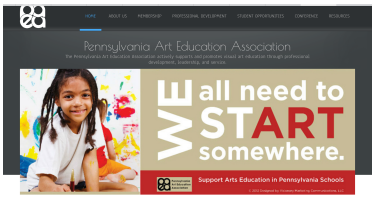

NEW **WEBSITE LAUNCH**

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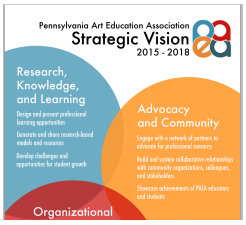
REGIONAL EVENTS

CONFERENCE 2014



STRATEGIC VISION

Pennsylvania Art Education Association

FALL 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

PAEA made a National Splash in NOLA - 2015

Pennsylvania art educators working in many venues and at all career levels were presenters and attendees at the National Art Education Association conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana earlier this year. Christopher DeMayo was awarded the National New Professional Art Educator Award, Dana Carlisle Kletchka received the National Museum Education Art Educator award and Sandra Wood was honored as the Pennsylvania Art Educator of 2015.

PAEA Pennsylvania Art Education - join the Facebook Group today! Share, network, and learn.

LEADERSHIP Events/Activities/The work of the year…

The 2015 spring Board Meeting near State College, PA.

Board members meet three times yearly (face to face) at the Fall Conference, a Spring Saturday at McCann School of Art, and summer weekend retreat at Kutztown University. Additionally, they meet via an online virtual discussion group four weeks during the year.

The Leadership Council (LC) meets monthly via digital Go-To meetings. The LC is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary and Treasurer. PAEA also provides online meeting spaces for PAEA member meetings and virtual workshops. This virtual space has been well used by the Learning by Design Team and the SLO workshops in the fall of 2014.

STRATEGIC VISION

The vision has been a process over several years, and was finalized in July of 2015. The actions and plans to support this vision are ongoing, fluid and changing as PAEA continues to find new ways to serve its members and the larger art education community across Pennsylvania. If you have needs or ideas – reach out to your region rep, or contact us via the website. PAEA Strategic Vision and Mission

PAEA MISSION Statement:
The Pennsylvania Art Education Association actively supports and promotes visual art education through ***professional development, leadership, and service***.

WEB SITE

A new website was launched in September of 2015. The site has downloadable posters and Advocacy tools. The goal is to continue to build resources, share accomplishments of art educators across the state, and provide a virtual showcase for student art. Thanks to Kris Fontes for taking the lead on this! **www.paea.org**

COMMUNICATIONS

PAEA continues to re-design communications to meet the needs of our members and connect through current media formats. It's a process of learning to respond well in our media saturated culture. We plan to schedule regular communications. Regional and special interest committees are staying connected via a variety of social media formats, as well as emails. Stay connected by checking the website and making sure your contact information is current with PAEA/NAEA. Join a relevant group!

LEADERSHIP continued…

NATIONAL CONNECTIONS

Kristin Baxter and Diane Wilkin with the NAEA Overseas and New York leaders.

DELEGATES ASSEMBLY – NAEA at NOLA: Pennsylvania has *two voting seats at the NAEA Delegates Assembly*. This NAEA pre-conference meeting involves discussion, review and revision of proposed and existing Position Statements and in 2015 included the beginnings of a discussion surrounding Issues Groups-organizational construct, relevancy and overlapping of initiatives with ideas for restructuring NAEA groups for more useful impact. PAEA was represented by Diane Wilkin, President, and Kristin Baxter, Region 10 representative (now Advocacy Chair).

TEAM EAST – PAEA sends at least two members to the NAEA Eastern Region Team East summer gathering of Art Education organizational leaders. The Eastern Region for NAEA includes: Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, DC, West Virginia and Overseas. Attendees share state accomplishments, initiatives and concerns, and collaborate with and learn from each other to improve the individual state organizations, and create a voice in the national policy debate surrounding arts education. In June of 2015, the gathering was in Maine and was attended by Diane Wilkin, PAEA President, and Robin Brewer, PAEA President-Elect. A highlight was meeting NAEA President Pat Franklin!

Robin Brewer, PAEA Pres-Elect, Diane Wilkin, PAEA Pres, and NAEA President Patricia Franklin at Team East 2015.

