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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 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 is effective 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 \$400 current rate for the combined OEA-R/NEA-R Life Membership and avoid the dues increase to \$450, we strongly encourage you to inform all active educators to join as a Pre-Retired Life Member between now and September 2019. 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 \$400 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 \$400 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 includes lunch and parking. All OEA-R members are invited. Bring a friend! Download a registration form from the OEA-R website: <http://oea-r.ohea.us/events/fall-conference/>.

OEA-Retired Delegate Election

OEA-R delegates will be elected during October by online and mail-in ballot. If you are interested in serving as a Delegate, download and return a Declaration of Candidacy form by September 20, 2018. <http://oea-r.ohea.us/page/election-information/>.

In October, look for election information by email and US mail. Please support candidates from NEOEA-R.

OEA-R delegates will meet at the STRS building prior to the OEA Representative Assembly. Over forty delegates will be elected from across the state.

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/>.

OEA Board of Directors Amends Policy on Retired Membership

At the July 2018 OEA Board of Directors meeting, the Board:

- Amended OEA Board of Directors Policy 900.050, Retired Members – Eligibility.
- Amended OEA Board of Directors Policy 900.010, Continuous Membership.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY 900.050 - RETIRED MEMBERS - ELIGIBILITY

A. Bylaw 3-3 does not exclude retirees from other Ohio retirement systems from such membership class. It permits not only educators who have officially retired from a State Retirement System in Ohio to join the OEA as a retired member, but such section also permits other individuals who have retired from active educational service from institutions under another state retirement system in Ohio to join OEA as retired members, as long as such persons meet the requirements in Bylaw 2-1f. and as long as they are not eligible for another classification of membership.

(Am: 9-16-06)

B. FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER A RETIRED MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS PROVIDED IN BYLAW 2-f, THE FOLLOWING STANDARD SHALL APPLY:

1. A RETIRED MEMBER WHO BECOMES EMPLOYED IN A BARGAINING UNIT POSITION REPRESENTED BY OEA AND/OR AN AFFILIATED LOCAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR AND MUST SEEK ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN OEA.

**Campaign 2018
OEA Endorsed Candidates**

Endorsements are made by OEA members from locals within the district. Decisions are made based on the candidate's position and record in support of OEA educational priorities.

Need to look up your House and Senate District? Enter your full zip code or address at <http://edadvocracy.nea.org/takeaction>.

Donate online now to FCPE at <https://www.ohea.org/donate/>. No dues money can go to candidates, only voluntary FCPE contributions.

It is extremely important that the statewide candidates are successful so that the Ohio Apportionment Board avoids drawing gerrymandered districts.

- Governor—
Richard Cordray (D)
- U.S. Senate—
Sherrod Brown (D)
- Attorney General—
Steve Dettelbach (D)
- Treasurer —
Rob Richardson (D)
- Auditor—
Zack Space (D)
- Secretary of State—
Kathleen Clyde (D)
- Ohio Supreme Court—
Judge Melody Stewart
- Ohio Supreme Court—
Judge Michael Donnelly

Ohio Senate

- SD 1 No Position
- SD 3 No Position
- SD 5 Paul Bradley (D)
- SD 7 Sara Bitter (D)
- SD 9 Cecil Thomas (D)*
- SD 11 Teresa Fedor (D)
- SD 13 Nathan Manning (R)
- SD 15 Hearcel Craig (D)
- SD 17 Bob Peterson (R)
- SD 19 Louise Valentine (D)
- SD 21 Sandra Williams (D)*
- SD 23 Nickie Antonio (D)

- SD 25 Kenny Yuko (D)*
- SD 27 No Position
- SD 29 Kirk Schuring (R)
- SD 31 Melinda Miller (D)
- SD 33 John Boccieri (D)

Ohio House

- HD 1 No Position
- HD 2 Lane Winters (D)
- HD 3 Teresa Gavarone (R)
- HD 4 Bob Cupp (R)*
- HD 5 John Dyce (D)
- HD 6 Phil Robinson (D)
- HD 7 Tom Patton (R)*
- HD 8 Kent Smith (D)*
- HD 9 Janine Boyd (D)*
- HD 10 Terrence Upchurch
- HD 11 Stephanie Howse (D)*
- HD 12 Juanita Brent (D)
- HD 13 Mike Skindell (D)
- HD 14 Bride Rose Sweeney (D)
- HD 15 Nicholas Celebrezze (D)*
- HD 16 No Position
- HD 17 Adam Miller (D)*
- HD 18 Kristin Boggs (D)*
- HD 19 Mary Lightbody (D)
- HD 20 Richard Brown (D)
- HD 21 No Position
- HD 22 David Leland (D)*
- HD 23 Russ Harris (D)
- HD 24 No Position
- HD 25 Bernadine Kent (D)*
- HD 26 Erica Crawley (D)
- HD 27 Christine Fisher (D)
- HD 28 No Position
- HD 29 No Position
- HD 30 Bill Seitz (R)*
- HD 31 Brigid Kelly (D)*
- HD 32 Catherine Ingram (D)*
- HD 33 No Position
- HD 34 Emilia Sykes (D)*
- HD 35 Tavia Galonski (D)
- HD 36 Anthony DeVitis (R)*
- HD 37 Casey Weinstein (D)
- HD 38 Elliott Kolkovich (D)
- HD 39 Fred Strahorn (D)*
- HD 40 No Position
- HD 41 John McManus (D)
- HD 42 Zach Dickerson (D)

