

Retired Educator Association of Cape May County

Spring Newsletter April 2017

Proposed Constitutional Changes Available Online

The constitutional review committee has proposed changes to the REACMC Constitution and By-laws. Many of the changes were suggested by NJREA to bring the constitution in line with NJREA policies. There is a proposal to stagger election among the elected officers to make for easier transitions of the officers. A new position, Communications Secretary, is proposed to accommodate the current needs of our organization including website management and email communications.

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws are available online at cmcrea.org. A copy is available in both the Word format and as a PDF. If ratified at the May Meeting, the constitution will be permanently available on our website.

If you would like a paper copy, please complete the form to request a paper copy found on the homepage of the website at <http://cmcrea.org/request-for-printed-copy-of-the-constitution/> and a copy will be forwarded to you.

Elections to Take Place at May General Membership Meeting

This year, after the vote on the constitutional changes, elections will be held for our elected officers. All offices will be open for election due to the new language regarding staggering the terms of the officers. The President, Treasurer and Communications Secretary shall be elected this year for one year terms. The Vice Presidents and Recording Secretary shall be elected for two year terms.

If you wish to run for an office, please submit a request to Jerry Roth, Election Chairperson at village-idiot@comcast.net before the election. Please indicate the desired position in the email along with REACMC in the subject line of the message.

Nominations can also be made from the floor at the May General Membership Meeting.

The description of the positions and duties is available in the proposed constitution and available on pages 5, 6, and 7 of the document at cmcrea.org.

News from Trenton

In a historic move for NJEA PAC, the group chose to interview and endorse candidates for both the Republican and Democratic primaries. In September, the NJEA PAC endorsed former Ambassador Phil Murphy in the Democratic primary.

At the March meeting, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno was interviewed and Joe Rullio's submitted answers to the NJEA PAC questionnaire were reviewed for the Republican endorsement at the Screening Committee. After the meeting, the Screening Committee chose the "no-endorsement" option presented in the NJEA PAC rules.

Keep your attention on the new Secretary of Education, Betsey Devos as she shepherds the new law, ESSA, "Every Child Succeeds Act" through federal implementation. A fair amount of the Act put additional controls at the state level.

The Spring PAC drive will take place at the May 10 General Membership Meeting. It is important to stress NJEA's political action and the value of funding our activities through donations to NJEA PAC can be measured by our political successes. Please donate this year to NJEA PAC!

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MEMBER BENEFITS

Membership in NEA/NJEA/NJREA brings you many benefits as you and your family enjoy Spring. Let's highlight some vendors/partners that may be of interest to you in the coming months:

Car Rental - Special pricing at Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz, and Alamo/Promo code at njea.org

Recreation - Adventure Aquarium (Camden Co.) 30% discount/856-365-3300

Madison Square Garden - (NYC) Discounts vary/212-631-5739

Wells Fargo Center - (Philly) Discounts vary/215-952-5204

Medieval Times Dinner/Tournament - (Bergen Co.) 50% discount/201-933-2220 X2303

Morey's Piers - Wildwood, NJ) 25% discount/609-846-1623

Travel - Travel Discount Program/Hotels 50% discount/800-892-2136

Orlandovacation.com - Resorts 30% discount/888-632-1103 with FREE Disneyworld guide

Splash Zone Waterpark - (Cape May Co.) Discounts vary/609-729-5600

Ticket Monster - Discounts at AMC/Regal Cinemas, Metlife Stadium. Six Flags, Izod Center and more. On-line www.ticketmonsterperks.com or 866-217-4777

Enjoy the good weather while saving money today!!!!!!!

Carol Ann McDonald, Member Benefits

Membership Matters by Jeanne Degatano

Enrollment Numbers-There are 27,984 NJREA members as of late March. REACMC accounts for 353 of this total. The delegate count to the NEA-RA convention in July will remain at 28 delegates.

Dues Increase: NEA has increased its dues \$5. Therefore, NJREA and REACMC annual dues will increase to \$90 for Pro Annuals and \$63 ESP Annuals. There will be no additional NEA increase in dues for 5 years.

Renewal Dates: Annual renewal applications will be mailed in mid-May. Payments should be made by August 1 for membership beginning September 1. To ensure there is no disruption in membership and prompt receipt of your membership and convention card, please renew on time. Membership cards are mailed weekly beginning in September. Temporary cards are available at njea.org.

Automatic Renewal for Annual Membership: Take the worry about paying for annual dues by signing up for automatic renewal. Payment is made from a credit card or Pay Pal account. A reminder email about the withdrawal from the account is made on 4/15. The charge is made on 5/15 and includes a reminder email about the charge.

NJREA Membership Facts: 27,984 Members, 7,923 Lifetime Members, 1076 Members over 90, and 47 are over 100. 76,000 retirees are not members, 3,470 did not renew this year and there are 383 new members

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Associate Members: Sign-up for Emails from REACMC

There is a feature on the website that allows Associate Members to sign-up for our email blasts. REACMC has provided a link that allows members to add themselves to our email list. Go to "[Sign Up to Receive REACMC Emails](#)" Provide your name, address and email, click "Subscribe to List" and you will receive emails from REACMC.

Spring Luncheon

The meeting of the Retired Educators of Cape May County will be held at the Avalon Country Club on May 10th at 11:00. Your check for \$10.00 (payable to REACMC) must be received on or before May 6. Send your check and reservation form to Diane Church at Diane Church, 638 Seashore Road, Cape May, NJ 08204 (609) 884-7800. No money will be collected at the door. There is no need for a meal selection; it will be a buffet.

Spring Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Name(s) _____

Number of Reservations _____ Amount of Check _____

Check Number _____