Team East – 2015 – Maine – NAEA President, Elementary & Secondary Div.Directors, Supervision/Admin Elect, (Museum & Middle Level.Div.Dir – not pictured.)

STATEWIDE CONNECTIONS

PAEN – Pennsylvania Arts Education Network – Fall Symposium – PAEA has a seat on the Steering Committee http://www.artseducationpa.org/

ON-Line - SLO workshops – three occurred in the fall of 2014 – Presenters: Laurie Harnish and Diane Wilkin

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES / PARTNERSHIPS for PAEA members and other art educators

- *Shaping the Future: Pennsylvania Artist Educators,* at Cummings Art Gallery at Mercyhurst University, Erie.
- *Best of the Best – PA Art Educators,* at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg.
- *Beyond the Classroom: Art Educators*, at Henry Gallery, Penn State University, Great Valley Campus

WORKSHOPS – Regional, Special Committees, Partner events with Museums, Intermediate Units and others as described below.

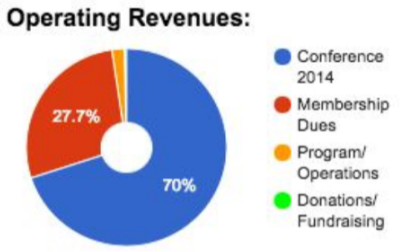
PAEA BUDGET – The PAEA board is reviewing financial records for the past several years and is working towards having a balanced budget that serves members with more professional development opportunities, more leadership training and service opportunities. PAEA is working to manage costs while meeting our goals and objectives. The Treasurer's Annual Summary Report for 2014-2015 follows.

Treasurer's Statement for the 2015 PAEA State of the Board Report
Amy Anderson, Treasurer

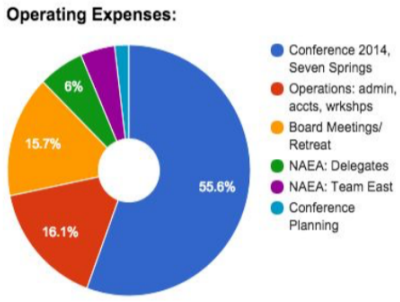
Thank you **members** and ***Friends of PAEA*** for your ongoing donations of support and participation at the conference this year. We appreciate your efforts to promote annual membership in your communities, school districts, and campuses. Growing and serving our members is our primary goal. Guided by the PAEA mission, our largest outreach to members is through professional development workshops, our annual conference, and art exhibits in regions across the state and at the state capital for the Youth Art Month exhibit and for Arts in Education Day. Please look to our website, http://www.paeablog.org/ for state-wide and regional news related to upcoming PAEA professional development workshops and Art Exhibition opportunities.

PAEA's income comes from two main sources: annual membership dues and our annual conference. As a guideline, we look to these income streams to fund general operations and the annual conference, respectively, so that we are financially self-sustaining.

2014 Operating Revenues		
Conference 2014	46565.63	70
Membership Dues	18,412.00	27.7
Program/Operations	1,345.96	2
Donations/Fundraising	221.00	.3
Total Revenue	**$ 66,544.59**	**100%**



2014 Operating Expenses		
Conference 2014, Seven Springs	36,374.99	55.6
Operations: admin, accts, workshops.	10,552.77	16.
Board Meetings/Retreat	10,284.60	15.7
NAEA: Delegates	3954.03	6
NAEA: Team East	3001.71	4.6
Conference Planning	1238.05	1.9
Total Expense	**$65,406.15**	**100%**



The PAEA Board of Directors meet each July at Kutztown University for a three day leadership retreat. This summer, we finalized and approved a strategic plan to guide our work through 2018. Our board is comprised of 35 hard working volunteer members who represent all regions of the state, and all facets within the field of Art Education. Other operational costs include business accounts, supplies, travel related to Board work, attendance at the National Art Education Association conference (PAEA sends two delegates to the NAEA Delegate's Assembly each year), and attendance for two people at the regional NAEA Team East meeting, where state leaders in the northeastern US gather. Thank you to Diane Wilkin, President, and Robin Brewer, President-Elect, and Mary Elizabeth Meier, Past-President, for serving as our representatives at these national gatherings, and to Leslie Gates, for her dedication with conference administration.

