

Dear MEA-Retired Annual Meeting Delegate:

## Attached you will find the delegate registration form that MUST be filled out and returned to <u>your Chapter President</u> no later than Friday, January 27, 2017. This is the procedure for registering for the Annual Meeting.

The 30<sup>th</sup> MEA-Retired Annual Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Road in Lansing on <u>Wednesday, April 5, 2017</u>. There is free parking at the hotel. We will be in the ballroom area but have not yet been assigned our rooms. Enclosed you will find maps with directions to the Crowne Plaza Hotel and the Hampton Inn. **Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting commencing at 9:30 a.m.** There will be coffee and breads for your enjoyment. There will not be assigned seating this year.

During the business meeting, the Delegates will be asked to approve the MEA-Retired Budget for 2017-2018, vote on changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, approve the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes, and elect delegates to represent MEA-Retired on the MEA-PAC Council to name a few. You will receive updated information on current legislative and retirement issues facing Retirees. Our Keynote Speaker will be announced at a later day.

MEA-Retired will reimburse mileage expenses at the IRS rate. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Overnights will be allowed for Delegates who have traveled 150 miles or more one way. MEA-Retired has reserved a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn at 2500 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. The room rate of \$99, plus tax, includes a self-serve breakfast buffet. When calling for reservations, tell them you are from MEA-Retired. Each Delegate will be responsible for making his/her own reservations and paying for their overnight expenses. <u>There will be no direct billing</u>. The telephone number for the Hampton Inn is 517/324-2072. The cut-off date for the reserved block of rooms is <u>Tuesday, March 15, 2017</u>.

It is strongly recommended that you make overnight reservations as soon as possible. Rooms will be on a first come, first serve basis. MEA-Retired will reimburse overnight expenses up to the Hampton Inn rate. You will be responsible for the difference, if any, should you decide to stay at another hotel. The Hampton Inn is a non-smoking facility.

If, for some reason you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please notify your local Chapter President immediately so that an Alternate Delegate may take your place.

For those of you who are NEA-Retired Delegates to the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and the NEA-RA in Boston, MA this year, please plan on gathering at the tables in the front of the room for a short meeting at the close of the MEA-Retired Annual Meeting to meet with the NEA-RA Coordinator.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Andros at the MEA-Retired Office, at 1-800/292-1934, extension 6264.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

Sincerely,

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Judy Foster MEA-Retired President

Kay Walker-Telma MEA-Retired Vice-President

Dan Rudd MEA-Retired Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosures: Delegate Registration Form