickets

So join us at:

- West: Wood & Wine, 38790 Chester Road, Avon 44011
- North: Wright Place, 34300 Chardon Road, Willoughby 44094
- East: Cassese's MVR, 410 N. Walnut Street, Youngstown 44505

NEOEA Bus to OEA Member Lobby Day

Join us on Wednesday, June 12, to lobby your legislators! Leave the driving to us as we'll provide a bus from Mayfield Heights and Lodi. Member Lobby Day provides an opportunity for our 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.

NEOEA's Legislative Liaison will make appointments for you with legislators from your area. Deadline for bus reservation is Monday, June 3. <https://www.neoea.org/LobbyDay.pdf>

OEA 2019 Summer Academy Your Voice. Your Truth. Your Union.

June 17th — Wellness Pre-conference (2:00 PM – 4:30 PM) LifeBALANCE™ yoga and LifeFOCUS™ meditation offered by Replenish: (<http://www.replenishwith.us/>). A separate registration is required.

June 17th — Dinner; Wil Haygood, Keynote; FCPE event (5:00 PM – 9:30 PM)

June 18th — Professional Development (8:30 AM – 4:00 PM). Register as an individual and choose and choose any four of the following 90-minute sessions to further your professional growth:

- Social and Emotional Learning
- Special Education
- Government Relations
- School Improvement
- Professional Issues and Policy
- Communications
- Organizing
- Educators Leading the Profession

Register today! The deadline is Tuesday, June 4, 2019. <https://www.ohea.org/2019-summer-academy/>

OEA-R Fall Conference

Save the date: September 11, 2019

NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference

The annual NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference is set for July 24-25, 2019. Spend a couple of days with us and choose from over 25 various sessions. There are topics for every member in NEOEA regardless of your job title or level of involvement.

We will hold the event again this summer at the picturesque Bertram Inn in Aurora. It is a day and half of learning, socializing, and relaxation. The reception with area legislators and state board of education members on Wednesday evening is always a big hit.

Our Keynote Speaker this year is Betsy Kling from WKYC. Betsy was tapped to start a multi-year initiative to encourage and promote girls and women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Early registration deadline June 12. More details at our "All Things Summer Leadership" page: <https://neoea.org/SLC/>

NEOEA-Retired Report

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

NEOEA-R has been extremely active since the NEOEA Fall RA in December. We started off with our very popular Read Across America in Northeast Ohio. Our focus was on how important the fun of reading is to motivate children to read in addition to helping master basic reading skills. Each member that read during March donated a brand new book to the school they visited. We were able to leave over one hundred books in schools. The NEOEA Board of Directors and others supported this effort.

We were also quite active with the Kent State Student Education Association Mentoring program. Mentors become a professional friend to mentees with discussions and activities outside of the classroom they can relate to the union in an awareness of issues in education in a small group setting. We have 13 enthusiastic mentors and 40 very enthusiastic mentees involved in this program.

Close to 50 members signed up for our three sessions at the NEOEA Megaconference. The three classes were: Help Students Soar with Sora!, a student reading app; Free Tech Tools for the One computer/One Projector Classroom, tips for implementing technology in the classroom; and PBS Learning Media: Freshly Updated and Connecting Classrooms, a wide range of online resources. After a delicious lunch many of the 315 Megaconference participants attended our session on the benefits of joining as a pre-retired member.

We continued our program of having county luncheons as part of our Outreach Committee. The purpose of these activities is to provide a social opportunity for retired educators as well as to make grassroots communications with our retired members. We especially tried to reach those not involved in leadership roles within our association. These luncheons, held at seven different locations across the district, were very well received.

The NEOEA-R Spring Conference was held in our new headquarters office on Landerhaven Drive in Mayfield. Thirty-five members were able to choose two sessions to attend from the four available. They were: STRS and SERS Retirement Update; Photo Editing and Organizing for Fun; How Does the Last Election Affect You? ; and NEA Member Benefits/Travel. The members had fun and learned a little also.