PAEA Conference Notes

The PAEA conference "*Art is Natural*" in 2014 was located at the Seven Springs Resort Center. The unique venue allowed PAEA to partner for special events with Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater.

Conference Administrator, Leslie Gates, works with the local conference chairpersons to make PAEA's annual conference possible, supporting the local team by handling many of the administrative tasks (such as hotel contracts, keynote speaker contracts, and scheduling) and serving as a liaison between the conference committee and PAEA's Leadership Council. The 2014 local conference chairs were Joy Knepp and Becky Gartley who hosted a very successful conference at Seven Springs Resort and Fallingwater.

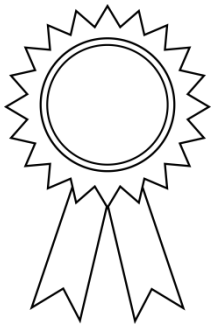
The 2015 PAEA Harrisburg Conference "*Flow + Feel Art Ed*" local chairs are Paul Nagle, Donna Nagle, and Robb Bomboy. We're in the middle of the Flow right now. This conference is introducing the first Virtual Exhibition of Student work! KUDOS to all who take on the local conference chair responsibilities!

Looking ahead, the **2016 PAEA conference, "*Make it Happen*!"** will take place on the parkway in Philadelphia. Lisbeth Bucci and Lauren Stitchter are the local chairpersons for 2016.

We are currently looking for one or more art educators interested in chairing a conference in 2017. Our conference hasn't been to Pittsburgh or State College in many years. If you or someone you know would like to host a conference in one of these locations, or propose a new site, contact Leslie Gates – lesliegatespaea@gmail.com

AWARDS - Check out the 2015 Awards in the Conference booklet

Award nominations are due in June and reviewed in July. The 2015 team reviewed applications, made announcements and is now preparing the formal celebratory PAEA Awards Luncheon to be held at the annual conference, Saturday, October 17, 2015, Harrisburg Hilton.



Check the paea website for an outline of award categories and requirements. Nominate an outstanding colleague for a 2016 award! PAEA website award page

PAEA Statewide Highlights! – and beyond!

YOUTH ART MONTH

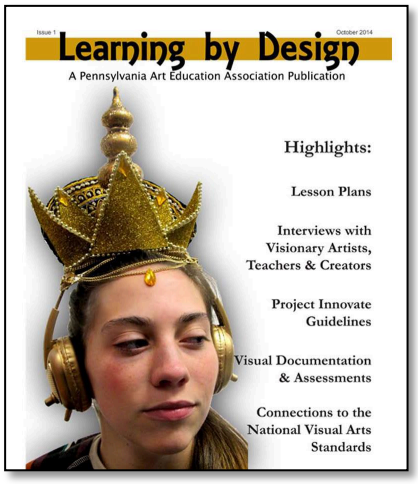
The PA YAM flag at NAEA in New Orleans 2015.

The 2015 Youth Art Month exhibit was on **display from Feb 28 thru March 17, 2015, at the PDE building in Harrisburg, PA.** The March 21st reception had a tremendous student and parent turnout, with many local art educators on hand to join the celebration of achievements in the visual arts.

The Youth Art Month Flag competition continues to grow each year and produce impressive designs. The 2015 state flag winner was from Carlisle, PA and the winning design was displayed at the NAEA conference in New Orleans. Look for the new 2015-2016 *Student Opportunities* - contest and exhibit information - on the PAEA website. PAEA YAM student opportunities

DESIGN Issues Group – Learning by Design Team

This active PAEA group conducted several Professional Development programs across Pennsylvania this year. They assisted with the common in-service day for **Erie County** art teachers at the Erie Art Museum, joined in the **Chester County** Arts Common In-Service day in November 2014, and partnered again with the Erie Art Museum for a spring 2015 event. The LBD team collaborated with Region 4 PAEA reps for a Project Innovate Workshop held in **State College, PA.**



Sandy Corson manages the monthly cyber meetings & piloted a K-3 Makerspace at her school in Williamsport, collaborating across disciplines. (Jackson Primary School on FB)

Judy Treffinger hosted the annual Project Innovate Showcase 2015 at the Lamberton Middle School in Carlisle, PA in April, 2015.

