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The Advocate

Meet the 2021-2023 ACEA Board of Directors

The voting from the recent ACEA Election has been verified by the Nominations and Elections Committee, ratified by the Representative Assembly, and our new Board of Directors are...



Region I: Melissa Kealy



Region II: Alyssa Werner



Region IV: Whitney Stoner



Region V: Dawn Shepetuk



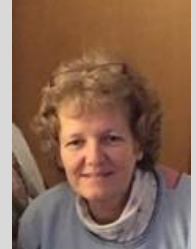
Region VI: Jill Bell (appointed)



Region VII: Michelle Saville



ESP At-Large: Peggy Bass



ESP At-Large: Susan Sommers



ESP At-Large: Tysen Ott

The ACEA Board of Directors and Officers are also automatic delegates to the MSEA Representative Assembly and Convention in both October 2021 and 2022 in accordance with our ACEA Bylaws. In addition, the following ACEA Members were elected by equal number of votes to fill the additional allotted delegate positions for 2021. They are **Nick Amick** of Allegany and **Jason Huber**, an ACPS Technology Infusion Specialist. Both Nick and Jason were also elected to serve as ACEA Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly in July 2021. Thank you and congratulations to each and everyone of these members who volunteer and are dedicated to leading our association forward.

Final UniServ Minute - June 2021

As you may have already heard, I'll be leaving my position as your UniServ Director effective June 30th to start a new position with MSEA's new Center for Education Policy and Practice. My new position is titled Organizational Development Specialist. I'll be working to bring members the latest on national and state education policies that affect your jobs and coming to you to get your professional expertise on how they can best be implemented. So, even though I'm changing positions, you haven't seen the last of me.

During the transition to a permanent replacement, long-time UniServ Director John Gates will be filling in, so our members and leaders will be in good hands. I also believe that this is an opportunity for ACEA to get a fresh perspective from a new UniServ Director and am confident that MSEA will find a great fit for our members and their future.

It has been a wonderful 10 years (yes, it really has been that long) for me and I've sincerely enjoyed working with the unparalleled professionals that are ACEA's members and leaders. There has been no shortage of challenges from the Great Recession to the Pandemic, but ACEA has always met them head on and come out stronger for it. That won't change, because you are ACEA and you are what makes ACEA great.

Good luck and Godspeed to you all and as always, thank you for everything you do.

Evan

*Thank you and best wishes
in your new position,
Evan!*



What is Ratification?

Ratification is the process required to formally accept the tentative agreements between the bargaining teams of ACEA and those of the ACPS BOE. An email explaining the tentative agreements was sent by our UniServ, Evan West, on Monday, May 24, 2021, to the personal emails of ACEA Members on record with ACEA, along with a Zoom invitation for the required informational meeting of the membership, which was held on Thursday, May 27 via Zoom.

Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to the 32 ACEA members who have decided to retire this year. Some have already started to enjoy the fruits of their labor, while a few are waiting for the end of this school year. Regardless of when you start the next chapter in your life, please know that your colleagues have appreciated your commitment to education and our association, and wish you all the best in retirement!

Since ACEA had to decide earlier in the year about holding a dinner, at which time it was not advised, we will be sending each of our retiring members two gift cards to *The Toasted Goat* for the value of the meals that our member and a guest would have otherwise enjoyed.

Voting on the Tentative Agreements will be conducted through *Election Buddy* from Monday, June 7 through Wednesday, June 9. Check your personal emails for your ballot link which will be sent on June 7. Please contact the ACEA office to update or add your email for our records and future communications.