

Announcements

CSEA Board of Directors and NEA Representative Assembly Election

Elections for certain positions on the CSEA Board of Directors and CSEA Representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly will be held in March. To be elected are:

Secretary, Treasurer, Primary Grade Director, Intermediate Grade Director, Middle School Grade Director, Senior High Grade Director, Coronado Region Director, Doherty Region Director, and Itinerant Director.

Complete information, including the nomination form, will be distributed soon. Nominations are due by February 27, 2017. CSEA members are eligible to run for office and are encouraged to consider serving CSEA in this capacity.

Legislative Activists

The legislature is in session and CSEA will be visiting the Capitol to engage our legislators in conversation on issues that impact education. If you're interested in participating please contact [Kevin Vick](#).

CEA Launches COpilot

The Colorado Education Association is breaking new ground in continued professional learning with [COpilot](#), an innovative, flexible online learning platform for teachers and education support professionals. The CEA is the first association of educators in the country to launch a statewide, interactive tool delivering peer-to-peer teaching support.

"We designed COpilot to give Colorado teachers a professional edge to help every student thrive," said CEA President Kerrie Dallman. "Our school districts are badly underfunded and they're struggling to provide relevant resources to keep their staffs current on the ever-changing world of classroom practice. We've stepped up to fill that void with a new way forward that will revolutionize professional development with new opportunities and allow districts to leverage their greatest resource, their people.

COpilot features courses and lesson plans designed and taught by CEA members, and offers resources and supports all in one convenient place educators can access any time. Course facilitators earn money for teaching their courses, and teachers completing courses can earn graduate credit from Adams State University and accrue professional development hours for license renewal.

COpilot is available to all educators in Colorado regardless of membership with CEA, though members receive the lowest priced courses.

Learn more by contacting [Casey Kilpatrick](#), CEA's Director of Learning Services.

Listen to Kerrie Dallman's CEA Leader Podcast on COpilot [here](#).

Watch CEA's COpilot promotional video [here](#).

Fulbright Distinguished Awards

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short-Term Program provides U.S. K-12 educators an opportunity to work on collaborative projects abroad. Participants work with schools, NPOs, teacher training centers, and other educational organizations while abroad. These are short-term programs, typically lasting 2-6 weeks. In 2017, grants are available for programs in Mexico, Botswana, Colombia, India, the Palestinian Territories, South Korea, and Vietnam.

The awards fund travel, living expenses and other related expenses. Deadline: February 15, 2017. Learn more [here](#).

Events

Black Educator's Network (B.E.N.) February Soiree

Friday, February 24 5 – 9 p.m. Bar Louie's, 3255 Cinema Pt. Circle

Bring a friend and come enjoy food, fun and conversation!

Contract Fact

Article VII.B Purpose of Grievance

To facilitate free, easy, and effective communication between teachers and administrators at the lowest possible grievance level by securing equitable solutions to problems which affect the teacher's terms and conditions of employment.

Articles

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