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## MCEA 2011 Convention kicks off celebrating 75 years

Maryland Classified Employees Association held its 2011 Annual Convention in Ocean City, MD on October 10, 11, and 12 at the Carousel Hotel. MCEA celebrated its 75th year in operation as Maryland's oldest labor association serving Maryland public employees.

The Convention was a huge success! Many MCEA leaders and guest, as well as AFT leaders were in attendance. Among those in attendance were MCEA Officers, Board of Directors, Area Governors, Chapter Presidents (chief delegates), designated members (delegates) and MCEA staff.

The MCEA Delegates elected MCEA's new Officers and Board of Directors. The new Officers are Linda Day, President; Debra Truitt, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Antionette Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Phyllis Licklitter, Treasurer; and Anna Cluster, Secretary. They will serve a two year term, expiring in 2013. The new Board of Directors are Allen Evans, David Spry, Jr., Raymond Benson, Dale Maddox, and Agnes Valenzia. They will all serve a two year term, and Ms. Valenzia will serve a one year term. Congratulations to the new leadership of MCEA.

"I am looking forward to leading various projects and continuing the MCEA commitment to Maryland employees and put into practice MCEA's response to challenges," stated MCEA President Linda Day.

The MCEA Delegation and staff unwound during the evening by participating in events, including MCEA Candidate Receptions held at the Carousel Hotel., mingling with the Delegation and celebrated the 75th anniversary at the annual dinner dance held at the hotel. Special thanks to all our guest speakers, delegates, members, Convention Committee and staff for attending this year's Convention and in making your voice count.

Since the Associations organization 75 years ago, its members, staff and legal team have worked on a variety of projects in the state wide areas including recently the new whistleblowers law.

MCEA is a member ran labor association with over 6000 active and retired members. It is comprised of a group of men and women who identify needs within Maryland employees and work together as a team to fulfill those needs. In the upcoming year MCEA will be working closely with AFT (American Federation of Teachers) to fight for the rights of Maryland public employees.

More information about MCEA is available at [www.mcea.org](http://www.mcea.org). For additional information, please call Brenda Geatz (MCEA Communications) at 1-888-614-MCEA

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