Eight team members presented at the PAEA Annual conference at Seven Springs and five led sessions at the NAEA 2015 National Conference in New Orleans. The **NOLA presentations** garnered the LBD team an invite to present at the **3rd International Design Conference (LearnXDesign 2015)** in Chicago. Amy Migliore represented the team in June.

Two team members, Kris Fontes and Lisbeth Bucci, wrote articles **published in the April 2015 *School Arts* Design issue** magazine by Davis Publishing. The team continues work to expand the Learning By Design magazine first published in Oct 2014.

(A workshop with fashionable hats!)

Sandy Corson and Amy Migliori joined Crayola Rep Cheri Sterman in D.C at the **U.S. Department of Education Sept 2015 event: "Champion Creatively Alive Children".**

Amy Migliori, Cheri Sterman and Sandy Corson at the US DOE – Sept. 2015.

SPECIAL NEEDS Issues Group – Lauren Stichter

This year the PAEA Special Needs Chairperson started a PAEA SNAE Facebook page along with a blog. There she has posted regularly, with Facebook being her primary source of communication. In the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015 Lauren helped facilitate 2 art education programs for special populations at Moore College of Art and Design. Lauren also began a regional PAEA SNAE Collegial Assembly. Two have occurred: one in February 2015 at The Woodmere Museum, and one in May 2015 at The Main Line Art Center. More assemblies are being scheduled. In June, SNAE joined with Region 7, co-hosting the two day workshop on Differentiated Learning in the Art Classroom.

On May 26th, 2015 Lauren became the new Graduate Program Director of the Masters in Art Education *with an Emphasis in Special Populations* at Moore College of Art and Design. On Nov. 7th 2015 Lauren will lead and facilitate the fall Moore College of Art and Design event titled *"Art as a refuge: Creating a safe space for underserved populations."*

Elementary Division Director – Sandy Corson - PAEA Elementary on Facebook

The Elementary Division focused this year on organizing a core team working together to create opportunities for members to connect and network. Follow us at "PAEA Elementary Art" on Facebook for current news on art, educational tools, and other relevant information. A conference round-table session is planned. This summer the elementary division sponsored a summer 2015 event at Danville Elementary- sharing ideas and making art. Elementary members are active in the PAEA *Learning By Design* committee.

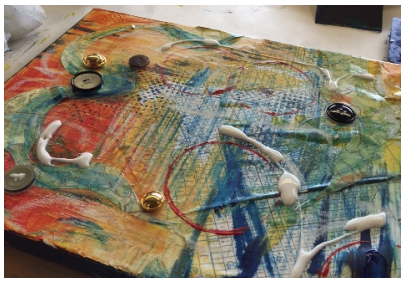
The elementary division team meets monthly and encourages input. This team is collaborating to build the PAEA Pinterest page. The team looks forward to creating more opportunities for face to face interactions through workshops, PD and art events, with a focus on creating relationships with artists with "Made for Me" workshops to be held at artisan studios – Interested? - Contact Sandy Corson at scorson@wasd.org

Middle Level Division Director – Leslie Kunkel lakunkelpaea@gmail.com

Secondary Division Director – Alyce Grunt - paeasecondary blog

Updates continue to be added to the blog for secondary art teachers in PA (http://paeasecondary.blogspot.com). The blog provides information about a variety of events, opportunities and contests, including Youth Arts Month, Scholastic Art Awards, National Conference on Education for the Ceramic Arts, and opportunities for art educators to exhibit their own artwork. Based on observations from blog activity (number of clicks per post), there appears to be great interest in opportunities for art teachers to develop as artists and/ or participate in art exhibitions. An article about how maintaining one's own art practice can inspire art students, and how their ideas can then inspire the teacher, was published in the Pennsylvania Art Education Association Spring Newsletter in 2015.

Moving forward, secondary art teachers are invited to submit images and/or links to websites that could be shared on the PAEA secondary blog.



Higher Ed Division Director - Rande Blank rblank@uarts.edu
Rande Blank joined the board this past summer as Higher Ed Division Director, filling in the vacancy left by Heather Fountain who left the board due to health issues. Please welcome Rande to the position. Join the PAEA Higher Education page on Facebook.

