

September 20, 2024

Dear MSEA Delegate:

We're excited to see delegates like you from across the state at this year's MSEA Convention in Ocean City! We have a lot of critical work ahead of us. We'll consider bylaw amendments, amendments to resolutions, new business items, and more that will have a direct impact on our union and our professions. We'll hear from special guests and have fun with this year's PAC challenge—and build our power!

As you prepare for the convention, please keep these details in mind:

PAUL LEMLE
President

NIKKI WOODWARD
Vice President

COLLEEN MORRIS
Treasurer

SEAN JOHNSON
Executive Director

- Orientation for all delegates will be virtual and held on Tuesday, October 8 at 6 p.m. We will provide an overview of the RA as well as share important updates and answer your questions. Look for a link to the virtual event in your email; we plan to conduct this orientation over Zoom.
- Hearings on RA business will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 6 p.m. During the hearings, delegates will be able to ask questions about proposed rules of order, nominations and elections guidelines, resolutions, and bylaw amendments. A link to the virtual hearings will be emailed to delegates in advance of the hearings to be held on Zoom.
- Please plan to attend both the orientation and the hearings. These will be important opportunities to get up to speed on what we'll cover during the RA and ask questions.
- The deadline to submit amendments to resolutions, the rules of order, or the nominations and elections guidelines, and to submit new resolutions or new business items, is Friday, October 11 at 12 noon. More information can be found at marylandeducators.org/convention.
- You may also receive, or have already received, an email from the Cvent system noting your registration has been completed. If you need to modify or cancel your registration, you can do so upon receiving that email, and can also update the pronouns that may be displayed on your name badge. You may also update that information in the registration area on site at the RA. If you cannot find this email, check your junk/spam mailbox; the sender name on the email is Adam Mendelson. If you still don't see the email, please email us at RAbusiness@mseanea.org.
- If you plan to run in the MSEA elections held in January 2025 for MSEA Board of Directors and NEA Director and would like to speak during the allotted time for candidates at the RA, you must submit a nomination form by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 16. You can find the form at marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations.
- At the RA, we'll hear from a panel of educators from across the state who have used the power of organizing to run campaigns and win victories large and small that made a difference in their schools and communities. This will be an interactive session that is all about building our power and raising our voices. Come ready to be inspired and learn about resources and ideas that will help us leverage the power we have as educators and union members!



- On Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m., please join us in the Dockside Hall on the first floor of the convention center for the President's Reception! We'll have free hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and the opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues from across the state in a beautiful setting overlooking the bay.
- On Friday and Saturday, we will meet in the RA Hall, which will be Hall A of the convention center. Hall A is on the first floor on your right. Delegate registration will be in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center, which is also on the first floor. When you walk in, head straight back and then go to the left to find the registration area. Delegates can register early on Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. while you're at the President's Reception. Register early and beat the Friday morning rush!

Please note the times (with flexibility) for each session of the MSEA RA:

First Business Meeting	Friday, October 18, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
First Business Meeting (con't)	Friday, October 18, 2024 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Second Business Meeting	Saturday, October 19, 2024 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Second Business Meeting (con't)	Saturday, October 19, 2024 1:30 p.m. –

We're excited about the upcoming MSEA RA and hope you are too. Enclosed are materials to help you prepare for the meeting. Please keep this packet handy during the RA. This will be the only printed copy of these materials that you will receive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Lemle".

Paul Lemle
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Johnson".

Sean Johnson
Executive Director