

The ECEA Times

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The First 50 Days By Dawn Magnasco

Welcome to the new version of our ECEA newsletter! I am excited to bring back this format and hope to be able to maintain it monthly! If you are interested in writing an article, I welcome your ideas!

First, I would like to express my gratitude to all of the officers, building reps, committee volunteers, and members who have offered their time, talent, and support as we transition to new ECEA leadership. It is a big job, and we are working very hard to maintain the things that work, and improve upon things that don't.

So far in our first fifty days we have ratified a new tentative agreement, attended NEOEA Summer Leadership training, held building rep training, introduced and promoted the OEA Autopay system for dues collection, held a new educator event, updated

membership information, formed committees, held an OTES committee meeting, attended new treasurer training, fielded countless calls, emails, and text messages, and still did our day jobs! It has been a whirlwind, and a learning experience!

Though we have had some hiccups, I am still very positive about what we can accomplish this year, both as a union and as a district. I am committed to working collaboratively with this administration to make sure all of our concerns are addressed. There is a lot on my radar already, and I intend to tackle each item one at a time.

Enjoy this month's newsletter, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

-Dawn

Don't Forget.....

Sick Leave Bank forms are out. Please donate at least one day. Remember, you can only apply for this benefit if you donate.

Our **Eats-n-Beats** date/location will be announced soon!

[Link to the Tentative Agreement](#)

[NEOEA Day Link](#)

[LPDC Forms](#)

Autopay Update

Autopay allows a member's dues to be collected via Electronic Funds Transfer using their personal bank account or credit card. Dues are collected on the 1st and 15th of every month. The first transaction will occur in October and ends in July. September 14th is the last day to sign up to allow proper notice to give to ECCS. If you sign up, you will receive \$50 as an incentive. This will go directly back to the account you used to sign up. To join Autopay click [here](#) and select "join now" if you are a new member and "autopay" if you were an ECEA member last year.

Contract Q & A

Q: Why are we still having these PD days? I thought we got rid of those in the new contract?

A: The Board's team wanted flexibility related to PD days.. So far for this year, it appears the calendar that was approved last year is going to be followed.

Q: Why are we still getting paid every two weeks?

A: In order to change the payroll to 24 pays instead of 26, OAPSE also has to agree. So far that has not happened.

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Elections Update

We will continue to use the eBallot system for our elections. If you have been unable to use the system please check with Laura that ECEA has your most current personal email address. Also, be sure to check your spam folder. The email will look like it is from Laura but is from eBallot. The first election for local delegates to the NEA, OEA, and NEOEA representative assemblies will be held on Wednesday, October 7th. Voting will be open from 6:30 am till 8:00 pm. Also, please make sure that ECEA has your current mailing address as we are required by law to mail you a voting notification.