Supervision/Administration Division Director - emileetaylor50@gmail.com

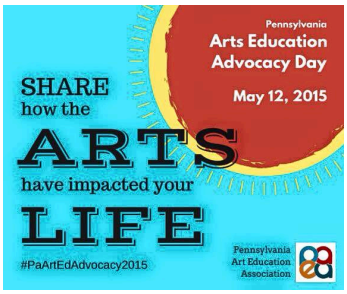
Museum Education Division Director – Jennifer Nadler - jnadler@barnesfoundation.org

Retired Division Director – Kristine Fontes PAEA Retired Art Educators on Facebook
PAEA retired teachers are being engaged in activities and beginning to plan ways to share their expertise with others through PAEA involvement. Newly retired art educators will be recognized at the PAEA conference in Harrisburg. The 2016 goal is to feature a retiree in the newsletter. If you are a retiree, or planning to retire, contact Krisfontes2@gmail.com or join the Facebook page.

Non-Public Division Director – Evan Thomas - Evn1135@gmail.com
Evan Thomas accepted the board position in October, 2014 and has been building lines of communication with Non Public art educators from around the state. The PAEA Non-Public blog and Facebook page are in their infant stages, but have grown steadily over the past few months. For the upcoming year, this position will work to increase the identification of non-public members with increased programming aimed towards improving the engagement from art educators in alternative settings.

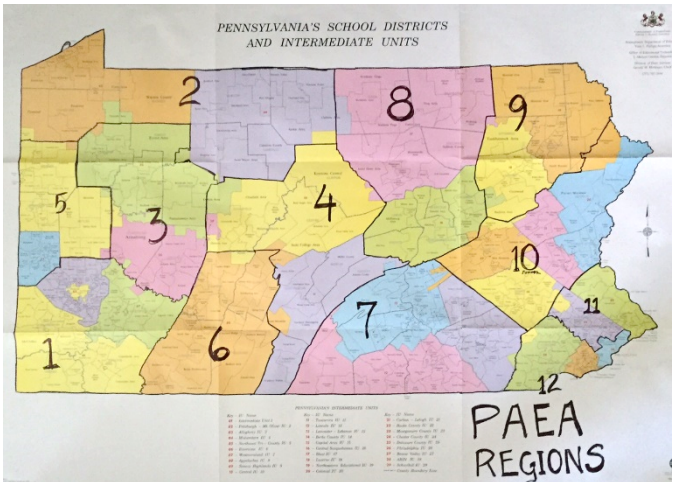
Student Representative – (Pre-Service) – Samantha Strathearn (resigned summer 2015)
Samantha created a preservice member Facebook page and Wordpress blog and introduced herself to members and student chapter advisors through e-mail. She began work on reviving the student chapter handbook before leaving to pursue graduate work outside of PA.

Newsletter and Website - Kristine Fontes chairs both of these communication formats for PAEA. Articles for the newsletter are welcome from all members. The new PAEA **website** is launched. With the help of the president and president-elect, the site is filling with content and visuals which we believe will reflect our image as an art organization and the mission of our organization. Suggestions from membership are welcome.



PA REGION REPS SERVING STATE MEMBERS

Solid **communication** has been maintained through email updates and social media. Representatives are liaisons of official PAEA information shared via the Leadership Council, attendance at board meetings, NING conversations, the annual spring retreat in State College, PA and the summer Leadership Retreat at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA.



PA Region 12 – *Philadelphia, Chester and Delaware Counties*

This past year there has been a shift in Region 12 Leadership. Congratulations to Robin Brewer, co- representative of Region 12 who was elected President-Elect in October. PAEA welcomed Claudia Eckel as the new Region 12 co- rep.

In the Fall of 2014, many Region 12 members **attended and presented at our PAEA conference**, held at Seven Springs, PA, where region member Jennifer Nadler, Director of Education of the Barnes Foundation Museum, Philadelphia, was honored as Outstanding Museum Educator for 2014. Kudos! Jennifer.

Each year, many regions of Pennsylvania have county wide in-service days during early November. This year, **PAEA Region 12 partnered with the Chester Co. I.U.** sponsored initiative at the Phoenixville Art Center in Chester County. Two "Design Live" professional development challenge sessions were presented with the PAEA special interest group, Learning by Design. These hands-on workshops were open to all art educators K-12, and offered Act 48 for participants through the I.U. Region 12 members assisted with the Youth Art Month exhibition in Harrisburg at the Department of Education in March of 2014.

