



NEA NBCT Caucus Summer Newsletter

In Anticipation of National Education Association Representative Assembly

NEA Representative Assembly NBCT Caucus Meeting* **Dates**, Times, **Agenda**

July 2nd - 4 to 5:30pm, *Location: East Saloon D*
Welcome and Introduction
Issues on the Floor

July 3rd - No Caucus Meeting Today
Empowered Educators Day

July 4th - 9:30 to 10am, *Location: East Saloon D*
Issues from the Floor
New Business Items
Appoint Elections Chair
Open Elections Nominations (Treasurer, Secretary)

July 5th - 9:30 to 10am, Lunch Break, *Location: East Saloon D*
Issues from the Floor
New Business Items
Round Table Discussions:
Shelly Poss - New Process
Carol Bauer - Renewal
MaryKay Scheid - Leadership Roles in the Association
Karen Eggers - Mentoring Tips
Jody Bosomworth - Lobbying Legislators

July 6th - Lunch Break, *Location: East Saloon D*
Conduct Elections
Issues from the Floor
New Business Items

July 7th - Lunch Break, *Location: East Saloon D*
Issues from the Floor
New Business Items
2016-2017 Calendar

Locations may be subject to change, please check Meeting Room Assignments on each day

Articles from the NBCT Board Members

NBPTS Names New CEO

Melissa Albright, NBCT, NBPTS Board of Director, Vice-Chair NBCT Caucus

A historic moment for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and for the profession occurred when Peggy Brookins, an NBCT herself, was named as the new CEO and President. This is the first time the association has been lead by a National Board Certified Teacher. Brookins follows in the footsteps of the late Ron Thorpe.

Brookins co-founded the Engineering and Manufacturing Institute of Technology (EMIT) at Forest High School in Ocala, Florida, in 1994. She has served as both a director and a mathematics teacher. Brookins has had numerous honors including: being named a Florida Education Association "Everyday Hero" and Excellence in Teaching recipient, an Aspen Scholar, and an inductee in the University of Florida Alumni Hall of Fame. In July 2014 Brookins was selected by President Obama to the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

Under Brookins leadership the NBPTS is advancing the role of education and the profession.

NBPTS Names New Chairman of the Board

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Dr. Terry Holliday was elected Chairman of the NBPTS Board of Directors, succeeding former West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise who served in the role since 2009. Dr. Holliday has served as Kentucky's Commissioner of Education. Holliday served as Superintendent of Schools for several school districts in North Carolina. Dr. Holliday has held many positions in school systems since 1972. He has held roles in teaching Band, administration as a principal, and Director of Accountability. Dr. Holliday sees this position as the capstone to his career in education.

4,729 Teachers Achieve or Renew Board Certification

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In the fall of 2015 1,826 teachers earned their National Board Certification while 2,903 renewed Board certification. Across the US, there are more than 112,000 Board-certified teachers! Congratulations to all newly certified teachers and to those who sought renewal!!! We are proud of you! For more information on the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards please visit www.nbpts.com.

What to Expect When You Are Representing

Rachel Stafford, Treasurer NBCT Caucus, AEA Board of Directors, Member of NEA Resolutions Internal Editing Committee

So... you are a new delegate. There is truly no way to describe the excitement of being surrounded by 8,000 fellow educators in a large convention hall when music is playing, people are dancing, and confetti is being shot out of canons, but the 2016 Representative Assembly is sure to please as always. There are so many exciting things to do, there really are too many to list, but here are some highlights.

1st: NEA Website. You have full access to everything happening at <http://ra.nea.org>. If you want to go green, every download you need will be on this site. There is also the latest agenda information, daily editions of RA Today and other RA business. What is the RA Today you ask? It is the daily magazine produced July 4-7 to let you know what New Business Items will be discussed, policy changes, and amendments to Standing Rules, Constitution and Bylaws, and Resolutions.

2nd: Smartphone app. Using Apple Store or Google Play, you are able to

download the app for the NEA RA. Just search for the term and the RA will be in the palm of your hand.

3rd: Empowered Educator Day. This year's theme will be Leadership with ESSA Implementation. This is key for NBCTs as this directly affects our students and classrooms. Join other educators at the Convention Center on July 3rd from 10am to 1pm in a series of interactive breakout sessions to be better and more active leaders in the profession and your association.

4th: Community Service Opportunities. Every year, delegates can participate in community service opportunities. You were sent an email on June 16, 2016 with details of many service opportunities. Contact csavage55@gmail.com to work with Martha's Table – sorting clothes or serving food. Or contact lynda.currington@jefferson.kyschools.us to do work at Ronald McDonald's House on July 2nd or 3rd.

5th: Vendor Fair. Be sure to stop by the convention center July 2nd and 3rd to visit vendors, get some free goodies, and have some fun! Don't forget to stop by the NBPTS table while visiting the Vendor Fair at the RA.

6th: Lily's Blackboard. Sign up for an informational email service that gives you up-to-date information about what is happening in the Association and the world of education! Sign up here: <http://lilysblackboard.org/>

So come, have some fun, get active, and remember to visit <http://ra.nea.org> for much more information!

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