OEA-R Initiative with New Educators

This year's new initiative for the retired members of OEA are focusing on our newest educators.

Rhonda Braylock and Marsh Buckley from NEOEA are each texting about 850 first year teachers multiple times using the Hustle program. They are asking the new educators to attend a free workshop in Columbus. The workshop will focus on building collaborative classroom communities that are safe and nurturing student learning spaces. It will also help the new teachers create orderly classrooms with predictable rules and routines that will promote student autonomy. The responses are very favorable.

Retirement System Updates

Your Retirement System has valuable tools and publications to manage your account and keep you informed. Create your online account and login to access your information.

- STRS <https://www.strsoh.org/>
- SERS <https://www.ohsers.org/>
- PERS <https://www.opers.org/>

NEOEA Day Tours

Although NEOEA Day (October 11, 2019) seems like a long way off, it will be here before you know it. If you want to be guaranteed a seat on the bus for our annual weekend tours to New York City or Virginia Wine Country, now is the time to make your reservation.

NEOEA Day Tour - New York City - October 10-13, 2019

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation • Lodging for one night in Pennsylvania • Two nights at The Manhattan at Times Square Hotel in New York City • Baggage handling for one bag per person in New York City • A guided city tour • Breakfast at our hotel in Pennsylvania • Dinner on the way home in Pennsylvania • An escort from 20th Century Tours.

Options: (a) Broadway Show (once we decide which show to offer, we will let you know the cost and when to forward your payment should you want to see it); (b) The cost of the Statue of Liberty/Island ticket (add \$20 to my balance); (c) Dinner at Tony's Di Napoli in Times Square (price TBA—in 2018 it was \$58 inclusive of tax and gratuity).

Download registration: <https://www.neoea.org/NYC2019.pdf>

Fall Foliage in Virginia – History, Mystery, & Virginia Wine, October 11-13, 2019.

Tour Includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation • Two nights lodging in Leesburg, Virginia • Two hot breakfasts at our hotel • Lunch and wine taste at Winery 32 • Wine taste at Hidden Brock Winery, Barnes at Hamilton Station, and Cana Vineyard and Winery • Family style wine pairing dinner at Creek's Edge Winery • Lunch and wine taste

at Quattro Goomb's Winery • Murder mystery dinner theatre performance • Bluemont Vineyard sangria making class • Lunch and wine taste at Bluemont Vineyard • An escort from 20th Century Tours. Download registration at <https://www.neoea.org/WineDine2019.pdf>.

Vintage Ohio Festival and a Little Brew, Too

VINTAGE OHIO WINE FESTIVAL And a Little Brew, too, August 2-3, 2019. Celebrating their 25th anniversary! NEOEA Members Receive \$10 Off! Colorful tents, rolling hills, picnic tables, and groves of tall oaks provide a tranquil setting for the Vintage Ohio Wine Festival, the premier food and wine event of the year.

Sample wines from Ohio wineries offering regional wines ranging from world class wines like Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, or Riesling, to fun-to-drink fruit wines made from fresh strawberries, blackberries, peaches, and raspberries. Whether one enjoys red, white, blush, dry, sweet, or something in-between, there will be an opportunity to find a favorite "Vintage Experience."

There is also plenty of scrumptious food, cooking school demonstrations, 3 stages of live music entertainment, artisans, shopping, and spectacular Friday fireworks. • Ohio Wineries • Performing Arts • Live Music • Fine Regional Restaurants & Caterers • Regional Artisans & Crafters • Spectacular Friday Night Fireworks • Cooking Demonstrations • Carry Out Store • Designated Driver Program • Children's Entertainment

Vintage Ohio has great entertainment, fine food, and the region's best wines. It is held August 2-3, 2019, from 12:00 noon—9:00 p.m. each day at Lake Metroparks Farmpark at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland, Ohio.

Advance tickets are available at <https://www.visitvintageohio.com/> or by calling 440-466-4417. NEOEA members receive \$10 off the gate price of \$37 with code "NE19" on advance sale tickets through July 29, 2019. Vintage Ohio is held in conjunction with Lake Metroparks.