During the 2015 spring semester, PAEA **Region 12 sponsored a juried art exhibition,** "Beyond the Classroom: Artist Educators," at the Henry Gallery, at Penn State University, Great Valley campus. An opening reception was held on April 16th, exhibiting the works of art educators from Elementary through Higher Ed from both Regions 11 and 12. The show and exhibition was such a success, another is being planned for the spring of 2017. PAEA Region 12 membership was **well represented at NAEA 2015 in NOLA**.

Looking forward, Region 12 will be the **host site of the PAEA 2016 Conference, "*Make it Happen,*"** which will be held in Philadelphia, October 7-9, 2016. Region 12 members are busy with excited anticipation.

Region 11 & 12 members exhibit art work at Penn State

Chris Sweeney presents at NAEA

Art Educators design together in a workshop

PA Region 11 – *Bucks and Montgomery Counties*

PA student artwork on display in Harrisburg- Youth Art Month

Region 11 welcomed a new Region Representative, Stacy Potter into the board position. Plans are underway for a common in-service activity in Bucks County, to be located at the Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, PA.

Region 11 is reaching out to the Abington Art Center and Autism Speaks Bucks County Chapter to develop PAEA partner programs for art educators.

Region 11 members assisted in the exhibition set-up for the Youth Art Month exhibit in Harrisburg, at the PA Department of Education building.

Communication with Region 11 members has been initiated via e-mail and invites to the fall 2014 Educator's Open House gathering at the Michener Museum have been shared. Meanwhile efforts are being made to provide PAEA members a grant-writing workshop.

PA Region 10 – *Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Schuylkill*

Region 10 members stayed connected through email, Facebook, and phone calls. In the fall of 2014, Region 10 Representative, Kristin Baxter and Heather Fountain, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Art Education at Kutztown University accepted the **"Zenith Award" from Discover Lehigh Valley for outstanding service** in planning the 2013 Pennsylvania Art Education Association conference in Bethlehem.

Kristin Baxter & Heather Fountain accept the Zenith Award.

Region 10 saw several members and pre-service students present at the PAEA 2014 conference in Seven Springs. In January and February 2015 Kristin used the PA Department of Education gallery to **exhibit artwork of Moravian College art students** - an exhibition space managed by PAEA. In February 2015, Region 10 members assisted in preparing the YAM exhibit. The region sponsored the **"Soul Collage" workshop** offered for ACT 48 credit to PAEA members and facilitated by a local art therapist, Jody Mathews.

Region 10 Rep **Kristin Baxter served at the 2015 Delegate's Assembly** at the NAEA convention in New Orleans, and then moved on to the PAEA Advocacy Chair position and is mentoring the new Region 10 Representative, Geena Teodecki.

In April, Moravian College student, Sabrina Signorelli ('17), received a grant to help PAEA with a research project entitled, ***Partnering in Research: Dynamic Interplays of Context and Leadership: History of the Pennsylvania Art Education Association.*** Research was conducted at the Eberly Family Special Collections Library at Penn State, and she is preparing a document summarizing the historical events through which PAEA evolved as an organization.

In the summer of 2015, Kristin worked with Kelly Weaver, (Moravian College alum) to design a brochure that gives background information about the Moravian College Student Chapter of the National Art Education Association (NAEA). This brochure was designed in a "generic" way so that it could be shared with and tailored to other Art Education programs throughout the state, supporting higher education colleagues who are members of PAEA.

PA Region – 9 – *Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming*

PAEA welcomes the new Region 9 representative Lisa Marie Ferry. Lisa's goals are to meet more members, and increase participation in the 2016 Youth Art Month Show.

