

NORTHEASTERN REGION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

November 7-8, 2025

Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center ~ 250 Kalahari Blvd, Pocono Manor, PA



Dust off your boots and mosey on down to the Northeastern Region Leadership Conference. This year's conference promises to be a family-friendly stompin' good time! Kick up your heels and join your region colleagues for an evening of fun and a day of valuable learning opportunities!

Friday, November 7, 2025

4:00 P.M.	Registration
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Cocktail Hour
<i>Sponsored by Kades-Margolis & Security Benefits</i>	
6:00 P.M.	Dinner
	Social/Line Dancing

Saturday, November 8, 2025

8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Meals & Breakout Sessions
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Registration Deadline

October 25, 2025

\$59 includes cost of all meals

Online registration only

Contact Teri Moore with any questions (570) 208-1149



Please make your hotel room reservations directly with the [Kalahari*](#). Room rate is \$215 (plus tax). Our negotiated group rate is only available until **October 8, 2025**, please reserve your room as soon as possible.



***Each room comes with 4 passes to the Kalahari Water Park. Families are welcome to enjoy the facilities, however, will not be invited to participate in PSEA NER meals or sessions.**

Breakout Sessions

9:15 - 10:15 A.M.	Positive Attitude in the Workplace Michael Bogdan Public education is a stressful endeavor, even when you love it! Participants in this session will be able to identify causes of stress among school staff, implement various methods of self-care and the development of a positive mindset in the workplace, and model for students and colleagues several techniques for managing challenging situations and projecting a positive attitude. Act 48 (#1482)	FAPE, Due Process, and Violent Students: Common Issues in Special Education Today Pamela Watts Special Education has always been fraught with challenges to implement highly regulated federal and state law. This session explores three major components that impact educators regularly and discusses best practices to serve students with disabilities and remain compliant with regulations. Act 48 (#3709)	Code of Ethics and Conflict Resolution Virginia Cowley This session will look at some of the reasons conflict occurs in everyday life among members. You will learn new skills to help you manage workplace conflict more effectively. This session is designed to be very interactive. We will end this session with a Q&A with Mike Komorek regarding what the process looks like for a member.	Growing Leadership by Recruiting the Next Generation Jessica Sabol It is vital that we address the concerns and issues facing the next generation of educational professionals in order to grow and maintain the family that is PSEA. Young people entering the workforce need to feel included and motivated for leadership from the start. This session will offer simple strategies, activities, and discussions for recruiting young members to leadership positions and promoting the importance to new employees from the start of their careers.
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.	Active Participation Strategies to Enhance Your Lessons Michael Bogdan In this interactive session, attendees will take part in multiple activities that increase student participation and engagement in a variety of lessons. The presenter will share techniques for creating an active - rather than passive - learning environment. Implementation strategies, including modifications and classroom management tips, will also be discussed. Act 48 (#7012)	Co-Teaching: An Overview Pamela Watts As more students are receiving instruction in the regular education classroom, the need to build structures to support learning increases. In this session, the basic tenets of co-teaching are reviewed as well as the models that support the concept. Act 48 (#1378)	Effective Assertive Leadership Mark McDade The success of any organization must possess great leadership – whether it’s a Fortune 500 company or a non-profit organization. Your Association is no different. Your Local’s success largely rests with the people who occupy its leadership roles – President, Grievance Chair, Chief Negotiator, Building Reps, PACE Chairs – these positions are critical to advance the vitality, mutual aid and protection of your membership. This program will deliver to you time-tested qualities, skills, and characteristics on what makes someone a successful leader.	Negotiations: A Simulation in Navigating Various (and Sometimes Conflicting) Constituencies Matt Gruenloh & Mateo Arias-Duval Behind every negotiator sits a collection of constituents- high school teachers, elementary teachers, experienced teachers, new teachers, nurses, counselors, coaches, etc. – who don’t always agree on all the details of what should be bargained. This session will give an overview of how to manage these sometimes-conflicting groups. In negotiations, we expect to not always agree with those on the other side of the table, but sometimes the toughest negotiations are within our own caucus rooms. This session will have both information shared and a brief simulation to try the various techniques discussed. If you sign up, be prepared to take part in the simulation.
11:35 - 12:35 P.M.	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch With a moment for “Echoes of Anthracite Solidarity” with Corey Gochenaur, Susquenita EA</p>			
12:45- 1:45 P.M.	Cultivating Critical Thinking: A Toolbox of Routines and Strategies Michael Bogdan This session is for educators seeking to enhance their teaching practices and foster a culture of deep thinking in the classroom. Join us for an exploration of Project Zero’s Graduate School of Education to promote critical thinking, inquiry and reflection in students. These routines are flexible and applicable across various subjects and grade levels, making them an invaluable asset for educators committed to cultivating learners who think critically and creatively. Act 48 (#7017)	Navigating Challenges in Education Such as Behavior Management, Child find, and Documentation Essentials - Pamela Watts This training equips educators with essential strategies for managing challenging student behaviors, identifying and supporting students who may have unidentified disabilities (Child Find), and maintaining accurate documentation to ensure compliance with legal and professional responsibilities. Participants will learn proactive behavior interventions, best practices for recognizing students in need of support, and proper record-keeping procedures. Designed for both special and general education staff, this session provides practical tools to create a safe, inclusive, and well-documented learning environment. Act 48 (#7036)	Building Rep 101: Your Guide to Supporting Colleagues Jim Maria Thinking about becoming a building rep or looking to feel more confident in the role you already hold? Building Rep 101 is here to help! We’ll walk you through: What being a building rep really means; how to support members during investigatory meetings and practical tips and scenarios to help you feel prepared and confident This session is perfect for new and experienced reps alike. Come ready to learn, share, and grow with fellow union leaders.	How Local Leaders Can Encourage and Involve New Leaders - Debbie Zabielski & Mike Soskil Panel discussion featuring several local presidents who will share effective strategies they have used to increase membership.
2:00- 3 00 P.M.	<p style="text-align: center;">Legal Update Overview of recent court, administrative and arbitration decisions, as well as other significant developments that may impact local associations and PSEA. Act 48 (#1237)</p>			