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## Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

### Wisconsin to Host Region III & IV CEA Conference

The CEA-Wisconsin Board is pleased to announce that Wisconsin has been selected to host the 2011 Region III & IV Correctional Education Association Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake.

The conference general sessions are scheduled for Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3. On Sunday May 1, there will be the regional Teacher of the Year selection and an evening reception.

The Conference Planning Committee is hoping to include several workshops relating to county jails in the conference program as well as the usual array of valuable workshops focusing on literacy, HSED/GED prep, re-entry, vocational education, special education, post-secondary, parenting, professional development, and other areas. Also featured will be general session speakers, vendor displays and a silent auction.

Correctional Educators from the Region III states of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, and Michigan will be in attendance as well as the Region IV teachers which includes Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba.

At the September CEA-W Board meeting, workgroups were established and chairs selected. If any CEA-W members would like to assist in the planning of the conference, please contact the chair of the workgroup on which you would like to serve. We will be happy to have your help.

Here are the workgroups and chairs:

- Workshops – Laurie Jarvis, Laura Reisinger
- Registration – Ray Schlesinger, Mary Stierna
- Silent Auction/ Sales – Jerry Bednarowski
- Hospitality – Holly Audley
- Session Evaluations – Chuck Brendel
- Vendors – Peggy Meyers
- A-V Equipment/ Hotel – Peggy Meyers, Chuck Brendel

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The Osthoff Resort has agreed to offer rooms at conference rates for those who would like to arrive early and enjoy a weekend in a beautiful lakeside view or woodland view suite.



If you would like to present a workshop at the Region III & IV Correctional Education Association Conference, complete the Call for Presenters form in this newsletter.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for an informative and fun conference. Registration and lodging information will be published in future issues of this newsletter.

**To receive a copy of the Directory of  
Education Programs in Wisconsin's County  
Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers  
email [jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com](mailto:jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com)**

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# At New Lisbon, Education Is the Key



The philosophy that "Education is the key to opening doors" is evident at New Lisbon Correctional Institution ever since the Education Department opened in June 2004 with 10 teachers. Adult Basic Education (ABE) and High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) classes were, and still are, the foundation of learning that all other programs extend from. NLCI's Woodland Way School offers classes for offenders wishing to earn or complete a GED/HSED. Classes include Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Math, Science, Civics, Employability Skills, and Health. After earning a GED/HSED, offenders can further their education by taking one of three vocational programs offered, certified through Western Technical College: Bakery, Computer Applications, and Horticulture. Other educational options available are the Incarcerated Individuals Program (IIP) and college correspondence courses.

The culmination of students' efforts is graduation. Graduation at New Lisbon takes place twice a year, spring and fall, and is comprised of HSED/GED and vocational graduates. A member of the graduating class speaks about what graduation means to him and acts as an inspiration for his fellow graduates to continue their pursuit of knowledge. Family members attend, caps and gowns are worn, cake and coffee are served, pictures are taken, and treasured memories are made as graduates walk in front of the crowd and receive their diplomas from Warden Ana Boatwright.

For some, it is the end of a very long journey to earn their HSED/GED. For others, it is the completion of a dream and fulfillment of a promise made to family members. For all, it is only the beginning.

## Save these dates:

**Region III & IV Correctional Education Association Conference**  
**May 2-3, 2011**  
**Osthoff Resort**  
**Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin**

**66<sup>th</sup> Annual International CEA Conference**  
**July 17-20, 2011**  
**Charleston Marriott Town Center & Charleston Embassy Suites**  
**Charleston, West Virginia**

# Correctional Education Association 2011 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

## Purpose:

The Correctional Education Association of Wisconsin (CEA-W), in cooperation with the International Correctional Education Association, has established the TEACHER OF THE YEAR award to recognize outstanding educational contributions by a teacher in a correctional facility.

## Who Is Eligible:

To be eligible, the teacher must:

- spend at least 51% of his/her work time in classroom instruction
- have taught in correctional facilities a minimum of two years
- have demonstrated leadership qualities and be active in promoting improvements in correctional education
- have demonstrated devotion to the teaching profession as evidenced by a willingness to work beyond his/her job description
- have been an active member of CEA for the past one year

Teachers who were nominated previous years, but were not selected as the CEA-W TEACHER OF THE YEAR may be re-nominated. CEA-W Board members are not eligible for nomination.

