

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

The past week's education news has been dominated by the debate on the confirmation of US Secretary of Education Nominee, Betsy DeVos. Her confirmation was solidified by a 51 to 50 vote on Tuesday of the US Senate with Vice President Mike Pence casting the tie-breaking vote. KY Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul both voted in favor of DeVos' confirmation.

The Kentucky legislative session reconvened on Tuesday as well. The Senate Education Committee is set to hear SB 1 and SB 50 on Thursday. I plan to testify on SB 1. KET will live stream the committee meeting, so the public can watch the proceedings at 11:30 ET. A recap of this week's events will be in next week's President's Points.

Nominations being taken for KEA Administrator Delegate to attend the NEA RA

The National Education Association (NEA) notified KEA on January 15 that because of growth in our membership numbers among public school administrators, KEA is again eligible to send an administrator delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly. The 2017 NEA RA will be in Boston, Massachusetts, June 30 to July 5.

Administrators will vote in their own category in KEA's online delegate election, which will run March 1 to 31 at www.KEA.org. If you are an administrator member of KEA and wish to nominate yourself to be a delegate to the RA, please complete this [form](#) and return it to KEA Headquarters by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Friday, February 17. Only the [official nomination form](#) (whether the original or a copy) will be accepted. You must limit the biographical information you provide to 25 words or less.

Information is posted at [here](#).

KESPA Bulletin Board Contest

If you are a classified employee, join in on the fun! You and/or a your group can win the KEA "Diversity Is..." bulletin board contest. For entry rules visit [here](#).

Classified Members make sure to vote in the KRS

Board elections

All classified members should have received a ballot to vote for two (2) positions on the CERS board of trustees. Please make sure to encourage folks to return their ballots by the deadline.

Dates to Remember:



- Feb 15** Deadline for KEA President Scholarship Applications
- Feb 17** Deadline for KEA Teacher and ESP of the Year Nominations

Sincerely,

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