Summer Savings from NEA Member Benefits

Your membership in NEOEA, OEA, and NEA provides you with LOTS of terrific summer deals—available at <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-click-and-save>.

CEDAR POINT—DEALS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2

- Weekday Saver (Monday–Thursday) – Regular price is \$75.92; NEA member price is \$45.
- Two Day, Any Day – Admission on two consecutive or non-consecutive days. Regular price is \$103.99; NEA member price is \$75.
- Single Day Bundle – Admission, parking, and single meal deal. Regular price is \$111.92; NEA member price is \$65.

SHOWS IN CLEVELAND OR BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER

- Dear Evan Hansen at the Connor Palace in Cleveland. Tickets are \$53.50 (were \$69.25).
- Jurassic World Live Tour at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse in Cleveland. Tickets are \$30 (were \$39.01).
- Santana "Supernatural Now" Tour with The Doobie Brothers at Blossom Music Center. Tickets are \$50 (were \$66.25).

NEOEA Discounts

Check the [NEOEA.org](http://www.neoea.org) website for complete information on these valuable discounts. Visit <http://www.neoea.org/resources/member-benefits/>.

- **OEA and NEA Member-Only Benefits:** <https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>.
- **OEA Attorney Referral Program:** login at the OEA Member Services page for free half hour and 30% discount. <https://www.ohea.org/legal-services>.
- **NEW! Bedrooms Today:** 50% off regular price of any furniture or bedding item. Be sure to show your employee ID or a copy of the discount letter: <http://www.neoea.org/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>
- **Best Benefits Club:** Best Benefits Club offers activities throughout the year such as:
 - Special family weekends at Cedar Point, and the IX Center where the



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- Sherri Koncilja, Painesville City TA-R, Secretary
- Gary Hollow, Bristol-R, Past Chair
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- Donna Smoot-Walters, Barberton EA-R
- Pat Waggar, Mayfield EA-R

discount or added value is even greater than their usual benefit.

- Regal Cinema, Cinemark Tickets, and certain amusement parks are available through the on-line shopping cart.
- And other tickets are available as an e-ticket program, such as Playhouse Square and the Cleveland Browns.
- Kalahari Resort Day Pass Pre-Order Sale happens three times a year.
- There are discounts on zoos, amusement parks, hotels, rental cars and much more available to our members!
- Each person must register individually with the website in order to have access to the discounts.
- On the website <http://www.bbcmember.com/>, 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 are required to make up their own username and password. Please enter NEOEA as your company name where required.

- 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
- **Bright Now! Dental:** NEOEA has an exclusive discount on general and specialty dental care. You will experience cost savings of up to 35% on general dentistry and 30% on specialty dentistry. There are 7 locations in Cleveland. Evening and weekend hours. <https://www.brightnow.com/>.
- **Dollar Bank:** Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <http://www.dollarbank.com/neoea/>.
- **Energy Price Choice:** An unbiased energy marketplace that compares energy prices automatically for you. <https://neoea.org/announce/energy-price-choice/>.
- **Liberty Mutual:** Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea>.
- **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** Refinance and consolidate your student loans. <https://www.neoea.org/ohecu-loan.pdf>

- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking. <http://www.neoea.org/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **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>.

NEOEA Calendar

- June 7** NEOEA Committees on the Go, three locations
- June 17-18** OEA Summer Academy, Renaissance Columbus Downtown
- July 2-7** NEA Annual Meeting, Houston, TX
- July 24-25** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, TBD

Read Across America, Dr Seuss Style

By Beryl Burkle, NEOEA-R Organizing Outreach Chairperson

HATS OFF and THANK YOU to all the retired, active teachers, and Kent State Students in education (KSEA) who joined us for our "Read Across America, in North Eastern Ohio" in the month of March 2019. We focused attention on the fun of reading and how important it is to motivate children to read in addition to helping to master basic reading skills.