## Nomination Process:

Anyone may submit a nomination for TEACHER OF THE YEAR. The nomination may be a colleague or the teacher him or herself. The nomination deadline is **January 1, 2011**.

## Qualities To Be Considered:

- Teaching excellence
- Classroom and program innovation
- Professional development activities
- Ability to serve as a representative for correctional education in the state of Wisconsin



## Awards:

The CEA-W TEACHER OF THE YEAR will receive a plaque attesting to his or her achievement. He/she will be furnished expenses to compete against winners from five other Midwestern States at the Region III & IV CEA Conference to be held at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin on May 2-3, 2011.

**HURRY!!!** Phone, fax, or mail your nomination by **January 1, 2011** to:

**Mike Breszee**  
**CEAW Awards & Recognition Committee**  
**Waupun Correctional Institution**  
**PO Box 351**  
**Waupun, WI 53963-0351**  
**Phone: (920) 324-5571, (0) ext. 1389 Fax (920) 324-7250**  
**E-mail: [michael.breszee@wisconsin.gov](mailto:michael.breszee@wisconsin.gov)**

# CEA-Wisconsin Showcase Award

Would you like to present a workshop on your program, classroom activities, or special area of interest? The Wisconsin chapter of the Correctional Education Association would like to help.

The CEA-W Executive Board is offering a \$250 grant to help defray the professional expenses for a CEA-Wisconsin member to present a workshop at the Region III & IV CEA Conference at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin on April 2-3, 2011, the International CEA Conference in Charleston, West Virginia on July 18-20, the Wisconsin GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference in Fall 2011, or any other professional education or correctional conference.

Your presentation may be on an existing program that has been effective, a new innovative program, creative classroom activities, unique instructional methods, or a special project.

To be eligible for consideration, you must be an active CEA member, submit a proposal outlining the workshop you wish to present, and submit a statement of support from your supervisor. The CEA-W Board will review the proposals received and select the proposal to receive the \$250 grant.

Your proposal should include:

- ❖ Title of presentation
- ❖ Intended audience
- ❖ Presentation description (200 words or less)

Entries will be evaluated on:

- ❖ Relevance to the needs of correctional students
- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Effectiveness of program or techniques
- ❖ Potential to be used in other settings
- ❖ Interest to conference attendees

The deadline for submission of your proposal is January 1, 2011. Submit your proposal to:

**Holly Audley, Education Director**  
**Southern Oaks Girls School**  
**21425B Spring Street**  
**Union Grove, WI 53182**  
[holly.audley@wisconsin.gov](mailto:holly.audley@wisconsin.gov)

## Updated Resources Available for Inmates Headed Back to School

Office of Vocational and Adult Education of the U.S. Department of Education just updated its planning guide, *Back to School: A Planning Guide to Continuing Your Education After Prison*, by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Prisoner Reentry Institute, which OVAE funded. This update reflects the most recent information on federal student financial aid for inmates headed for release. Topics range from setting personal educational goals and committing to a long-term education development plan to finding, accessing, and paying for an education program.

Ninety-four percent of adult male inmates approaching release who were interviewed for a recent national evaluation identified education as a personal re-entry need.

Free copies of the guide are available in limited quantities from EDPubs by requesting item number ED005088P.

submitted by: Peggy Meyers, WTCS

# Forum to Kick-Off Research Project

The 2011 CEA Leadership Forum will be held in Annapolis, MD March 27-29 at the Westin Hotel. The CEA website contains preliminary information on hotel and conference registration. This year the Forum will feature, among other great events, the launch of the new federal grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Rand Corporation with CEA as the major partner. This grant will feature the strong involvement of directors of adult correctional and juvenile justice programs. The grant will subsidize the registration and travel expenses for a select number of directors. Rand, the CEA Executive Office and Board and the Council of State Directors are discussing the criteria for director selection. Here is the first public announcement from Dr. Robert Bosick, co-project director:

