



Advancing Art Education

2010 Delegates Assembly State President Report

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Term of Office: 2008- Present

Division: Elementary Middle Level Secondary Higher Education Museum Education Supervision/Administration

Significant Past State Activities – March 2009 - March 2010:

- CAEA Retreat - Work on Strategic Planning - May 16, 2009 - Lyme Academy College of Fine Art, Old Lyme, CT
- "Art Connects!" - 2009 CAEA Conference - October 26, 2009 - at the Holiday Inn Waterbury, Waterbury CT
Painter, Peter Waite was the keynote speaker, over 300 attendees participating in 21 workshops throughout the day. 20 exhibitors, electronic gallery of state Scholastic award winners and CAEA member gallery, informational handouts in conference packets, lunch and raffle
- Artists' Book Open House Workshop – November 2, 2010 - New Haven, CT
- CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards - Jan. 16 - Feb. 5, 2010 - at the Silpe Gallery, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford
140 public, private and independent schools entered with a total over 1800 pieces to be jury. Over 600 pieces were selected and displayed of which over 200 were gold keys with \$400,000 of scholarship offers
- Youth Art Celebration in conjunction with Youth Art Month - March 1- 19, 2010 at The Hartford, Simsbury, CT
- Outstanding Art Educators Awards Dinner - March 31, 2009, honoring ten outstanding art educators, Mannely's, South Windsor,
The event included keynote speaker Power Boothe from Hartford Art School, buffet dinner, presentation of awards.
- Piloting of Common Assessments for 5th and 8th grade – CT Department of Education – Scott Shuler
- Monthly Board and Committee Meetings focused on sustaining current activities, professional development and advocacy work, as well as, creatively restructuring board positions to encourage participation and recruitment of new members to become actively involved in various leadership roles.

Significant Planned State Activities - March 2010 - March 2011:

- CAEA Retreat - Work on Strategic Planning and working with CAAA, CMEA and other Arts organizations to create a new Alliance for Arts Education - May 1, 2010 Lyme Academy College Fine of Art, Old Lyme, CT
- " Art At The Heart of Learning!" 2010 CAEA Conference - October 25, 2010 - at the Holiday Inn Waterbury, Waterbury CT
- CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards - January - February 2011 - at the Silpe Gallery, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford
- Youth Art Celebration in conjunction with Youth Art Month - March 2011, at The Hartford, Simsbury, CT
- Arts Advocacy Day – March 2011 in conjunction with Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County and Arts Alliance of New Haven
- Outstanding Art Educators Awards Dinner - March 2011

Upcoming Conference/Professional Development Activities:

- CAEA Retreat - Work on Strategic Plan – May 1, 2010 — Full day workshop for board members and invited potential leaders, members of the CAAA (approximately 20-25) for CAEA strategic planning and inspiration and work toward creating a new Alliance for Arts Education. Lyme Art Academy College of Fine Arts in Old Lyme, Connecticut
- " Art At The Heart of Learning!" 2010 CAEA Conference - October 25, 2010 - at the Holiday Inn Waterbury, Waterbury CT
full day conference offering a total of 28 morning and afternoon workshops by invited artists and art educators, with a keynote speaker.
- Arts Advocacy Day – March 2011 in conjunction with Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County and Arts Alliance of New Haven
- Development of workshops at a CT artist's studio.
- Development of Election Day PD Workshops

Association Work on NAEA Strategic Plan Initiatives

Learning—develop effective leadership, teaching and advocacy for art education:

- CAEA has started working on strategic planning. This is an ongoing process. A conscious effort has been made to seek and recruit the support of members to help out in various board capacities and on committee. Board positions were reviewed and revised to better fit the current needs of CAEA.
- CAEA continues to work on communication through our web site, www.caea.net, including the development of an advocacy links for member use.
- CAEA continues to use Constant Contact to communicate with members about upcoming events, advocacy information, legislation and other art information
- CAEA president attended a Lobbyist workshop given by the CMEA/CEA lobbyist. – how to talk to legislatures and press
- Workshops on Advocacy available at CAEA Fall Conference.

Community—build a professional community:

- CAEA continues building a connection with CMEA (Music Association) to work on Advocacy issues including legislation.
- CAEA continues with the Connecticut State Department of Education to promote and support work on developing and piloting common assessments .
- CAEA continues to work on communication through www.caea.net and Constant Contact, including posting of Scholastic Art Award submission forms and winners, on-line registration for the fall conference, fall workshop proposals through electronic submissions, digital newsletter and the development of an advocacy link for member use.
- A conference committee was established.
- CAEA's Spring Leadership Retreat, Fall Conference, summer workshops, offer CEU's.
- Offered two PD mini-grants – (1) to attend NA Convention and (2) to help fund a summer workshop
- Development of workshops at a CT artist's studio.

Research/Knowledge—assess programs/services and provide access to information on policy:

--Redesign of CAEA's website, www.caea.net, offers access to information and a direct link to NAEA.

Advocacy—communicate the value of visual arts:

- CAEA continues to work on and update communication through www.caea.net, including the development of an advocacy link for member use.
- CAEA continued collaboration with Connecticut's Arts Administrators Association (CAAA) and Connecticut's Music Educators Association (CMEA) to hire a lobbyist to work on issues including passing of an arts graduation requirement bill, to reinstate and fund a Visual Arts Consultant in the State Department of Education and oppose a bill not requiring part time arts educators at magnet schools to to be certified.
- CAEA is working with CAAA, CMEA and other arts education groups to establish a new Alliance for Arts Education
- Included Advocacy materials, such CAEA Parents Handbook in conference packets so teacher can reproduce and use them.

Other new information from your State:

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Signature of State President*

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