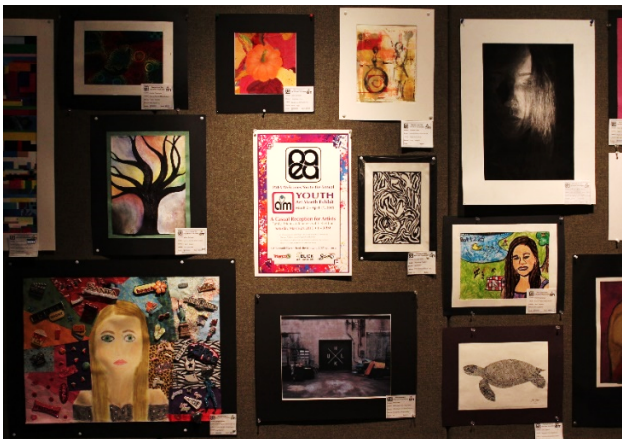
Newly appointed Region Reps (from left to right): Geena Teodecki (10), Jillette Smith (8), and Lisa Ferry (9).

PA Region – 8 – *Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga & Union*

PAEA welcomes the new Region 8 representative Jillette Smith.

PA Region – 7 – *Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York*

Harrisburg, our PA state Capitol is located in Region 7 and local members are key participants in events in and around the Capitol. Region 7 sponsored a **National Art Honor Society Student Art Exhibit at PDE** in the winter of 2014-15, showcasing regional NAHS chapter student artwork. A **National Core Arts Standards Workshop** was co-sponsored with Millersville University in November 2014 where Dr. Marilyn Stewart (Kutztown) and Cory Wilkerson (SEADAE) were featured speakers. Dickinson College partnered with PAEA in presenting a workshop in June 2015 titled: **Differentiated Instruction in the Art Classroom and Museum Workshop.** This two-day workshop was held at the Trout Gallery on the Dickinson College campus and attendees received 12 hours of Act 48 credits. Featured speakers included: Dr. Lisa Kay (Temple), Dr. Heather Flaherty, Lauren Stichter (Moore) and Amanda Newman-Godfrey (Moore).



During the winter of 2014-15, Region 7 worked together with the Susquehanna Art Museum to sponsor the **Special Educators Welcome to the New SAM.** The Susquehanna Art Museum is a new space in Harrisburg designed to expand the access to arts in the Harrisburg and surrounding areas.

Region 7 members are key to the planning, preparation and exhibition work for the **Youth Art Month Exhibit at PDE:** Key to the success of this event were Melissa Gallagher, Region 7 representative, and Suzanne Collins, PAEA YAM Chair. The goal is to continue to grow this exhibit each year.

PA Region 6 – *Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset*

Region 6 members were very busy in 2014 as the hosts, (along with members of region 1) for the **2014 "Art is Natural Conference" held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County**. Plans for the conference really started to fall into place at the leadership retreat at Kutztown University in July followed by several months filled with conference activity until the event took place in late October 2014. The success of the conference was highlighted by a **partnership with Fallingwater** where several events took place, along with a special afternoon of touring for art educators. Joy Knepp, region 6 PAEA representative co-chaired the local conference team with Rebecca Gartley, designing a unique experience for conference attendees.

PAEA Region 6 co-sponsored a **student art show at Indiana University of PA,** during the 2014-15 winter months.

Region 6 membership had an increase and **plans are underway for additional partnerships** with *Fallingwater* in educational opportunities for both students and educators, and the *Pittsburgh Glass Center* (joining with Region 1 and Region 5) in a teacher workshop at the Center during the 2015-2016 school year.

PA Region 5 - *Beaver, Butler, Mercer and Lawrence*

The PAEA Region 5 area does not currently have a representative serving on the board. If you live or work in one of these four counties and are interested in serving the professional community of art educators in your area, please contact Diane Wilkin, PAEA President. CONTACT US at PAEA.org

PA Region 4 – *Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Fulton, Huntington, Juniata, and Mifflin*

This year Region 4 has been served by two new representatives, Christina Hanawalt and Janet Riggio. They began the year by working with past representative, Julia Nelson to develop a workshop in September 2014 which focused on **Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)**. Past PAEA president, Mary Elizabeth Meier presented and shared strategies for art educators to meet the SLO requirements in meaningful ways. Members of PAEA and non-members were both encouraged to attend.

Region 4 collaborated with Amy Migliori, Design Issues Group chair, to present a **Project Innovate recycled fashion workshop** for students- grade five and up. Park Forest Middle School hosted this full day of creativity, collaboration, and innovation! As new representatives, Christina and Janet have made it a goal to expand membership and connect with rural art educators in the region. For this reason, they are working on a series of upcoming professional development opportunities which offer connections to local lands and resources. Beginning in September and concluding in late April of 2016, the activities involve **collaborations with the Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania, Farmland Preservation Artists, and Centre County Farmland Trust**. Region 4 representatives have met with local artists, Susan Nicholas Gephart and Kim Gates Flick to create a framework for participants that provides not only creative growth for the teacher, but ideas and practices useful in the K- 12 classroom. Region 4 has a busy year ahead.