## Announcement from Robert Bosick, Rand Corporation

*In addition to the business agenda items that are typically included in the Leadership Forum, this March's meeting will also serve as an informal "kick-off" to a high profile research project. As some of you may already be aware, the Bureau of Justice Assistance recently awarded the RAND Corporation – a public policy think tank – a two-year grant to evaluate and improve educational methods for incarcerated adults and juveniles. RAND has partnered with CEA to undertake this evaluation, and is looking forward to using the weight of our collective resources to undertake this important project. Over the next two years, RAND will be working closely with you, the state directors, as well the broader CEA membership to identify important trends and policy issues in correctional education, best practices, and areas for improvement. The results of this evaluation will be used to guide future policy initiatives, and thus, your involvement is critical.*

The RAND research team will be at the March Leadership Forum Meeting to introduce themselves and talk about the specifics of the project. Also at the meeting, they will be conducting focus groups with some of you (information forthcoming separately). Because this meeting will help set the tone and direction of the project, your attendance is important.

If you would like more information on the RAND Corporation, check out their website: [www.rand.org](http://www.rand.org)

## Call for Nominations

During March, Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin will be conducting its annual election for Executive Board Members. Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

- ✓ **Juvenile Facilities Member**
- ✓ **Local Education Agency Member**
- ✓ **Jail/Detention Center Member**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**

Any CEA-W member is eligible to run for office. All officers and board members serve two-year terms. Nominations are to be sent to:

**Peter Garetson**  
**Oshkosh Correctional Institution**  
**PO Box 3530**  
**Oshkosh, WI 54901-3530**  
**Phone: 920-213-4010 x2214**  
**Email: [peter.garetson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:peter.garetson@wisconsin.gov)**

Nominations must be received by **February 1, 2011**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2011 Executive Board Meeting.

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Careers Conference “The Future Is Here”

January 25-26, 2011

Pre-Conference January 24, 2011

**The Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin**

Plan now to attend the leading national conference dedicated to lifelong career development and career education.

Why should you attend? In these times of budget cuts and uncertainty, you want to wisely spend your time and money. At the Careers Conference, you'll get updates and training on the issues you care about most. The conference focuses on practical information that you can use — a wise, efficient way to spend your limited funds.

Whether you are experienced or new to the field — educator, counselor, or practitioner — you're sure to benefit from the diversity of sessions and programs. Each session period offers 10 different presentations to choose from—there's sure to be one that interests you!

## Keynote Speakers:

Jim Brazell, technology forecaster and strategist

*The Future is Here: Career Pathways for Living, Learning and Working in the 21st Century*

Richard Nelson Bolles, author, consultant, master teacher, and workshop leader

*What Color is Your Parachute Now? 25+ Years and Still Growing*

## Plus:

- 125+ High Quality Sessions, including:
- 7 outstanding featured presentations
- 2 dynamic keynote sessions
- Dozens of informal roundtables
- Tours to local work places
- Networking opportunities
- Best practices to adapt and use
- Cost-effective program ideas
- Cutting-edge strategies that work

Tough economic times = greater need for well-trained career specialists. Share your expertise at Careers Conference 2011! Visit [www.cew.wisc.edu/careersconf](http://www.cew.wisc.edu/careersconf) now for complete program details and registration. Early bird deadline is December 1, 2010.

**Learn All About CEA-Wisconsin at:**

**[www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org)**

**To join CEA go to: [www.ceanational.org](http://www.ceanational.org)**

# President's Message

Greetings!

It is hard to believe before long the snow will be flying! If you end up getting caught inside by the weather why not spend some time working on your own professional development? Are you aware that CEA has a selection of professional development classes available for graduate credit? Recently a co-worker finished his first CEA online course. It has been great to see his excitement as he works his way through the material. It was also great to see him, someone who is not much of a computer whiz, mastering an online class. He had such a positive experience he is now moving on to his second class. More information about the class offerings can be found on the national website at <http://www.ceanational.org/prodev.htm> .

Thanks to the many members who renewed their memberships and took advantage of the rebate offered this fall. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to see old friends and meet new faces at the GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference this year.

Also remember that we are looking for volunteers to help plan the regional conference – let us know if you'd like to help!

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