

# Eastern Division 2023-2024 Workshops



Tuesday  
September 19, 2023

Tuesday  
February 13, 2024

Tuesday  
March 19, 2024

\*Location: Eastern Region Office  
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**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

## ***Technology is Your Friend - Using Local Leader Tools and Other Available Resources***

**Time:** 5:30-6:00 p.m. (registration/light dinner)  
6:00-8:00 p.m. (division meeting/workshop)

**Location:** Eastern Region Office

**Presenters:** ESP Eastern Division Officers & Terry Burnett, Region  
Field Director

This workshop will begin with a review of Local Leader Tools (LLT) and highlight key features of the system. Participants will engage in a discussion on best practices on: roles and responsibilities of local leaders, using/implementing LLT, and strategies for running a more efficient local association. No matter if you are a seasoned leader or novice, this session will have something for you.

## **Tuesdays, October 24, 2023 & January 23, 2024 VIRTUAL - ESP Coordinated Bargaining Meetings 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Facilitator:** Steve Cholish, PSEA UniServ Rep

Coordinated Bargaining is a process whereby our division's local associations work together in an effort to improve terms and conditions of employment for all bargaining unit members. We encourage local leaders to join this process so that we may all enjoy success in our bargaining efforts.

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**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

*(co-sponsored with Eastern Region's RCPE Committee)*

## ***The Changing Role of the Paraeducator: How to Help You Do Your Best Work (para hours)***

**Time:** 5:00-5:30 p.m. (registration/light dinner)  
5:30-7:30 p.m. (workshop)

**Location:** Eastern Region Office

**Presenter:** Cori Fecho, PSEA UniServ Representative

The role of a paraeducator in the classroom has grown significantly in the last ten years. Most of this has happened without proper training on effective techniques in many educational practices - practices which are included in the professional development training for teachers, nurses, guidance counselors, and other certificated positions. This training will instruct on educational practices and expand upon information that should be provided to you as the paraeducator working with students in the classroom. We will also expound on effective communication techniques when working with students, parents, and other colleagues to help you to feel comfortable as you discuss difficult topics about student behaviors and progress.

In addition, we will also answer questions about different things that you are asked to do in the classroom so that you are able to do your best work for the students for which you work with and to also feel like you are using appropriate educational practices to handle those situations.

**IF YOU WORK IN  
BERKS, CARBON,  
LEHIGH,  
NORTHAMPTON  
OR  
SCHUYLKILL  
COUNTY, YOU  
SHOULD ATTEND  
THE ESP  
EASTERN  
DIVISION  
MEETINGS.**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

***VIRTUAL - LEAVE Me Be!***

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m. (division meeting/workshop)

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Presenter:** Mark Lynn, PSEA UniServ Representative

This workshop will explain the legal and contractual leaves to which you are or may be entitled. Topics will include: the Family Medical Leave Act, Workers' Compensation, Sick and Personal Days, as well as Bereavement Leave, Emergency Days and Unpaid Leaves of Absence.

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

***Annual Meeting AND "Game Night"***

**Time:** 5:30-6:00 p.m. (registration/light dinner)  
6:00-8:00 p.m. (annual meeting/game night)

**Location:** Eastern Region Office

**Facilitator:** TBD

Join us for a fun way to learn about union topics.

***Please note this is a tentative listing; flyers containing specific details and registration information will be sent to all local association officers approximately one month prior to each activity as well as posted on Eastern Region's website ([www.psea.org/er](http://www.psea.org/er)).***

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