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2025 NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference



Summer is just around the corner, and that means our Summer Leadership Conference registration is open!!

The conference will be held **July 16-17, 2025** at Corporate College East.

We will offer two days of training for local leaders and all members. This year we are offering amazing sessions on Wednesday afternoon, as well as a presidents' track, building representative training, leadership sessions, and grievance processing training on Thursday – to name just a few of the topics. We have something for all members – regardless of your title or your position in the local.

Our keynote speaker will be Daneé Pinckney, Ohio Teacher of the Year

Graduate credit is also available from Lake Erie College.

Registration https://neoea.org/MemberData/SLC2025.pdf

Know of Active Colleagues Retiring This Year?



Many NEOEA-Retired members keep in touch with colleagues still working in the schools. Please inform your active, but soon to be retired friends that OEA provides a one year membership to OEA-Retired at no charge when they head for the exit. In order for the membership to be activated, OEA needs to know of the retirement event. Although a member's retired status will be reported by their local during the annual membership drive when school starts, members may notify OEA to convert their status by contacting the OEA Member Help Line and providing details regarding their last work day as an active member and their nonschool e-mail address to get a jump on Retired Membership.



OEA Member Help Line 1-844-OEA-INFO (1-844-632-4636) membership@ohea.org

Retirees in Northeast: Are You an OEA-R/NEA-R Member?

Although NEOEA-R and the first year of OEA-R membership is provided at no additional cost, membership in NEA-R and ongoing OEA-R membership is only available through enrolling in NEA-R and OEA-R Unified membership.

If you are retired and never enrolled in OEA/NEA Pre-Retired or have not have not yet joined NEA-R and OEA-R, now is the time with an OEA-R and NEA-R life membership. If you currently enjoy any of the NEA Member Benefits—credit cards, insurance, investments, discounts, etc.—you need to maintain your membership into retirement to maintain those benefits. Planning to substitute? NEA provides a \$1 million liability protection policy. OEA benefits are important, too! In retirement, you may need the



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Attorney Referral Program as you update legal documents. The Educator Access discount program will help you extend those precious fixed-income dollars. Stay in touch with professional development and your colleagues through NEOEA-R, OEA-R, and NEA-R newsletters, publications and workshops. In addition, your interests at the statewide level are represented by the OEA-R Advisory Council, a governing body committed to protecting and enhancing your STRS, SERS, and OPERS retirement and health care benefits.

Unlike other educator retiree organizations, we are the only organization of retirees affiliated with OEA and NEA.



Visit the OEA-R website for

information on the various enrollment types, extended payment plans and OEA/NEA Pre-Retired membership to establish retired membership while service as an active servant in our public education institutions.

https://www.ohea.org/retired/

OEA Spring RA



At the OEA May Representative Assembly, former NEOEA and Parma Education Association President Jeff Wensing was elected President of the Ohio Education Association.

Current OEA President **Scott DiMauro** will be retiring and Jeff will be joined by OEA Secretary-Treasurer **Rob McFee**, a former local President of Willoughby-Eastlake and NEOEA and former local President and Sylvania Education Association member and former local President **Dan Greenberg**, who was also elected to a three-year term as Vice President. Both Jeff and Dan will take office on July 15, 2025.





Congratulations are also extended to **"Ship" Collins** of Orange TA on his election to the NEA Director position.

Airica Clay has been named the organization's new Executive Director, effective July 1, 2025. A proud product of East Cleveland public

schools, Clay brings invaluable experience in collective bargaining, advocacy, organizing, as well as labor and employment law to her new role as OEA Executive Director.

Laughing Bomb Brewery and Vineyard— Wednesday, September 17, 2025



Join your NEOEA-Retired colleagues for *End of Summer Celebration* on Wednesday, **September 17**, **2025** at **11:00 AM** for lunch and adult beverages at the John Crist/Laughing Bomb Brewery and Vineyard, located at 32421 Walker Road (between Avon-Belden (OH 83) and Jaycox Roads in Avon Lake.

Weather permitting patio seating is available as well the porch and dining room.

Participants will order from the menu and pay individually, but registration is required:

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Laughing Bomb Brewery and Vineyard

32421 Walker Rd. Avon Lake, Ohio 44012 (440) 933-9672 https://www.laughingbomb.com/



NEOEA Discounts at Playhouse Square



NEOEA members have discounts for highly-anticipated shows in the KeyBank Broadway Series.

- ◆ Jun 17 Jul 6 | Hamilton ■KeyBank State Theatre
- ◆ Jul 15 Aug 3 | Kimberly Akimbo ■Connor Palace
- ◆ Aug 12 17 | Beetlejuice KeyBank State Theatre
- ◆ Sep 6 27 | The Notebook ■Connor Palace

Use the promo code listed in the Playhouse Square area of Announcements at neoea.org, accessible after logging in, and save up to 65% off select performances and seating locations with reduced handling fees! GET TICKETS: <u>https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp</u>

NEA & OEA Discounts



https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/

- NEA Member Benefits: For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <u>https://www.neamb.com/</u>
- NEA Student Debt Navigator: <u>https://www.neamb.com/</u> products/nea-student-debt-navigator
- NEA Travel Dollars—Enroll in NEA Travel and receive \$500 Travel Dollars to use like cash when you book a vacation. <u>https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-traveldollars</u>
- NEA Discount Marketplace: <u>https://www.neamb.com/</u> products/nea-discount-marketplace
- OEA ACCESS: <u>https://ohea.accessdevelopment.com/</u>
- OEA/NEA Attorney Referral and Discount Information: <u>https://neoea.org/files/ARP.pdf</u>
- NEOEA Member Benefits: <u>https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits</u>
- Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse: <u>https://</u> <u>www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/group/detail/</u> <u>fieldhouseplus</u> Code: OEA22

NEOEA Discounts

Visit https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits

- Bedrooms Today: <u>https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf</u>
- Best Benefits Club: <u>https://bestbenefitsclub.com/</u>
- Bright Now! Dental: <u>https://www.brightnow.com/</u> <u>https://neoea.org/files/BrightNowFlyer.pdf</u>
- Ohio Educational Credit Union: <u>https://neoea.org/</u> <u>MemberData/ohecu-loan.pdf</u>
- **Park Place/The Fast Park:** Discount airport parking: <u>https://neoea.org/MemberData/ParkPlace.pdf</u>

 Great Lakes Science Center: <u>https://greatscience.com/</u> <u>educators</u>

NEOEA-R Calendar

http://neoea-r.ohea.us/calendar/



Wed-Thu, Jul 16-17 NEOEA Summer LeadershipTue, Sep 9NEOEA-R Organizing CommitteeWed, Sep 17NEOEA-R Laughing Bomb VineyardWed, Sep 24OEA-R Fall Conference

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OEA News Updates

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OEA Action Alerts – News for activists committed to advancing education policies focused on building great public schools for all students.

Events and Promotions – Emails about special discounts and events offered exclusively to OEA members.

OEA Updates – Important information about OEA operations and services.

OEA-R Newsline – A quarterly newsletter from the OEA-Retired Advisory Council.

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https://www.ohea.org/member-center/ member-update-form/

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