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OEA Virtual Summer Leadership Academy

June 21-23, 2021—Register for Your Sessions Today!

The OEA Virtual Summer Leadership Academy features over 40 breakout sessions within the following Summer Leadership Academy strands: ● Professional Issues; ● Student Success and Supports; ● Educator Voice; ● Leadership Development; ● President’s Training; ● Wellness; ● Social, Emotional and Academic Student Development; ● Racial, Social and Economic Justice; ● Relationship Building.

The OEA Virtual Summer Leadership Academy is open to all OEA members. No Registration Fee for OEA Members! Register today on the OEA website at: <https://ohea.org/event/2021-summer-leadership-academy/>

NEOEFA Summer Leadership Conference

Mark your calendar for Wednesday and Thursday, July 21-22. Our Summer Leadership Committee has been working hard to continue to bring you high-quality training even during a global pandemic. We hope you like the upgrades from last year. We think it is the next best thing to being there.

- For complete information go to <https://neoea.org/whatdesc/27>.
- Registration flyer contains course descriptions and the registration form that can be downloaded and filled out by hand; available at <https://neoea.org/files/SLC2021.pdf>
- Registration form that can be filled out on your device, saved, and printed or emailed; available at neoea.org/files/SLC2021.rtf.
- A grid with the presenter(s) for each session at neoea.org/MemberData/Grid.pdf.
- Graduate credit is also available. All the details are available at <https://neoea.org/files/GradCredit.pdf>.

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

The 2021 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in virtually June 30 - July 6, 2021. Visit the NEA RA page for more information: <https://ra.nea.org/>

The Ohio NEA-R delegation consists of eight delegate seats; the Chair is a delegate by virtue of office. There were a total of 928 votes cast (63 by paper ballot.)

2021 NEA RETIRED DELEGATES (by votes): Mary Binegar, By Virtue of Office; William A. Dorsey, 467; Carol Kinsey, 385; Kathleen Purdy, 272; Phil A. Long, 265; Becky Mayer, 265; Becky Brown, 261; Deloris Rome Hudson, 255.

NEA RETIRED ALTERNATES: Willie A. Terrell Jr., 251; Judy Buschle, 246; Jeff Corbin, 234; Christina Wall Swank, 233; Marti Franks, 228; Peg Ham, 210; Donna Smoot Walters, 199; Barry Alcock, 168; Steven Mitchell, 165; Tom Moscovic, 152; Jene Wilson, 145; Chuck Steinbower, 140; Lori Moodie, 125; Wil Vickery, 121; Dillias York, 102; Ronald Davis, 85.

OEA-R Advisory Council (Elected by Acclamation)

- Chair – Mary Binegar, Central
- Vice Chair – Phil Long, WOEFA
- Secretary – Judy Buschle, SWOEFA
- Eastern Representative – Rita J. Walters
- North Central Representative – Judy (Ritchey) Novak
- North Western Representative – Lisa Marshall-Scott

District	Votes	Electorate	Turnout %
• CAPITAL	56	282	19.86%
• CENTRAL	115	1191	9.66%
• ECOEFA	71	584	12.16%
• EOEA	43	354	12.15%
• NCOEA	31	354	8.76%
• NEOEA	295	2493	11.83%
• NWOEA	75	700	10.71%
• SEOEA	45	435	10.34%
• SWOEFA	104	827	12.58%

Retirement Board Election Results

On Saturday, May 8, 2021, the results of the State Teachers Retirement Board election were certified by a board of tellers appointed by the State Teachers Retirement Board and Election Services Company — the independent firm administering the election.

The results of the election for the one contributing member seat on the Retirement Board are as follows:

- Carol Correthers, 7,470 votes
- Benjamin Pfeiffer, 5,357 votes
- Matt Sheridan, 2,877 votes
- Write-Ins, 62 votes

The results of the election for the two retired member seats on the Retirement Board are as follows:

- Rudy H. Fichtenbaum, 21,339 votes
- Elizabeth Jones, 15,926 votes
- Robert Stein, 19,592 votes
- Rita J. Walters, 17,114 votes
- Write-Ins, 114 votes

The term of office for Carol Correthers, Rudy H. Fichtenbaum and Robert Stein will begin on Sept.1, 2021, and will end on Aug.31, 2025.

OEA Educator Virtual Lobby Days June 8-9

At the lobby days, members will be briefed by OEA staff on current legislative issues and will have an opportunity to meet with state lawmakers and staff. This year is especially important as the legislature considers the **Fair School Funding Plan** – a plan that once fully implemented would provide about a 25% annual increase in state aid to our students, finally fixing the way Ohio funds its public schools.

The interaction of OEA members with elected officials is critical to getting the Fair School Funding Plan passed through the legislature, as well as improving other policies that impact students, educators and public education.

Join your colleagues on Zoom at 9 a.m. on each of the lobby days for a short briefing. Use the links for each day to register:

June 8 at 9 a.m. – https://ohea.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qde3tt_VRC69d8u0piu6UA

June 9 at 9 a.m. – https://ohea.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FMFQhmTKSszazqev7vDg2SA

We strongly encourage you to schedule your meetings with legislators prior to lobby day. Find contact information for your legislator by visiting [OEA's legislative scorecard](#).

If you need further information or to RSVP for a Lobby Day and/or the Legislative Reception, please contact Lisa Simpson, in the OEA Government Relations Division, at simpsonl@ohea.org.

OEA FCPE is Now The OEA Fund

The name is changing. "The OEA Fund for Children and Public Education" will be simplified to "The OEA Fund". Some will remember when it started as "Educators Political Action Committee (EPAC)".

Help raise money to elect pro-senior, pro-union, pro-education candidates. It's quick and easy to donate electronically. Go to: <https://www.ohea.org/> and click on the DONATE button at the top of the page or click here: <https://www.ohea.org/donate/>.

OEA Action Alerts

Take Action! Every day OEA works to improve public education for our students and our members. Our strength lies in collective action. With over 122,000 members, we can affect policy to improve public education for students and the educators who serve them.

Letters, emails, petitions, and phone calls from you often make the crucial difference.

Go to the OEA website to view sample letters you can edit as you wish before sending to your legislator. <https://www.ohea.org/action/>

OEA Legislative Watch May 14, 2021

OEA Legislative Watch is the association's newsletter covering the legislation and policies that affect public education employees. <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/legislative-watch/>

Recent issues:

- May 14 – OEA Testimony; Senate Bill 145; Senate Bill 1
- April 28 – Testing Reduction Legislation to Receive Proponent Testimony
- April 23 – Ohio House Passes State Budget Bill; OEA President DiMauro Testifies on Budget Bill in Ohio Senate
- April 16 – House Bill 110 Adopted; OEA submits testimony on House Bills 99 and 200; SB 165
- March 19 – House Bill 67 Advances to the Governor; HB 200: Report Card Overhaul Receives First Hearing Sponsor Testimony
- March 12th – OEA Testifies in Support of HB 67; HB 200: Bi-Partisan Report Card Bill Would Eliminate A-F Letter Grades
- March 5th – Revamped HB 67 heads to Senate; OEA testifies on HB 110; HB 151 Eliminates RESA; and HB 6
- February 26th – OEA Testifies in Support of Bill to Fix School Funding; HB 67 Stalls Amid Federal Testing Announcement
- February 11th – Bills Introduced to Waive Spring testing for This School Year; SB 1 and HB54
- February 5th – DeWine Unveils Executive Budget Proposal

Kent State Education Association, Mentorship Program with NEOEA-R

By Beryl Burkle

The Mentorship Program went virtual last September with the students. KSEA President Sarah Parsh worked with us and 28 students and 9 Mentors to start our program. The students very enthusiastic to join with Mentors on phone, email or zoom. As always we were their professional friends. We even Extra thanks to Pam Rumancik who mentored a student that could not travel back to Kent from Slovakia and took all her classes online.

Mentors were invited to the March and April meetings of with KSEA. In March, with many student teaching or online, they presented ideas and a demonstration on putting interesting programs online. It also really opened our eyes to the rigors of teaching online. The April meeting showcased five teachers with good advice about interviewing for a teaching position. Students were reminded of the important things to do to become a viable candidate in all school districts.

KSEA's new president in the fall, Bailey Verona has already told us that the group would like to continue the Mentorship Program. We are the only Mentorship Program from OEA-R that survived this year and are hopeful to add Mentors next year. Join us!!! We need you. Thank you to all our Mentors this year. You are all special.