We donated a brand new book where we read during March. Our NEOEA Board of Directors gave us a grant to buy books and many more donations were also made by others. We were able to leave at least 100 books in schools where we read. The title page reads "Shared by North Eastern Ohio Education Association Retired Members".

"Oh, the Places We Go" – Most of our readers read to more than one classroom when they visited in celebration of Dr. Seuss. We visited Bedford Primary School where students saw a whole school video announcement with "The CAT in the Hat" who read to them. Eight retirees spent the day reading in East Cleveland. Several retirees read at the Cleveland Sight Center. Kent State Students had a program for children and parents at Ravenna High School including reading, playing games, and a visit from Thing 1 and Thing 2. We had many readers reading in schools, churches and anywhere children are gathered.

We donated six cases of gently used books to the Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center that were given to us by the Lander Circle Kiwanis. These books are used for tutoring reading with students and can be taken home by the readers for keeps.

Many readers volunteered to read in schools they have retired from or for classes that have their grandchildren. HATS OFF to all the classroom teachers that invited us into their classrooms.

Plan to join us in March 2020. We have a lot of fun with this project. You can make your own schedule so plan to join us. Check the

website or call Beryl Burkle at 330-659-3928.

Special Thanks to the members of the NEOEA-Retired Outreach Committee: Beryl Burkle, Nanci DiBianca, Pat Frost-Brooks, Norm Hillstrom, Joyce Hives, and Bill Lavezzi.

Mentorship Program at Kent State University (KSEA)

By Beryl Burkle, OEA-R Facilitator

We have just finished our 10th year on the campus of Kent State University with the college of education students.

The mentors have retired from their jobs but not our profession. Thanks to all our Mentors. This is a very worthwhile endeavor mentoring college students. These are the young people that need your support as a professional. We have two general meetings, Meet and Greet and our Final KSEA Meeting in Kent. Telephone and emails keep us in touch with our mentees or an invitation to lunch or dinner to discuss our ideas. Some have participated in The Polar Express and Read Across America. These are great times to get to know your Mentees.

We are looking for mentors for August 2019. Mentors must be members of OEA-R.

Please volunteer in July by calling the NEOEA Office and leaving your name and telephone number. Or email Linda Grunden, desk@neoea.org or 800-354-6794.

We have had a very successful Mentorship Program at KSEA this year with 13 mentors and 40 mentees. This is the largest group we have had in this program in a year. We all must be doing somethings right. College students are a great group to work with. Please join us and become a Mentor.

Host an NEOEA Retired Luncheon

The NEOEA Retired Organizing Committee is looking for volunteers to host a luncheon for retirees in your area. These "county" luncheons are a project of the Outreach Committee of the NEOEA-R Organizing Committee. Their purposes are to provide a social opportunity for an enjoyable luncheon

among retired educators and to make grassroots connections with our retired members (especially those not involved in leadership roles within our Association). In the past few years, these gatherings have been well-received both by our volunteers and the retirees they host.

Groups are small and informal. Retirees attend on their own, but NEOEA will pick up your lunch and mileage expenses as the organizer. NEOEA will provide a spokesperson to represent the NEOEA-Retired program, ask non-members to join NEA-R/OEA-R, and most important, ask them what kinds of activities they would like NEOEA-R to provide.

The procedure is simple:

1. Please contact an establishment in your area and ask for a place suitable for a group between five and ten people. Let them know you will provide a count as we get closer to the event. Let them know that people will be on separate checks. (People have generally used informal diners; a semi-secluded room is a plus.)
2. Set a date with the establishment and find out when they need a final count.
3. Provide NEOEA with the date, time, location of the luncheon, and cutoff date for reservations. Tell us how you want the retirees to contact you to make their reservations. (We recommend email and phone.) We will send that information to retirees in the area.
4. As people register, please keep track of their names, email addresses, and locals (retirement employers). Guests are welcome! Immediately after the luncheon, please send the office the information for the people who actually attended. We want to send them a message thanking them for attending and inviting them to further participation.

Need to Update Your Contact Information?

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