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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA

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PEI Annual Conference

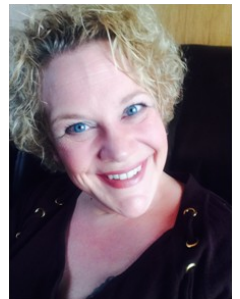
Friday, August 4, 2017

8:30 - 3:30

Professional Educators of Iowa *preppers*

PEI is committed to helping you prepare for the future in education. As we navigate the changing landscape of education in Iowa, we are dedicated to providing you with the tools and information necessary for your success!

Heather Semke, IPERS will begin our day in group training concerning your IPERS benefits. Whether you are decades away or just a year before retirement, Heather can help! **Attendees can call IPERS at 515-281-0020 or 800-622-3849 to receive their current packet of benefits estimate prior to the conference.** Heather will be available to meet with members throughout the day for explanation of their benefits. Heather began her career with IPERS as a Retirement Benefits Officer in 2015 and has since moved into her new role as Senior Retirement Benefits Officer, training IPERS members in group and one on one sessions.



Mike Johnson, AO WEALTH will be presenting the benefit of saving with 403b's, recommending ways to measure how you are doing financially and implementing systems to put into place now to improve your savings! Mike teaches Social Studies at Southeast Polk and works with AO Wealth, Urbandale. He also serves on the Jump\$tart Financial Literacy Committee.

Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) will also be here to help us better navigate the changes to Chapter 20 and the upcoming vote in October. **Mike Cormack, Board Chairman, Susan Bolte, Administrative Law Judge, and Amber DeSmet, Administrative Law Judge from PERB** will be speaking during the final morning session on the decertification vote in October and again in the afternoon session on re-certification vote.



Our final sessions of the day will be with **Jim Gilliam, Long & Gilliam**, and **Lance Horbach, Independent Insurance Services**, as they bring us up to date on legal events and insurance services in light of Chapter 20 changes.

This is always a great day of fellowship with educators from across the state and valuable information to guide you through this next school year! You won't be sorry you took the time to attend.



2017 Annual Convention Registration Information

Member fee and PEI guest fee, just \$15.00 (includes all materials, breakfast, lunch, and eligibility for all drawings)

Non-member fee \$35.00 (includes all materials, breakfast, lunch, and eligibility for all drawings)

Call 515-221-2330 to register by credit card

Or send a check to:

Professional Educators of Iowa
974 73rd Street, Suite 30
Windsor Heights, IA 50324

PEI Board of Directors

PEI currently has three open seats on the Board of Directors. The following candidates are running for the board. The top two recipients will serve a three year term and the third recipient will fill out a one year term. Votes will be accepted by mail, email, or may be turned in at the Annual Convention. Your email vote should be sent to: info@peiowa.org. You must include your name. To mail your vote, send to: PEI, 974 73rd Street, Suite 30, Windsor Heights, IA 50324. Voters must be current professional members. All electronic votes must be received by Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm. You may vote for 3 candidates.

Donna Huston

I have taught Business and Music at Twin Cedars for 13 years. My qualifications for the PEI Board of Directors include my efforts in the move by Twin Cedars teachers to be the first in the state to de-certify the ISEA as bargaining unit in our district. We then had a vote to certify as PETC and to be the new bargaining unit. My position was secretary and it was my responsibility to circulate the petitions that were necessary to call for these votes. I also worked closely with the president of PETC to file the necessary forms to bring this change about nearly 6 years ago. I strongly believe in a teacher's right to freedom in the classroom and in choice of professional commitments.

I have served on the Governor's Commission for Teacher Leadership, an opportunity I received because of my membership in PEI. I have been very honored serving PEI for the last 4 years on the Board and look forward to a possible 3 more!



