

Mideastern Region Events 2019

(listed in order of appearance on region calendar)

Bucks/Mont Healthcare Consortium Labor Trustees – Labor trustees in participating entities of this healthcare consortium meet on a monthly basis at the MER office to discuss the agenda for the full trustee meeting held later that week.

Bucks/Mont Healthcare Consortium – Labor and management trustees for the Bucks/Mont Consortium meet on a monthly basis at either the MER office or the Bucks IU building in Doylestown to discuss the business of the Trust.

New Leader Welcome Dinner – New and existing local EA and ESP officers and state committee members are invited to the MER office for an informal gathering. At this event there will be opportunities to meet other local officers, our PSEA staff, and region/division leaders. If you are new to your role in the Association, this is a great opportunity to learn about the resources and supports available to you through your colleagues and PSEA.

CAPS Workgroup – This group of individuals meets at the MER office on a monthly basis to collaborate with and give direction to the PR firm that assists us in running our dues-funded media campaign, the Council for the Advancement of Public Schools.

Legislative Reception – All sitting senators and representatives in Bucks and Montgomery Counties are invited to enjoy light food and drink at the MER office. This event is a great chance to initiate or maintain your relationship with the individuals who represent you in Harrisburg.

Region Leader Meeting – Our region leadership team (region officers and PSEA staff) meet at the MER office on a monthly basis to discuss matters related to the business of the region.

ESP Division Workshop/Meeting – Support professionals in Bucks and Montgomery Counties are invited to attend these events to conduct the business of the division and earn Chapter 14 credit on a variety of topics.

Local Leader Training/Collaboration – EA and ESP leaders in Bucks and Montgomery Counties are invited to spend an evening examining their own leadership skills through the lens of the NEA Leadership Competencies. There will be brief presentations on each topic, followed by time to self-assess their own experience with each competency and allow members to collaborate with their peers.

Learn-Engage-Lead – By invitation only, this program provides an opportunity to members who have shown an interest in Association leadership to learn more about their local, PSEA and NEA. We explore what characteristics are necessary for people to be successful leaders in any organization and look to the role of an Association leader as an organizer and advocate.

New Leader Symposium – This program provides support for new Association leaders and also further builds the skills necessary for your new role. In the symposium sessions we discuss the challenges in your local and how as a new leader you can address those challenges. Additionally, we discuss salary schedules, healthcare, negotiations, building a strong membership and community engagement.

PSEA Board of Directors – Per our region and PSEA bylaws, this group convenes several Friday nights and Saturday mornings at PSEA Headquarters to discuss the business of the Association. For the 2019-2020 school year, our region representatives to this group are Bill Senavaitis (MER president), Alan Malachowski (MER president-elect), Bill McGill (MER vice president), and Debbie Lee (NEA Director).

RCPE Committee – Individuals on the state PSEA Leadership Development Committee meet at the MER office to plan our fall leadership conference, Act 48 nights, and Gettysburg activities.

Executive Committee – Local presidents, region officers, state committee members, and PSEA staff meet six times per year at the MER office to discuss the business of the Association. Each evening will feature a brief presentation about a local excelling in one of the NEA Leadership Competencies. The content of this meeting is a critical link between the PSEA Board of Directors, our PSEA state committees, and our local leaders.

SEPaST – Participating entities in the SouthEastern Pennsylvania Schools Trust are invited to send representatives to these periodic meetings at the MER offices to discuss matters related to healthcare.

Coordinated Bargaining – EA leaders and bargaining team members are invited to attend these meetings held at the MER office. At each event, there will be a presentation by PSEA staff about topics facing our local bargaining teams. Following that, local leaders have an opportunity to discuss the progress of their bargaining and any settlements that have been reached in our area.

Act 48 Events – These continuing-education opportunities are offered throughout the year at a variety of locations for the purpose of furthering the professional development of our members. All events are eligible for Act 48 credit or, with pre-approval from your district, Chapter 14 hours. A full listing and description of all Act 48/Chapter 14 events for this year will be shared in September.

CTE Networking Group - This group meets biannually and provides Career and Technical Educators a forum to discuss current CTE issues and legislation that impacts CTE. The group also offers CTE ACT 48 hours.

MER House of Delegates – These events, held twice per year off-site, are an opportunity for our 15,000 members to bring business for the consideration of the body. Along with updates from members of our Executive Committee, the evening features a cash bar, dinner, and region elections.

Pre-Retirement Workshops – These events, held four times per year, are an opportunity for members in their last five years of service to learn about important matters related to PSERS and Social Security.

ACE Training – Hosted by PSEA Government Relations in our MER office, this event helps EA and ESP members build relationships with their elected officials. The evening will cover important legislative topics, strategies for talking with friendly and unfriendly legislators, and how to maintain that relationship so that educators have a voice on important issues in Harrisburg.

CAPS Art Show Reception – Educators who have student work showcased at our art show at Arcadia University are invited to attend a reception with light refreshments to celebrate their work.

CAPS Art Show Awards – Students, families, and guests with work displayed at the art show are invited to attend an awards ceremony with light refreshments to celebrate their work.