OEA-R Celebrate Diversity Read Across America

By Beryl Burkle

The ten districts of OEA-R joined together to Celebrate Diversity across the state of Ohio this year. A grant was given to buy books from a children's list of books from NEA. We had four of our retirees receive books and record their reading. The stories were then transferred to the OEA-R Read Across America webpage and the OEA Facebook page. Click here to view the videos: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/all/oear-read-across-america/>. The videos are available for teachers to use in their classrooms. Our readers were Nanci DiBianca, Jene' Wilson, Tom Moscovic, and Beryl Burkle. Thank you for your hard work helping to put it all in motion.

Steven Mitchell of East Cleveland, one of our own retirees, had his children's book published this winter. This title just fits into Celebrate Diversity, Read Across America. Hats off to Steven with *I Can't Read, Oh! What Shall I Do?* It can be bought through Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

Playhouse Square Discounts for YOU!

We're Back Live and In Person!
Use promo code NEOEA at <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04> to receive 10% - 20% off select performances and reduced handling fees.

June 11-July 11, 2021 – *The Choir of Man* presented by Penske Cleveland. Featuring a cast of world-class tap dancers, singers, and instrumentalists celebrating a range of popular artists and musical styles, from Paul Simon and Adele to Queen, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Katie Perry and more. It's a party. It's a concert. It's a pint-filled good time set in a real, working pub. The multi-talented cast of nine handsome blokes sings everything – pub tunes, folk, Broadway, classic rock – ensuring that there is something for everyone in this joyous and uplifting show.

October 1-15, 2021 – *The Lion King* at Playhouse Square. Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist. This is Disney's *The Lion King*, making its triumphant return to Playhouse Square! Get your tickets starting Thursday, June 3, before they go on sale to the public!

NEOEA RA Summary

Virtual NEOEA Representative Assembly was held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. <https://neoea.org/files/SummarySpring2021RA.pdf>.

Thank you to the following OEA-R delegates who attended the NEOEA RA: Debbie Bernauer, Marshall Buckley, Barbara Catalano, Lyn Curry-Huston (alternate seated as a delegate), Nanci DiBianca, William Dorsey, Martha Franks, Peg Ham, Hank Haynes, Bill Lavezzi, Steven Mitchell, Donna Smoot-Walters, Jené Wilson, Nancy Wonson, Beverly Woolridge. Not able to attend: Norm Hillstrom and Diallys York.

NEOEA-R at the OEA RA

OEA-R Delegates from NEOEA logged into the virtual **OEA Spring 2021 Representative Assembly on May 8** and the **OEA-R Delegate Assembly on May 6**. Visit the OEA RA page for more information: <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/oea-representative-assembly/>

Thank you to those who attended: Debbie Bernauer, Marsh Buckley, Barb Catalano, Lyn Curry-Huston, Nanci DiBianca, Bill Dorsey, Marti Franks, Peg Ham, Hank Haynes, Bill Lavezzi, Steven Mitchell, Donna Smoot-Walters, Jené Wilson, Nancy Wonson, Beverly Woolridge.

OEA Representative Assembly May 8, 2021 – Via Zoom SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. Elected the following statewide candidates: **Mark Hill** (Worthington E.A.) – Secretary-Treasurer (term ending 7/14/2024); **Dan Greenberg** (Sylvania E.A.) – NEA Director #5 (term ending 8/31/2024); **Adrienne Bowden** (Pickerington E.A.) – NEA Director #6 (term ending 8/31/2024); **Cassandra Daniels** (Columbus E.A.) – OEA Board of Directors At-Large (with ending 7/14/2024)
2. Approved the appointment of **Linda Williams** to the OEA Appeals Board for a seven-year term ending August 31, 2028.
3. Referred two proposed Resolutions proposals concerning policing and voting rights to the Resolutions Committee.
4. Approved the proposed **2021-2022 Resolutions Report** as amended.
5. Passed the New Business Item regarding the **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act**.
6. Referred two proposed New Business Items concerning renaming the OEA Media center and honoring OEA past Presidents to the Business/Support/ Administration Board of Directors Committee.
7. Referred a proposed New Business Item concerning reporting donations made by the OEA Fund to the Legislative Committee.
8. Voted on the following **Constitution and Bylaws Proposal #1** – To amend Article V, Section 1(a) of the OEA Constitution

to increase representation for Education Support Professionals (ESP) on the OEA Board of Directors to ensure that ESP representation on the Board reflects the proportion of Educational Support Professionals among active OEA membership. – PASSED