- HD 43 Dan Foley (D)
- HD 44 Paula Hicks-Hudson (D)
- HD 45 Lisa Sobbecki (D)
- HD 46 Michael Sheehy (D)*
- HD 47 No Position
- HD 48 Scott Oelslager (R)
- HD 49 Thomas West (D)
- HD 50 Cassie Gabelt (D)
- HD 51 Susan Vaughn (D)
- HD 52 Kathy Wyenandt (D)
- HD 53 No Position
- HD 54 Nikki Foster (D)
- HD 55 Gayle Manning (R)
- HD 56 No Position
- HD 57 James Johnson (D)
- HD 58 Michele Lepore-Hagan (D)*
- HD 59 Eric Ungaro (D)
- HD 60 John Rogers (D)*
- HD 61 No Position
- HD 62 James Staton (D)
- HD 63 Glenn Holmes (D)*
- HD 64 Michael O'Brien (D)*
- HD 65 Patricia Lawrence (D)
- HD 66 No Position
- HD 67 No Position
- HD 68 Rick Carfagna (R)
- HD 69 Steve Hambley (R)*
- HD 70 Steve Johnson (D)
- HD 71 No Position
- HD 72 Larry Householder (R)
- HD 73 Kim McCarthy (D)
- HD 74 Anne Gorman (D)
- HD 75 Randi Clites (D)
- HD 76 John Kennedy (D)
- HD 77 Brett Pransky (D)
- HD 78 Amber Daniels (D)
- HD 79 No Position
- HD 80 No Position
- HD 81 No Position
- HD 82 No Position
- HD 83 No Position
- HD 84 Joe Monbeck (D)
- HD 85 No Position
- HD 86 Glenn Coble (D)
- HD 87 No Position
- HD 88 Rachel Crooks (D)
- HD 89 Steven Arndt (R)
- HD 90 Adrienne Buckler (D)
- HD 91 No Position

- HD 92 Beth Workman (D)
 - HD 93 Ryan Smith (R)*
 - HD 94 Jay Edwards (R)
 - HD 95 Dan Milleson (D)
 - HD 96 Jack Cera (D)*
 - HD 97 Kristine Fowler-Geis (D)
 - HD 98 No Position
 - HD 99 John Patterson (D)*
- *- Endorsed as friendly incumbent

Look for Ohio State Board of Education candidates after the August 31 filing deadline.

NEOEA Representative Assembly

The Fall NEOEA Representative Assembly will be held on November 10, 2018, at Brookside High School, in Sheffield.

OEA-Retired Delegate Assembly

The Fall OEA-R Delegate Assembly will be held at the STRS Building on November 30, 2018, prior to the OEA Representative Assembly. OEA officers and various OEA-R committees will provide their reports.

NEOEA-R Newsletter New Schedule!

The September, January, March, and June issues of the NEOEA-R Newsletter will be posted on the website and emailed to all NEOEA-R members for whom we have a valid email. In addition, the September and March issues will be printed and mailed to NEOEA-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 NEOEA 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 \$400. It is likely to increase again to \$450 in September 2019.

STRS Reports

Board news and health care information on the STRS Ohio website at <https://www.strsoh.org/>.

SERS Board Report

By Barb Catalano, OEA-R ESP Representative

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

Labor Day Activities

Labor Day 2018 is Monday, September 3. NEOEA members have long been labor activists, and our proud tradition continues. We're participating in four area events, and we hope to see you at one of them. More details are available at <http://www.neoea.org/LaborDay2018.pdf>.

Two Great Tours Available For NEOEA day Weekend

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>.

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NEOEA Calendar

- 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
- November 6** General Election Day Support Pro-Education Candidates
- November 10** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Brookside HS, Sheffield Lake
- November 30** OEA Retired Delegate Assembly, STRS Building, Columbus
- December 1** OEA Representative Assembly, Ohio Expo, Voinovich Center