

Maine Adult Education Association NEWSLETTER



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BI-MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT:

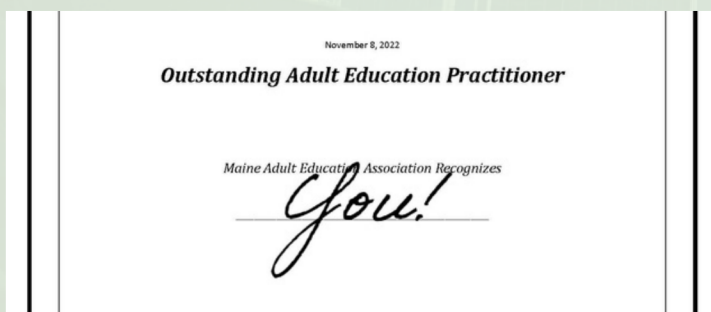
MAEA's Advocacy Committee has started meeting for the new school year. Since long-time lobbyist Bob Howe has retired, the Advocacy Committee interviewed new lobbyists and chose **Clara McConnell** from *Maine Street Solutions* to represent MAEA for the upcoming year.

Clara started working for MAEA in November and will provide weekly legislative updates, support for the Advocacy Committee, and monitoring of all legislative activity involving Adult Education in Maine. The committee will also be working on other events and strategies throughout the year.

Committee Co-Chairs are Kayla Sikora, Director Augusta Adult Education kayla.sikora@augustaschools.org and Tom Nash, Director Windham Raymond Adult Education tnash@rsu14.org

MAEA UPDATES/NEWS

This year, Maine Adult Education Association recognizes all Adult Education Personnel as Outstanding Adult Education Practitioners. Their work through the pandemic has been integral to strengthening literacy, English acquisition, digital literacy, high school completion and to building Maine a strong and competitive workforce. We applaud their great work!



HUB CORNER

Hub 5 is currently excitedly planning our in-person professional development day for January, something we haven't done since before the pandemic. Across our programs this year, some highlights are a robust CDL program, new childcare support for students, and expansion of CNA and MA programs.

Hub 4 has been working on strategic planning under the guidance of Lisa Laflin, the former director of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area. We have created a mission statement and will complete a three-year plan in January, with the goal of increasing collaboration, sharing resources, and reaching even more learners.

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