

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

Last week KEA held its 147th annual Delegate Assembly in Louisville. The nearly 500 delegates from across the state elected a new KEA President and Vice President, approved 3 changes to the KEA Constitution, passed 5 new business items, and adopted the 2019-2020 Legislative Program. A tribute to KEA Retired President Tom Denton was held after his unexpected passing on March 29th.

On the last day, a beautiful send off from the KEA Fellows and District Presidents was presented to me looking back at the last 6 years of my presidency. To say the least it was a bittersweet moment, but one I will never forget. Thank you to all the KEA staff and delegates that made the 2019 Delegate Assembly so very special!

TRS holds first-ever online election for Board of Trustees

Anyone that pays into the Teacher Retirement System of Kentucky should try to find their member ID number and sign in to their Pathways account. Member ID's can be found on members' annual statements, or by calling TRS at 1-800-618-1687.

If you have not yet created an account in Pathway you can do so by going [here](#). You will need your member ID to complete this step. Once you have created a Pathway account, sign in and follow the steps included [here](#).

KDE used to pay for this election process, but this has changed and now TRS must pick up the cost of this election. This will help us save precious dollars for our pensions instead of for postage. Those that choose not to vote online will receive a traditional paper ballot in the mail beginning in May.

KEA elects new President and Vice President

KEA Delegates elected Lee "Eddie" Campbell to become the KEA President beginning June 15, 2019 through June 14, 2022. Eddie is currently serving as the KEA Vice President and is a middle school and high school choir director on leave from the Knox County School district.

The incoming KEA Vice President is Joel Wolford, a library media specialist from the Russell County School District. Joel is currently ending a six-year term on the KEA Board and serves as the Middle Cumberland Education Association President.

This will be the first time since 1994 when the late Marnel Moorman led our association, that KEA will host a male President. We wish them both much future success in continuing the great legacy our association leaves on generations of educators in the Commonwealth.



Apr 12-13	KEA Student Program State Assembly
May 6 - 10	National Teacher Appreciation Week
Jun 8	RESPECT Conference, Lexington, KY (PD for classified employees)
June 18-19	Let's TALK Conference, Elizabethtown, KY

Sincerely,

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