Luke Miller

I grew up in southeast Iowa and went to school at Highland of Riverside. I graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a master's degree from Western Michigan University. I have taught in every classification size school in my 20 years of teaching. The school districts in which I have taught are Savannah Missouri, Hamburg Iowa, Sidney Iowa, Mason City Iowa, and currently in the Cardinal Community School District in Eldon Iowa. I am married and have five children. I enjoy spending time with my family and going to church. I enjoy teaching and plan to continue to challenge students for years to come.

I have been a member of PEI for most of my teaching years and have been blessed by their services many times. Being a member of PEI gives me peace of mind and a clear conscience. Peace of mind because I know they have my back when I need them. A few times over the years I have experienced their support in circumstances with administrators and parents. In every case they have provided me with excellent guidance and support. A clear conscience because I know that my dues are not being used to support agendas and politicians that undermine my moral beliefs.

I am interested in giving back to PEI and its membership by serving on the board. I would consider it an honor and would do my best for the organization. I have no major agenda or single issue to push other than to help PEI continue its outstanding work with teachers and education. Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Murphy

I have had the privilege to be in education for 13 years, all at Grand View Christian School, first as an elementary teacher and as a coach and for the last two years as the Elementary Principal and Activities Director. I am married to Janessa and have three children. We are active members at Grace Church in Des Moines.

A few years ago I learned about Professional Educators of Iowa and soon realized it was a perfect fit for me and I jumped in with both feet. As I have volunteered with PEI, attended Annual Conferences, represented PEI at the Fair booth, and assisted with leadership seminars, I came even more to appreciate the values and beliefs of PEI. PEI is a great value for any educator and really a necessity, but the opportunity to be involved with like-minded teachers from across Iowa is another important benefit.

I would appreciate the opportunity to be even more involved by serving you on the PEI Board of Directors.



Eric Peterson

It has been an honor to serve you as the Board President of PEI for the last few years. The privilege of working alongside fellow board members and the PEI staff to carry out the mission of PEI has been a passion of mine for much of my teaching career. This passion comes from experiencing the trials of starting my teaching career in 1996 in another state where my "Right to Work" was not recognized. I was forced to pay the union for the privilege of being a teacher, even though I did not want to join. I also experienced intimidation and harassment from my peers when I questioned anything about the union and the political positions they took. It stunned me that this could happen in our great country.

When I returned to my home state of Iowa to teach in 1998 in LeMars, I celebrated in the freedom I had to join PEI! With PEI's focus on "doing what is best for children", I would consider it an honor to continue serving the members of PEI on the Board of Directors. I humbly ask for your vote, for it is my ongoing desire to support the members, staff, and mission of PEI as we continue to grow in the coming years.

Adam Triggs

I began teaching Secondary Science as a shared teacher between Creston and East Union school districts in 2008, then transitioned full time to East Union in 2013. I was introduced to PEI by a colleague and friend in 2009 and quickly became a member.

PEI stood out in their student centered approach, value in ethical practices, and focus on educational issues in the statehouse. PEI is a critical organization for teachers who want choice. It needs dedicated leaders from within the profession to maintain the tenants that make it a viable option for those who expect more than the status quo from a professional organization. I am excited to run for the Board of Directors and humbly ask for your vote.



SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PEEK!

You will not want to miss this year's silent auction event held during the Annual Conference! A couple of teasers are.....



Donated by Connecticut Yankee Pedaller



Donated by Rieman Music



And who can resist bidding on a zambone ride donated by the Iowa Wild!?!

This year's silent auction has many **NEW items** and many **old favorites!** Much time has been spent on contacting businesses to make this year's auction a success! More details will be given in next week's newsletter. **The final item list will be posted in our August 1 newsletter.**

You need not be present to bid!!!

PHONE IN BIDS WILL BE TAKEN STARTING AT

8:30 a.m. AUGUST 4!

Proceeds from the Silent Auction benefit our Foundation which offers scholarships for students, educators, and paraprofessionals across the state, as well as sponsoring the annual conference.

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