

MCEA NEWS *Extra*

March 2005

Maryland Classified Employees Association

April 1 the deadline for nominations

The elections of Officers and Board of Directors members will headline the 2005 Convention agenda. Members interested in running for office may go through the nominating process, the petitioning process, or may run from the Convention floor. Deadline to submit nominations to the Nominating Committee for Officer and Board of Directors positions is April 1. The deadline to submit petitions is July 1, 2005. Full requirements may be found in the MCEA Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3, Nominating Committee, or members may go to MCEA's web site at <http://www.mcea.org/member/bylaws.html>.

Statewide meeting set for May 16

The Statewide Advisory Council meeting will be held May 16 at Snyder's Willow Grove, 841 N. Hammonds Ferry Rd. in Linthicum. Registration, continental breakfast, and the exhibitors/vendors will run from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9.

Administrative leave is being requested for two representatives from each chapter. MCEA will pay for the meals for those individuals. No administrative leave will be granted for guests. Guest meals are \$20, and includes a hot buffet that features Maryland fried chicken, pepper steak, scalloped potatoes, pasta salad, cole slaw, deli Platter - sliced ham and turkey, American cheese, pickles, bread, dessert (fruit cup), coffee, tea, iced tea.

Registration information will be mailed later this month to Chapter Presidents.

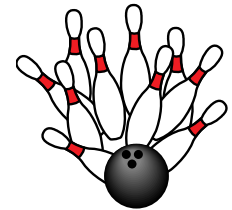
Convention hotels accepting reservations

MCEA 2005 Annual Convention will be held Sept. 19, 20, and 21 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City. The headquarters hotel is the Princess Bayside Hotel on 48th Street. The discounted rate is \$75 for a bayside room and \$55 for a standard room. Both rates includes taxes and the safe fee. Members should call 410 723-2900 or 1-800-854-9785 and identify themselves as a member.

The alternate hotel is the Ramada Limited on 42nd Street, which is offering a special rate of \$53.41, which include the safe and taxes. For reservations call 410-289-6488 or 1-800-288-6488.

Calling all bowlers for scholarship event

Join the Wallace F. Smith Memorial Scholarship Committee for its annual Moonlight Bowl, to be held on June 11 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. D.J. entertainment. Tickets for bowlers are \$20, and includes admission, shoes, unlimited games, and homestyle buffet. Non bowlers' tickets are \$10 and includes admission and the buffet.



MCEA Reunion at Camden Yards

Remember some of the members who really rocked back in the day. Where did they go? What are they doing? We're calling all members, including the "old-timers" to join us at the MCEA Baseball Night at Camden Yards. The Orioles have an exciting new line-up and there's new competition in the league. Call Ms. Mitchell at 410-298-8800 ext. 204. for more details.

Get your tickets for the Crab Blast

The crab feast/fish fry, featuring those meaty, succulent Eastern Shore crabs, returns on July 30, from 12 to 5 p.m. at MCEA Headquarters. In addition to a fabulous menu, we'll have D.J. entertainment, door prizes, games, and other activities. Tickets are \$40 for ages 13 and up, \$20 for ages 6 to 12, and \$5 for children 5 and under. Contact Barbara Mitchell at Headquarters for tickets.

Upcoming legislative hearings

HB 1243 – Health Insurance - Benefit Options Coverage – Appropriations Committee hearing, March 17, 1 p.m. House Office Building Room 130.

HB 1312 – Fire Marshals Hazard Duty Pay. Appropriations Committee March 17, 1 p.m.

HB 1353 – DNR/Forest and Park Service Consolidation. Appropriations Committee March 18, 1 p.m.

HB 1354 – DNR/Forest and Park Service Probation. Appropriations Committee March 18, 1p.m.

HB 1355 – DNR/Forest and Park Service Classification. Appropriations Committee March 18, 1p.m.

SB 876 – State Personnel – Comp Time for Mentoring Youth. Appropriations Committee March 24, 1 p.m.

For updates on bills' progress and hearing dates, go to <http://mlis.state.md.us> or www.mcea.org.

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