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Board of Ed. Reorganization Is Thursday, December 12



The newly elected Members of the Board of Education will be installed at an open meeting **Thursday, December 12** at 7 p.m. MTA endorsed candidates Lani Cupchoy and Edgar Cisneros will officially join Hector Chacon, Ben Cárdenas, and David Vela on the Board.

Volunteers Honored!

Campaign volunteers were honored at the November 19 Council meeting. Pictured above from left to right: Secretary Alma Orta (SUE), Connie Arrellano (DO), Christopher Kakimi (CIS SUI), Lani Cupchoy (Board Member Elect), Melina Valenzuela (DO), High School Director Carmen Patlan (SHS), Lu Cruz (JGE), Jim Vega (Community Volunteer), Edgar Cisneros (Board Member Elect), and President Lorraine Richards (MTA).

2013 Tax Information

The amounts shown below are the annual amount for the calendar year 2013, which covers parts of two different membership years. Please note that your Trust Fund contribution is included since it is collected as "dues" under Category 1. Trust Fund contributions are also included with dues if you are a Category 2 employee and have elected to participate in the MTA Trust Fund.

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2013 MEMBERS

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| Cat. 1 | Full Time | \$2,266.60 (Rep Fee \$1,016.60) |
| 2 | 30-60% | \$1,778.90 (w/o TF \$528.90) |
| 3 | 30% or less | \$ 285.36 |

Retired 6/13 \$1,360.20 (Rep Fee \$610.20)

Political contributions are as follows: MTA-ABC \$25/year.

FACT \$10/year, NEA-PAC \$10/year (or what you have designated).

Training Opportunities

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| Teacher and the Law | December 12 |
| Common Core Standards | January 28 |
| Common Core Standards | February 25 |
| Common Core Standards | March 18 |
| Common Core Standards | April 29 |
| Common Core Standards | May 27 |

The Common Core Standards Workshops are a continuing discussion on implementation and strategies. Each workshop has a unique agenda. Members can participate in one workshop or choose to attend the entire series. All workshops will be held in the CTA Santa Fe Springs office located at: 11745 E. Telegraph Road in Santa Fe Springs. RSVP to Tina Martinez-Najera 562.478.1346 or tmartinez@cta.org.

NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER

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| Cat. 1 | Full Time | \$ 906.40 (Rep Fee \$406.40) |
| 2 | 30-60% | \$ 711.80 (w/o TF \$211.80) |
| 3 | 30% or less | \$ 114.60 |

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Membership Matters

CTA seeks member input about strategic plan prior to January vote

"CTA's new Strategic Plan - "Our Union, Our Future" - centers around building an organizing culture in CTA - so that members are continually engaged, and so that we are continually talking with and, more importantly, listening to each other," said CTA President Dean Vogel. "The goal of the process from the very beginning was to listen to what members were saying and build a plan around their vision. It fosters community engagement, and offers more chances to reconnect on the issues of social justice, equity and diversity."

More than a year in the making, involving a committee of more than 75 educators,

leaders and staff, as well as input from thousands of members, the plan was presented to CTA's State Council, October 26-27, 2013, where it was greeted with enthusiasm and hope for change. State Council delegates will vote on adoption of the plan in January, after additional presentations and discussions with members at Service Center Council meetings, CTA trainings and conferences and local chapter meetings.

To learn about the plan's eight key areas of focus and *their* goals, read answers to frequently asked questions about the planning process, download a copy of the entire plan and more, go to

www.cta.org/ourfuture.

Celebrate American Indian Heritage Month with CTA-linked resources

What started at the turn of the 20th century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.s., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

You can find links to a variety of resources to help you and your students learn about

American Indian history, culture and development at www.cta.org/AIHM. They include classroom resources from the Smithsonian Institution, Educationworld.com and Readwritethink.com, audio recordings of American Indian women singing cultural folksongs, arts and crafts ideas from the National Gallery of Art, and art work from the National Museum of the American Indian.

Find hundreds of American Education Week ideas in NEA's AEW toolkit

American Education Week-November 18-22, 2013- presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The weeklong celebration features a special observance each day of the week. Local associations throughout the country have shared dozens of tried-and-true ideas from past AEW observances to help you get a head start on planning a local celebration.

Browsing through these ideas can give you a variety of ways to create a special celebration that honors the individuals who are making public schools great for every child.

Don't forget to *visit* the online toolkit's promotional materials to download American Education Week posters, fact sheets, newsletter articles, press release and media alert templates, proclamations, and lots more. These materials can help you spread the word about your event. You can find the toolkit at

www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm.