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The Advocate

2020 ACEA Election: Meet the Nominees

ACEA holds an election every year. During odd numbered years, the elections are conducted for the ACEA Executive Board members. During even numbered years, the elections are conducted for ACEA Officers. However, ACEA elects members every year to serve as NEA Delegates and MSEA Delegates as allotted.

After nominations close, each nominee in the election is invited to submit a brief article for *The ACEA Advocate* to introduce themselves to our membership. The members who have been nominated are featured in this edition, along with any information that was submitted for publication.

As a reminder, the 2020 ACEA Election will be held from March 20- April 3, 2020. Ballots will be distributed by your building representatives at the appropriate time, along with a self-addressed envelope for return to ACEA.

**Nominee for
ACEA President and
NEA Delegate:**
Kim Sloane



**Nominee for ACEA
Second Vice-President
(Non-Certificated):**
Stewart Monroe, Jr.



**Nominee for
ACEA Secretary:**
Kelly Griffin



**Nominee for
ACEA Treasurer:**
Debbie Weisenmiller



**Nominee for
NEA Delegate:**
Jason Huber



Nominee for MSEA Delegate: Lacy Dickel



Hello ACEA members, my name is Lacy Dickel and I am an Early Career Educator at West Side Elementary School. This is my first official year with ACPS as a full-time teacher, but I have been substituting in the County since 2009 with a 2 year break when I taught in Prince George's County. I have been nominated as an MSEA delegate for ACEA to attend the Convention in October. I look forward to the opportunity to travel to Ocean City and network with educators all across Maryland. There are so many things I can learn by attending the Convention with both the veteran teachers from Allegany County as well as the educators I will meet from across the state. I appreciate your support and I am so excited for this experience! Thank you!

Nominee for MSEA Delegate: Nicholas Amick

Nick is an English teacher at Allegany High School, where he also serves as the JV Mock Trial coach and the Student Government adviser. Prior to that, Mr. Amick taught sixth and eighth grade English at Westmar Middle School. Additionally, from 2015- 2016, he also served as the English instructor for Frostburg State University's Regional Math and Science Center. In association with ACEA, Mr. Amick has served as a delegate to the MSEA Convention each year since 2016. He looks forward to continuing to advocate for our children's future at the convention this fall.



Nominee for ACEA First Vice-President and NEA Delegate: **Mark Malone**



My name is Mark Malone and I am assigned as a social studies teacher at Fort Hill High School. Over the term of my career, I have worked at a number of schools in the county including Eckhart Alternative School and Washington Middle School. For six summers during my employment, I was the Credit Recovery Coordinator held at the Career Center. My passion is working with “at-risk” students and finding alternative ways to teach these students so they can be successful and college and career ready.

As a approach my final ten or so years before retiring, I found the desire to give back to our union for being there throughout my teaching career. For the past two years, I have taken an active role participating in many of the ACEA activities. I am also the Building Rep. for Fort Hill. I have been broadening my knowledge by attending Maryland state and National Leadership Training Conferences. In addition, I attended both state and national conventions learning new ideas to help our members in better ways. This winter, I attending PACE representing ACEA making our voices heard. Last year when we marched on Annapolis, I was there. In February, I went to Annapolis in support of the bills created from the Kirwan Commission.

Last year I was a member of the ACEA Bargaining Team where we made great strides toward increased salaries and other negotiated amenities. As a member of the Bargaining Team this year, we are in the process of continuing ACEA’s efforts to better serve our members and the students.

If elected as the First Vice President, I promise you I will continue to work hard as your voice in ACEA.

LOUD AND CLEAR!

Kim Sloane, Mark Malone and Evan West joined with over 500 MSEA members and community partners in Annapolis on February 17. Our goal was to make certain that the voices of Maryland Educators were heard, and to provide testimony on the policies submitted by *The Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, a/k/a The Kirwan Commission*, regarding The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future. Dr. Brit Kirwan is seen in the center of the photo addressing those of us who rallied in support. This was followed by an entire afternoon of testimony in which business owners, county executives, superintendents, MSEA, and many other groups spoke in favor of this once in a generation opportunity.



Hello to the ACPS Early Career Educators!

I hope you are having a great year and are finding many successes with your students. A new opportunity is approaching for all early career educators, and I hope you will join me in taking advantage of these events.

ACEA will be hosting the first of several planned activities that allow those who became educators within the last 3 years, to get together to share our unique experiences and socialize. **Join us in the cellar at Puccini’s on Wednesday, April 8, starting at 4:30 p.m.** for a mixer with light appetizers, and to learn more about the other opportunities that ACEA has in store for the benefit of our early educators.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lacy Dickel, ACEA Early Educator Chair

ACEA Calendar >>>

January- March: Ten Minute Meetings held at workplace locations: Be sure to check with your building representative or bulletin board for the date and time of yours, and plan to attend.

March 3: BOE Meeting - 6 p.m.

March 7: School Readiness Fair 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Country Club Mall

**March 16: ACEA Representative Assembly - 4 p.m.
ACPS Teacher of the Year Reception**

MARCH 20 – APRIL 3: 2020 ACEA Election Voting



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Tim Morral Fort Hill

Don’t forget to check out your March NEA Membership Benefits deals at

<https://www.neamb.com/>