



LIVONIA
Paraprofessionals'
Association

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LPA... Providing support in education

An election of new officers will take place in March. The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the following positions.

All are two year positions commencing on July 1, 2018

Vice President:

The Vice- President shall serve as the membership chairman who monitors, maintains, and updates the membership list, cluster and school lists to the officers and appropriate MEA staff. They are also a member of the LPA Personnel Relations Team.

Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes and attendance of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board; make minutes available for inspection; maintain official files; and assist with Association correspondence, including notifying MEA of election results.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Association and disburse them according to decisions of the Executive Board; keep accurate accounts of receipts and expenditures; submit a written report at every regularly scheduled meeting to the Association and Executive Board; prepare a written annual financial statement for the membership; keep the President, Association staff, and Executive Board informed of the financial condition of the Association; and assist in drafting the Annual Budget.

Should you be interested in running for one of the positions outlined above or know of someone who has expressed an interest in running, please contact the Nominating Committee:

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Welcome New Para's

- Jennifer Banfield - Emerson
- Sandra Killmar - Skill Center
- April Adams - Cleveland
- Christina Pless - Cooper Upper
- Nicole Owens - Webster

All new employees receive a LPS email account. If you have not received yours yet, please contact your administrator right away so you can access it. The LPA uses the district email to keep you updated on all pertinent matters.

We want to acknowledge and THANK the following NEW MEMBERS for your support through your membership in the Livonia Paraprofessionals' Association. This also comes with membership in the MEA and NEA.

- Julie Ryan - Webster

Do you know? Newly hired members receive \$15,000 in term life insurance free of charge from the NEA in their first year of employment! Contact **Carol Whitefoot** to find out how to enroll...



January 26 -No School Secondary
-Optional PD date for
Secondary Parapros

**January 31st-General Membership
meeting at 5:15 at Holmes**

February 19 - Mid-Winter Break -
No school

March 1st - Building Rep meeting

**March 20th - Last General
Membership meeting
5:15 at Holmes-Officer Elections**

**April 18th - New Member Meeting
5:15 at MEA Office**

**May 8th - LPA Banquet
St. Mary's Cultural Center**

3% update!

All employees of any Michigan public school who worked between July 2010 and September 2012 should have been contacted by the ORS as you read this. Emails and letters to affected employees indicating the amount that was illegally withheld from you by the state of Michigan should have been received by the close of the day on Monday, January 22, 2018. This money will be returned to people who worked for LPS during that time, by LPS and not the state of Michigan. Please note that more details are being learned daily. See the ORS website for updated information or contact LPS directly. Please note, the actual return of this money may take up to 60 more days.

→This is a friendly reminder to all of our bargaining unit members to check your pay stubs for accuracy on a regular basis. You should see evidence of your step increases in the pay period after the one that your anniversary date falls in. You can access your pay stub at:

<https://hrweb.resa.net/eEmployee/Login.aspx>

Your Executive Board

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