

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

KEA is happy to now be able to offer to all members a new App for iPhone and Android users. Just search for it under "KEA App".

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KEA President to appear on KET to talk pensions

I will appear on KET's Monday, August 14 *Kentucky Tonight* program with Renee Shaw to discuss public employee pensions alongside other panelists. The program will air live on KET and at KET.org/live at 8:00 pm ET. During the show, viewers with questions and comments may send e-mail to kytonight@ket.org or use the message form at KET.org/kytonight. Viewers may also submit questions and comments on Twitter @KyTonightKET. The phone number for viewer questions during the program is 1-800-494-7605. All messages should include first and last name and town or county. *Kentucky Tonight* programs are available online at KET.org and are rebroadcast on KET, KET KY, and radio.



Other Scheduled guests include:

- Dave Adkisson, president and chief executive officer of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
- Jason Bailey, executive director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy
- William Smith, member of the pension reform team for the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions

Educator Discounts: Don't Miss These Top Offers for school employees

Looking for great deals and price reductions for educators? NEA has scoured the stores and done the searching for you! Find a great selection of educator deals from retailers, service providers and NEA Member Benefits. Make this your go-to shopping list! For details and a list of discounts for educators [click here](#).



Attention schools who need grant funding for the arts!

Through a partnership between the Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Department of Education, [The Arts First Aid Grant Program](#) provides Kentucky school administrators, teachers and students with a high-quality intensive arts education experience that aligns curriculum with the Kentucky Academic Standards for the Arts. The program makes use of 1) technical-assistance consultancies utilizing Specialists with Arts Tactics (SWAT) program, 2) Teaching Art Together artist residencies, and 3) Showcasing the Arts school performance/presentations. To qualify for the grant, a school must support grades pre-K through 12 and have received a less than proficient score (under 8) on the Visual and Performing Arts assessment by the Kentucky Department of Education for the 2015-2016 school year. **The deadline for applying for an Arts First Aid Grant is 4:30 p.m., Sept. 18.** For more information, contact dan.strauss@ky.gov.

KEA VACANCY NOTICE- State JUNIOR ETHNIC MINORITY DIRECTOR

KEA has a vacancy in the position of State Junior Ethnic Minority Director. This position was vacated by Lucretia Starnes who recently had to move out of state and relocate. An election will be held at the August 24th-25th KEA Board meeting in Frankfort. Those interested in running for the position should send nomination to: KEA President Stephanie Winkler at swinkler@kea.org by **Monday, August 21, 2017**. Self nominations are accepted. Candidates will need to be prepared to give a 3 minute speech to the board. Nominators are allowed 2 minutes to speak, and seconders are given 1 minute. ***Only active, ethnic minority members of KEA are eligible to run for this position.***

Dates to Remember:



- **Aug 28** Public Pension Oversight Board Meeting, Capitol Annex 1:00
- Sept 4** Labor Day Holiday

****NOTE CHANGE IN DATE OF POB meeting**

Sincerely,

Stephanie Winkler

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