



# OUEA Newsletter

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## **August Rep Council/Rep Training**

Welcome to another school year! The first Rep Council will be on August 31, beginning at 3:30. The first half of the meeting will be business as usual, but the second half of the meeting (about 4:15 or so) will be a rep training for all in attendance. Each will receive a new "OUEA Site Rep Handbook" that contains key information and resources to clarify and support the role of site rep. The handbooks will be available for site reps who are unable to attend the August meeting, but the training will only be on August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are not sure how many site rep positions are available for your site, please contact Ronda at the OUEA office.

## **Air Conditioning at School Sites**

This year the air conditioning was turned on 2 days before the first day due to the restrictions of the energy-saving program in which the district is enrolled in an effort to save money. Next year and the following years, we will work with the district office to have air conditioning for a week before the first official work day.

If your air conditioning does not work, notify your principal or other administrator and complete a work order. If you do not get a timely response, then contact the OUEA office for help.

## **OUEA Open House – September 18**

Join us for the OUEA Open House on Friday, September 18, from 3:00 – 5:00. Bring your colleagues to enjoy the food, beverages, and social atmosphere as we launch into a new school year. Save the date!

## **Highlighting OUEA Educators**

Do you have a great teaching strategy, lesson, and/or project? Do you coach or advise an extra-curricular activity and want to brag about your group and/or event? Would you like to share your pride in your work and your students? We want to hear from you! In future newsletters, we'd like to expand to include featured educators sharing their ideas and accomplishments. Please send a brief article (up to 150 words) along with your name and the name of your school to [ouea@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ouea@sbcglobal.net).

## **CTA/NEA Member Benefits**

There are many advantages to being a member of OUEA/CTA/NEA, and there are benefits that are automatic with membership. The CTA Death and Dismemberment (D&D) Plan is an automatic benefit available to eligible CTA members at no additional cost. If an eligible CTA member dies or suffers a dismemberment (i.e., suffers a loss of limb or other qualifying injury), her/his beneficiary(ies) will receive a lump-sum cash payment. For more information, and to register\* your beneficiary(ies), please visit the following link:

<https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/Insurance/Death%20and%20Dismemberment%20Plan>

Similarly, NEA provides complimentary life insurance to all members. This complimentary coverage includes:

- Up to \$1,000 of term life insurance
- Up to \$5,000 of accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) coverage
- \$50,000 of AD&D insurance for any covered accident that occurs on the job or while serving as an Association Leader
- \$150,000 of life insurance for unlawful homicide while on the job

For more information and to register\* your beneficiary(ies) for your complimentary NEA life insurance, please visit the following link:

<http://www.neamb.com/insurance/nea-complimentary-life-insurance.htm>

*\*To register beneficiaries, you must log in to CTA or NEA website.*

## **CTA/NEA Scholarships & Grants**

CTA offers several different educational scholarships to members and their dependents throughout the academic year: GLBT Guy DeRosa Safety In Schools Grant & Scholarship Program, CTA Scholarship For Dependent Children, CTA Scholarship For Members, and CTA César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program as well as other scholarship and grant opportunities. For more info, please visit:

<http://www.cta.org/About-CTA/CTA-Foundation/Scholarships.aspx>.

NEA also has several grants available to members through the NEA Foundation Grants, which are offered three times each year. For more information and application deadlines, please visit: <http://www.neafoundation.org/>