9. Informational: 619 delegates registered to participate; 562 delegates participated in the assembly. Delegates contributed \$29,068.00 to the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education. OEA Fund giveaway winners: \$500 – Katelyn Oslie (Madison Local E.A. – Richland); \$300 – Bruce Moore (S.C.O.P.E.); \$100 – Patricia Grady (Richmond Heights E.A.)

OEA-Retired on the Web

OEA-R has a new presence on the OEA website at: <https://www.ohea.org/retired/>. If you get lost, pull down the "MEMBER CENTER" tab and click on "OEA Divisions, Affiliated Departments and Associate Organizations", then "Divisions", then "OEA-Retired".

On the page is a link to the original OEA-R website containing all the essential OEA-R information <http://oea-r.ohea.us/>.

Retirement System Updates

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

OEA Retirement Systems Updates can be found at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/>

Need to Update Your Contact Information?

Update your OEA & NEOEA contact information at: 1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or membership@ohea.org. Also online: <https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-update-form/>

Miss Your News and Views?

Each issue of the *NEOEA News and Views* is available online at <http://neoea.org/>. First register at <https://neoea.org/joinreg> -- it's easy



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Nancy Wanson, Lakewood TA-R; Chairperson
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Sherri Koncilja, Painesville City TA-R; Secretary
Gary Hollow, Bristol-R; Past Chair
Donna Smoot-Walters, Barberton EA-R; NEOEA
Liaison & OEA-R NEOEA Representative
Peg Ham, Lorain EA-R; OEA-R Secretary
Barbara Catalano, Mayfield EA-R; OEA-R ESP
Representative
Hank Haynes, ACCESS-R; web/newsletter editor
Debbie Bernauer, Brecksville-Broadview EA-R
Rhonda Braylock, East Cleveland EA-R
Marsh Buckley, Mentor TA-R
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Steven Mitchell, East Cleveland EA-R
Pat Waggar, Mayfield EA-R
Jene Wilson, ACCESS-R
Beverly Woolridge, Akron ACP-R

and free. Once registered, you'll have access to the Members-Only page, which has recent issues and member-only information for download.

Stack the (Credit Card) Deck in Your Favor

by Dennis Lewis

Most cards provide an interest free "grace period" of at least 20-25 days where if your balance is paid in full each month, there are no finance charges. If you have more than one card, arrange to have the closing date for each card at different times of the month.

To implement your "deck stacking" strategy, carry or use the particular card for large purchases AFTER the closing date. You will then receive the billing for the large purchase AFTER the billing period closes and the payment won't be due until about 25 days after the NEXT billing period.

NEOEA Discounts

Check the NEOEA.org website for complete information on these valuable discounts. Visit <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>.

- **Bedrooms Today:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>.
- **Best Benefits Club:** <https://bestbenefitsclub.com/>. Use activation code **NEOEA0613** and company name **NEOEA**.
- **Bright Now! Dental:** <http://www.brightnowdental.com/>. <https://neoea.org/files/BrightNowFlyer.pdf>
- **Liberty Mutual:** https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea?src=aff_4wpb_m_0006967_neoea
- **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ohecu-loan.pdf>
- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking: <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ParkPlace.pdf>
- **PlayhouseSquare:** <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp> (promo code NEOEA).
- **Great Lakes Science Center:** <http://greatscience.com/educators>

NEA & OEA Discounts

- **NEA Member Benefits:** For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/>
- **NEA Discount Marketplace:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-discount-marketplace>
- **OEA ACCESS:** <https://ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>
- **OEA/NEA Attorney Referral and Discount Information:** <https://neoea.org/files/ARP.pdf>
- **NEOEA Member Benefits:** <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>

NEOEA Calendar

- June 5** Ohio NEA Delegate Briefing
- June 22-24** OEA Summer Academy
- June 30-July 6** NEA Annual Meeting, Virtual
- July 21-22** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference
- September** OEA-R Fall Conference, TBA

