

Membership
Update



April 11, 2014

From the President...

Building Delegate Elections

In accordance with the PTU Constitution and By-Laws, each school shall elect its building representative prior to the Biennial Meeting in May.

This week, building delegates were provided with an updated Building Delegate Job Description and were asked to post a sign-up sheet for teachers who may be interested in serving as Building Delegate.

Teachers who are interested in serving as delegate should request a copy of the Building Delegate Job Description from their delegate or contact the Union office.

All building delegate elections will be overseen by either the Area Vice President or a PTU staff member.

School Visits

Union President, Maribeth Calabro, will visit the following schools during lunchtime:

April

- 14 Vartan Gregorian Elementary
- 15 Kizirian Elementary
- 16 Carl Lauro Elementary
- 17 Bailey Elementary
- 30 Fogarty Elementary

Negotiations Update

In accordance with General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, notification has been sent to the City of Providence and the Providence School Board formally requesting to begin negotiations for a successor agreement.

Although the PTU has met with the district on several occasions about a new contract, those discussions have been conceptual in nature rather than formal negotiations.

The next two meeting dates with the PTU/PPSD negotiating teams are scheduled for April 28 & 29.

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Criterion Based Hiring & Transfer Update

This year's hiring fairs will be held at Central High School on the following dates and times:

Round I

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.—noon
1:00—3:00 p.m.

Round II

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 4:00—8:00 p.m.

PTU staff will be present at all hiring fairs. Should you encounter an issue, please speak with a representative prior to leaving. Teachers are reminded to bring a copy of their certification(s) with them to each interview.

The PTU office has received a number of concerns regarding “computer glitches” with the new PATS platform. If you experience an issue during the upcoming interview scheduling process, please contact your field representative **immediately**.

If you believe that a procedural error occurred during the interview/ranking process which negatively affected your candidacy, you should file a CBH Appeal application. See your building delegate for a copy of the appeal application or contact the Union office. Appeals must be filed within 72 hours after applicant's notifica-

Golden Apple Recipient



Congratulations to Nicole Marcone for her recent Golden Apple award!

Nicole is an English teacher at Alvarez High School.

In addition to the Golden Apple Award, Nicole received a \$250 grant for her classroom from Hasbro.

Educator Appreciation Reception

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When: Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Where: Botanical Garden
Roger Williams Park

Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

More details to follow.

From the President...

Reminders...

♦ **Open Office Hours with Maribeth**

If you have any concerns or suggestions and would like to meet with Maribeth, call the Union office to schedule an appointment. Open office hours are between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on May 1.

♦ **Town Meetings**

In addition to our regularly scheduled membership meetings, members are encouraged to stop by to have an informal conversation regarding the issues that concern our profession. The next Town Meetings will be held on May 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Retirement Dinner

Please join us for a Retirement Dinner honoring

Steven F. Smith

on:

Friday, May 9, 2014
6:30 p.m.

West Valley Inn
4 Blossom Street
West Warwick, RI

Tickets: \$45.00
(Proceeds to benefit the PTU Scholarship fund.)

To purchase tickets, please contact Michelle Fleet at 421-4014 or mfleet@proteun.org no later than April 28, 2014.