



FA Courier

FA Focus on Member Needs: Bargaining Readiness in Spring 2014

Welcome back! Now we spring forward to prepare for your 2014-17 contract bargaining. Your Association contract expires in less than 16 months. Your involvement is wanted and needed.

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FA Bargaining Team: Call for Applications - Extended

Applications to be part of the FA Bargaining Team are being accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19. **See page 3 for application details.** Contact Laura Frey (Frey1LM@cmich.edu). The FA Executive Board will conduct interviews on March 20 and 21.

Join the FA Executive Board- FA Spring Elections

Please consider running for an office on the FA Executive Board. We need your leadership. Contact Tim Connors (conno1td@cmich.edu) for additional information or to submit your self-nomination!

FA Spring General Membership Meeting – April 11

Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 in Lake St. Clair & Lake Huron, UC. Art Przbylowicz (MEA Legal) will lead an overview on the impact of RTW legislation. FA Executive Board elections will be held. Refreshments provided.

FA Executive Board Meetings – Open to Faculty

Faculty are welcome to attend FA Executive Board Meetings. The next two meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 14 and April 4 at the MEA Office, 625 N. Main Street, Suite B, Mount Pleasant, MI.

Spring RPT Luncheon – Save the Date

Fall 2013 Reappointment and/or Spring 2014 Tenure? Now is the time to begin your preparations. Attend the CMU FA Spring 2013 RPT Luncheon:

Friday, April 5, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m., Maroon & Gold Room, University Center
Box lunches provided. Please RSVP by 5:00 p.m., March 29 to Laura Frey (Frey1LM@cmich.edu).

FA Crisis Committee: Call for Volunteers

We are seeking faculty volunteers to serve Crisis Co-Chairs for the FA. In addition, faculty volunteers are needed for the following Crisis Committees: (a) Picket, (b) Finance, (c) Crisis Headquarters, (d) Crisis Communication, (d) Job Action Policy, and (e) Hospitality. If you are interested, contact Laura Frey (Frey1LM@cmich.edu).

Additional Information

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Michigan Education Association, <http://www.mea.org>

MEA Bill Tracker at www.mea.org/gov/pdf/bill_tracker.pdf

National Education Association, <http://www.nea.org>

Application for FA Bargaining Team

It is time to form the Bargaining Team. The process for selection of the team is as follows:

(1) Interested faculty should submit information and responses to questions (see below) by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19; (2) interviews will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday evening, March 20 and 21 from 6:00-9:00 pm; (3) the FA Board will meet in special session on Thursday, March 21 to make the final selection.

If you are interested in being considered for the Bargaining Team, please submit (**via e-mail**) the following to Laura Frey (Frey1LM@cmich.edu) by the March 19 (5:00 pm) deadline:

1. Short (3 page maximum) vita.
2. Provide a brief statement indicating the skills and/or experiences, including past bargaining experience, you would bring to a bargaining process. Please also include examples of any administrative experience and your involvement in the university beyond your own department (e.g., Global Campus, university committees and/or task forces, etc.).
3. On a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high), rate your overall knowledge of the current contract.
4. With which aspects of the current contract are you **most** familiar?
5. With which aspects of the current contract are you **least** familiar?
6. The schedule for bargaining has not yet been determined. In all likelihood, the bargaining team will begin its preliminary team-building activities this semester, and hold regular meetings during the 2013-14 Academic Year. The team will devote a substantial portion of summer 2014 to bargaining. Do you have the time and flexibility in your schedule to commit to the time demands of bargaining? Do you have any pre-existing commitments that would restrict your availability to bargain during summer 2014?
7. There is no direct compensation for your service on the Bargaining Team. However, your FA dues will be waived for the length of the resulting contract.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to be considered for this important function of the FA.

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