



2017 SUMMER LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

To: MEA-Retired Chapter Presidents

From: Judy Foster, MEA-Retired President
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Re: Summer Leadership Conference

MEA-Retired Chapter Presidents once again have the privilege of attending the 2017 MEA Summer Leadership Conference (SLC) at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The conference is scheduled for August 1 – August 3, 2017. The Conference Headquarters is in Cisler Center. The format has been planned to provide a wide variety of challenging and informative sessions to prepare and inspire participants. All MEA-Retired Chapter Presidents are strongly encouraged to attend this conference. The information received at the conference will help you build a stronger chapter. ***All Chapters should be represented;*** so if a chapter President, as of September 1, 2017 is unable to attend, the Chapter should send a Designee in his/her place. There will be new information on Presidential responsibilities presented at our session on Wednesday.

The Summer Leadership Conference booklet enclosed is also online if you need additional copies. To access it, go to www.mea.org then click on "Upcoming Events," then click on "Conferences/Training". The registration form is enclosed in your booklet (Pages 13-14), and after completion please mail it back to Lisa Andros before the deadline.

MEA will pay for the following items for MEA-Retired Chapter Presidents or Designee to attend the conference (page 7):

- \$100 gas/gift card to offset gas and bridge tolls (in lieu of mileage and bridge fare receipt);
- Lodging for two nights (Tuesday and Wednesday) up to \$120 per night – need a zero balance detailed receipt upon checkout;
- Meals are non-reimbursable. Lunches will be provided through the conference and evening meals are on your own;

All other expenses are at your own expense.

On page 12 you will find information on registering for the conference. Note the **registration deadline is July 21, 2017**. You should register early in order to have a better chance of receiving the sessions of your choice. **If you are sending a designee, complete the form on page 15 and return as soon as possible. You must make your own housing reservations for July 26-July 28.** Map of the LSSU campus is found on page 33.

You will note that there is an all-day session for Retired Presidents at the SLC on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.--Sessions 208-508. **These sessions should be your first and only choices when completing your registration form on pages 13-14.** To finish your schedule, sign up for those sessions that will be most helpful to you. Here are a few suggestions:

- 102 – Hot Topics
- 510 – Keep the Fire Burning
- 602 – MESSA: Stress Buster
- 604 – Joining the MEA Lobbying Team
- 704 – Chat With a Lobbyist

Please plan to join us for dinner and fun on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at the Lockview Restaurant (327 West Portage Avenue) at 7:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. **We will be ordering off the menu and each person will be paying their own bill.**

We are looking forward to seeing you, or your designee, at Lake Superior State University. **Remember, every Chapter should have representation.**

Enc. Booklet (It is also online)
Registration Form (It is also online)
Chapter Officers Designation Form
Self-addressed Envelope

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MEA Officers