

# Southwestern Division 2020-2021 Workshops



Tuesday  
September 29, 2020

Monday  
October 26, 2020

Monday  
February 22, 2021

Tuesday  
April 27, 2021

*Workshop topics,  
locations, dates, and  
times are subject to  
change.*

**\*Locations: To be determined and announced closer to the date of the event.**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. - Registration and Dinner  
6:00 p.m. - Workshop**

**\*Division meetings may change locations or be held using a virtual platform. Please check your personal email and the PSEA Southwestern Region website, prior to each event for updated information. Or contact Nikki Mullins in the Region Office at 724-696-3100.**

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**ZOOM Tuesday, September 29, 2020  
Webinar Anxiety!**

*Presenter: Judith Petruzzi, PSEA Director of Education Services*

It is on the rise and spread throughout the nation. This session shares information about anxiety, examines how it is impacting our school-aged children (and sometimes the adults working with them) and discusses some practices and strategies to work with students to overcome this debilitating condition.

**Monday, October 26, 2020  
A Guide to Your PSERS Retirement**

*Presenter: Corry Schachern, Assistant Director of PSEA Retirement Programs and PSEA UniServ Representative*

Topics will include:

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| Various membership classes          | Vesting                            |
| Normal and Special Early Retirement | Deferring your retirement          |
| Purchasing service credit           | Selecting the right benefit option |
| State and federal tax issues        |                                    |



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**Monday, February 22, 2021  
Pennsylvania Labor History**

*Presenter: Jeff Grinaway, Midwestern UniServ Representative*

Hubert H. Humphrey said “The history of the labor movement needs to be taught in every school in this land... We ought to be proud of it!” Jeff Grinaway shares in the same thoughts as Hubert Humphrey and will present on the rich history of the labor movement in Pennsylvania and how it impacts our lives today.

If you work in Fayette, Greene, Washington, or Westmoreland Counties you should attend the ESP Southwestern Division Meetings.

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
Resolving Your Grievances - the Arbitration Process**

*Presenter: John Paul Jones, Esquire and PSEA Staff Attorney*

Topics will include:

- Internal approval process and getting PSEA to fund the arbitration
- Arbitration preparation
- What to expect at the arbitration hearing
- After the hearing - decision process and possible appeals
- Arbitration vs. Mediation

Follow-up information will be sent to your local officers approximately three (3) weeks prior to the workshops. Prior registration is required for the food count.

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