

NOVEMBER 2011 WORKSHOPS



WESTERN DIVISION

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 Dinner 6:00 – 8:30 Meetings/Workshops

Location: PSEA Western Region Office

Business Meeting: Bob Tuite - Update of Recent Region and Staff Events Relative to ESP Issues

Staff Update: Janine Yodanis - Local by Local Update of Hot Issues and Negotiations

Presentations/Workshops:

Conflict Resolution – Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

-Keith Goodell, UniServ Representative

This session will provide insight into resolving conflicts and maintaining professionalism in the workplace.

Fine Tuning Communication Skills When Working With Students with Disabilities

(This is a breakout for paraeducators, 2 hours continuing education with prior approval from your District)

-Bernie Miller, PSEA Education Services

The course is very interactive. The paraprofessionals will have multiple opportunities to practice listening and speaking skills that they can use with students with disabilities. Wait time, mirroring, emphatic listening, and eye contact are explored in depth. Follow-up includes paraprofessionals setting goals that they will be reminded of months after taking the course via self addressed postcards. Meets Council for Exceptional Performance-Based Standard #6 for Paraeducators (Language)

CENTRAL-WESTERN DIVISION

Thursday, November 10, 2011 and Monday, November 14, 2011

Location: PSEA Office, Indiana

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: PSEA Office Johnstown

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP:

Retirement

Presenter: Gary Moore

Your PSERS pension plan: facts you need to know. This session is an overview of the PSERS calculation of benefits, the various retirement options, and other considerations members should contemplate well in advance of retirement.

MIDWESTERN DIVISION

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Midwestern Region Office, New Castle

Workshop:

Bargaining in Difficult Times

Presenter: Steve Wilson

“This workshop will provide an opportunity for members to have a better understanding of bargaining issues, as well as economic factors facing public school employers.”

NORTHEASTERN DIVISION

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Time: 8:00 a.m. (Breakfast provided)

Location: Northeastern Region PSEA Office, Wilkes-Barre

WORKSHOP:

Division Meeting and Workshop: Conflict Resolution

Guest Speaker: William Michael Townes, PSEA Region Field Director-Special Categories

From time to time we find ourselves in conflict with people we live with, work with, and sometimes just be with. This session will help you maintain your professionalism. Resolving these conflicts takes time and energy and requires us to develop coping skills. This workshop will explore some strategies for dealing with conflict using the ESP code of membership responsibility. This will provide insight as to how to resolve conflicts in the workplace.

EASTERN DIVISION

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 – ESP WORKSHOP

Times: 5:30 - 6 p.m. (registration); 6-8 p.m. (workshop)

Location: Eastern Region Office

Registration Period: October 24 through November 9, 2011

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***Presenter:* Bernard Miller, PSEA Education Services Division**

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SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: PSEA Southeastern Region Office

WORKSHOP:

Health and Safety in the Workplace

Presenter Ruthann Waldie, SE Region UniServ

This workshop will deal with Health and Safety issues that arise in the school setting and how to deal with them.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: State College office with a video-conference to Port Allegany

“Legislative Update/Why PACE is Important for ESP Members” – Mike Lehmier, Central Region UniServ, and Todd Russell, Central Region, PACE Chair will discuss the current issues.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Saturday – November 19, 2011

Location: The Cross Roads Café, 9147 Allentown Blvd., Grantville

Time: 8 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Breakfast 8 a.m.,

Business Mtg. 9 a.m.; Workshop 10:15 a.m.-12:00 noon

Workshop:

Build a Strong Union: Get Members Involved by Organizing from the Inside.

Presenter: PSEA COPS

Want to build a stronger union this year? Learn practical steps and strategies that will make a stronger and more successful local union a reality.

REMINDER - November meeting is your last chance to donate

If you did not bring a toy to last month's meeting, please bring a new toy to donate to a local **Toys for Tots** program. Let's help those in need this holiday season by donating a toy we can help bring a smile to those that may not otherwise receive a gift this year. You play an integral part in a child's education and this is a chance to help children outside of school.