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## The **ACEA** Advocate

### Meet the 2019-2021 ACEA Board of Directors

*The ballots from the recent ACEA Election have been tabulated by the Nominations and Elections Committee, ratified by the Representative Assembly, and our new Board of Directors are...*



**Region I:** Jill Bell



**Region II:** Alyssa Werner



**Region III:** Keith Mikal



**Region IV:** Tracey Lehr



**Region V:** Dawn Riley-Shepatuk



**Region VI:** Michelle Saville



**Region VII:** Jason Huber



**ESP At-Large:** Stewart Monroe, Jr.



**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 October 2019. In addition, the following ACEA Members were elected to fill any additional allotted delegate positions in order of number of votes received:

1. Mark Malone – Fort Hill
2. Nick Amick – Westmar
3. John Buckalew – Westmar
4. Shawnee McElfish - Washington
5. Sarah Johnson - Washington
6. Maria Smith - Washington

The Board of Directors of the  
*Allegany County Education Association*



cordially invite you to share in the

*Rededication*

of our building

to the memory and service of

*John P. Reuschlein*

on

*Monday, June 3, 2019*

6 p.m. – Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres

7 p.m. - Ceremony of Rededication

*13145 Warrior Drive*

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Please R.S.V.P. by May 23 to [derickson@mseanea.org](mailto:derickson@mseanea.org)  
or 301-729-8280.

*Parking information will be available*

*on our Facebook page.*

*ACEA Celebrations*

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While the old adage claims May brings flowers, it also brings a month of celebrations for our ACEA family. Early in the month, our ESPs will have a chance to gather to discuss negotiations and professional development on May 9. Then, on May 30, ACEA will honor our retiring members, our newly recognized National Board Certified Teachers, as well as our members who attained their doctoral degrees this year, with a dinner celebration to be held at the Cumberland Country Club. If you are a member in one of these three categories, and you do NOT get an invitation by May 6, please contact our office.

The celebrations will continue into June this year with the ACEA Building Rededication on June 3. Soon after the untimely passing of John Reuschlein, the ACEA RA decided that because he was one of the key people in the acquisition, purchase, and renovation of the current office building, that it was proper and fitting to rededicate the building to his memory and service. We hope you can join us, but ask that you R.S.V.P. so we can plan accordingly.



*UniServ Minute:  
Bargaining Update*

As you are most likely aware, ACEA is currently in contract bargaining with ACPS. We have been trying to organize our efforts around securing funds for the Salary Enhancement Grant that was made possible by the passage of The Blueprint for Maryland's Future. The Blueprint also made available \$3.2 million in new state funding for ACPS. Our members fought hard to get that funding and now it's time for our local elected officials to do their part.

That's been our message and our organizing position. That's why we've been asking our members to wear Red for Ed on coordinated days. We've timed these actions to correspond with important dates in the bargaining calendar. Taking visible, public actions let's elected officials know that our members are locked in and care about what we bargain- and they're hearing us. It was obvious at the last BOE meeting that the Board noticed that our members showed up wearing red. All of them spoke of wanting to find the funds to meet the requirements of the grant.

Our actions are working, but we need to keep the pressure on. Keep your eyes peeled for future actions and updates as we progress. Thanks for all you do!

*ACEA Calendar >>>*

May 5-11 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 – BOE Meeting – Allegany H.S. and **#REDFORED DAY**

May 9 - ESP Negotiations Update - 5:30 p.m.

May 17 and 18 – MSEA Bargaining Conference at Hunt Valley

May 20 – ACEA Representative Assembly – 4 p.m.

May 30 – ACEA Retirement Dinner – 6 p.m.

June 3 - ACEA Building Rededication – 6 p.m.

*Evan West, UniServ*