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High quality teachers are the key to high quality schools, and IEA is working toward the day that every child in the state has the best teachers and education possible. IEA is more than a union; it is a professional organization committed to providing ongoing training, mentoring, and support for teachers and other school staff and advocating for policies such as smaller class sizes that will improve schools for students across Illinois.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK -- NOVEMBER 13 - 17

REGION 17 & 18 IEA-RA DELEGATE ELECTION

Nominations opened in October for delegates to the IEA Representative Assembly that will be held in Chicago, IL at the Rosemont, April 19-21, 2018. Any IEA member – full or part-time, certified or ESP, new or continuing – is eligible to run for a delegate position.

In Region 17, nominations will close on November 13. See your local president or region council rep for a nomination form.

Elections will be held on December 6 and tallied on December 13.

In Region 18, nominations close November 13. Members may nominate themselves or others by calling the IEA office (797-4126); if you wish to nominate another individual, be sure to confirm that he/she is interested in attending the RA before calling.

Elections will be held on December 6 and tallied on December 13.

STUDENT IEA FALL CONFERENCE



November 17-18
Double Tree by Hilton Bloomington
Bloomington, IL

Join future teachers from throughout Illinois at the Student IEA Conference. This is THE conference for college students entering the field of teaching. For more information and to register:

<https://ieanea.org/events/student-iea-conference/>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IEA TEACHING & LEARNING

Free teacher-recommended, classroom-tested iPhone and iPad apps:

- [Poems by Heart](#) - Play a memorization game that features poems from masters like Shakespeare, Poe, Dickinson, and more.
- [Cell and Cell Structure](#) - Get an in-depth understanding of the cell with this visually-driven interactive biology app.
- [Paper by FiftyThree](#) - Capture ideas as sketches, diagrams, illustrations, or notes with this beautifully-designed creative tool.
- [WWF Together](#) - Learn about some of the world's most exotic and endangered animals with this high-definition 3D app.

Want more? Check out these shelves of tools created by members like you:

- [Teaching with iOS Devices](#) - Created by educational technology specialist Nick Purdue.
- [Education Apps](#) - Created by elementary school teacher Anna Kohake.
- www.edshelf.com

[Listenwise](#) has added dozens of new audio stories for our lesson collections in social studies and ELA. These new lessons will draw in your students with compelling audio and unique opportunities to connect new stories with points in your curriculum.

- [Fordlandia: Failed Jungle Utopia](#)
- [Lincoln's Gettysburg Address](#)
- [Leonardo Da Vinci](#)

MESSAGE FROM WIRE

The Illinois legislature will meet for its veto session from October 24-26 and November 7-9 in Springfield. The legislature will consider any legislation that was left

when it adjourned its spring session at the end of May.

At this point, there is no indication that any major legislation is being considered, and many legislators are positioning themselves for the primary season and the election for governor in November 2018. Stay tuned as it may be an interesting campaign period is just about to begin.

ESP CORNER

The 2018 NEA Education Support Professionals (ESP) Conference will be held March 23-25, 2018, at the Hilton Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

The conference offers more than 50 different hands-on workshops over the course of four days. Pre-Conference workshop opportunities are offered in topics ranging from social justice, membership recruitment techniques and leadership development to communication skills training, membership empowerment, and creating strategic alliances with other labor organizations.

Online registration will open soon. For more information and regular conference updates go to: <http://www.nea.org/home/31430.htm>. Pre-conference spots are reserved on a first come first serve basis. *Don't miss out!*

NOMINATE TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND RETIREES FOR AWARDS

IEA members can be nominated for one of three awards. The Bob Haisman Award recognizes a "new teacher" and a student member who has shown outstanding accomplishments and contributions to their association, schools, and communities. The Mary Lou and Keith Hauge Award recognizes IEA-Retired members who have made significant contributions to the IEA-Retired program.

Nominations must be postmarked by January 16, 2018 and awards will be presented at the 2018 IEA Representative Assembly. Guidelines and nomination forms can be found at <https://ieane.org/members/retired/>. Click on each award link.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The IEA is pleased to announce that SCORE grants have been awarded to early career educators for the 2017-18 school

year, allowing them to fund service projects and fill needs in their schools and communities.

Region 18: Holly Landry, Eagle Ridge EA, for a museum visit and community art show; Sarah Miers and Amanda Randolph, Rock Island EA, project to donate books to elementary schools and Katherine Siedschlag, Silvis EA, for a science family night.

Region 17: Ashley Shinn, Ken Sanner and Kristen Pickrel, Galesburg EA, for kindergarten family nights.

BUILDING REP ONLINE TRAINING

The Building Rep (BR) training modules have been published on the IEA Online Learning Portal, located under the category of Advocacy. The sequenced modules include an overview of the roles of the BR; basics of being an organizer and communicator, foundational concepts for being a leader and adviser, and the fundamentals for BR as contract enforcer. You can access the modules through the IEA Website by following this path: [Members Only Login](#) – Professional Development Tab – Online Learning Portal Tab – Advocacy Category. If you have suggestions after using the modules please send them to the President Support Team c/o [Valerie Shoger](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

November – Native American Month

- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13-17 American Education Week
- 15 National ESP Day
- 23 Thanksgiving



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