PAEA Region 3 – *Armstrong, Clarion, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson and Venango*

PAEA Region 3 is a large, rural area of PA represented by Jessica Souchik. Contact Jess at region3paea@gmail.com.

PAEA Region 2 - *Cameron, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Potter, Warren and McKean*

PAEA Region 2 **partnered with the Erie Art Museum for an in-service day** for art teachers. During this full day event, attendees used recycled materials to create fashion items and earned Act 48 credit points with the PA Department of Education. The workshop proved to be a great way for isolated professionals to network and use the 21st Century skills of problem solving and collaboration. The closing event of the day was a fashion show highlighting participant creations.

As a member of the PAEA group, *Learning By Design,* Christina Martin, Region 2 representative, helped plan the statewide invitation to Project Innovate. Upcycled creations were presented at a **fashion show at the Erie Art Museum during Gallery Night** – a once a month Friday night arts celebration in Erie, PA. Region-2 goals for the upcoming year include increasing membership and conference attendance, with plans to host several Region-2 events.

PA Region 1 - *Allegheny, Fayette, Green, Washington and Westmoreland*

Region 1 is represented by Cynthia Blackwell, assisted by Leslie Kunkel who also serves as Middle Level Division Director. Cynthia led Pittsburgh Public School seminars for Visual Arts teachers at a PD In-service in August, showcasing both the NAEA & PAEA websites, and hosted a meet and greet at the Andy Warhol Museum - a networking event for art teachers.

Pennsylvania Art Education Association

- A BROAD VIEW of 2014 -

Final Notes and a Look to the Future

The PAEA Leadership Council members thank you for your support as they work as the hub of PAEA communications and planning and guide the rudder as we sail into the future. Robin Brewer, President-Elect, has the goal: "Be Visual". PAEA's visual presence has gained consistency in branding and social media through her efforts this year. Amy Anderson, PAEA Treasurer, worked diligently with financial records as the LC began the review process needed to plan for and create a budget that will best serve our members.

An advocacy drive featuring original works on postcards which were mailed to local PA legislators coincided with Arts Advocacy Day in Pennsylvania - May 12, 2015. A social media blitz of advocacy statements posted on Facebook and Twitter also supported the advocacy campaign initiated at the April board meeting.

Work on advocacy and branding continued at our Leadership Retreat at Kutztown University (July 16-19, 2015). We welcomed 3 new Region Representatives and provided support for all Region Representatives to reach out to their members and host activities. PAEA's Strategic Vision was finalized through a collaborative editing process and formalized as a one page document, ready to share with members and is located on the back of the conference booklet. Action items that support the Strategic Vision were clarified as fluid goals to guide activities within the organization. Using NAEA's Strategic Vision as a model, PAEA's Strategic Vision was edited over the course of 3 years and is composed of three major areas: Research, Knowledge and Learning; Advocacy and Community; and Organizational Vibrancy. Other activities at the Leadership Retreat included screen printing t-shirts designs and collaborating to create paintings which are currently on exhibit at the PDE Honors Suite Gallery until the fall NAHS show begins in November.

Early in September, the new PAEA website was launched and continues to grow as members share ideas, images, and express needs for information. We welcome your input!

As we gather here at the 2015 Conference to share, learn, and enjoy the rich flow of information connecting and surrounding us, we acknowledge a year of successes – Youth Art Month, teacher art exhibits, workshops on relevant art education topics, an excellent 2014 conference, partnerships around the state, a new website, and award recognition and leadership involvement at the national level. We also recognize that there is a lot of work still to be done – and now have a Strategic Vision in place to guide us.

The 2016 Conference is ahead of us. Collectively, we can "MAKE IT HAPPEN". Get involved- contact your region rep, your division leader, or anyone else on the Board or in the organization. Let's grow PAEA's ability to serve and advance the field of art education in Pennsylvania- together!

Your Leadership Council,

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