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## February 2017 Newsletter

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### CAACE Board Meeting

There is no Board meeting this month. There is, however, a **Director's Meeting on Friday March 3rd from 1:00 - 2:00 PM in Bristol**. There is also a Professional Development Day on March 3rd from 10-1 in Bristol. See the details for both activities below. Our next CAACE Board Meeting will be **Friday March 17** in West Hartford beginning at 9:30 AM. Remember these meetings are open to everyone involved in Adult Education.

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### Advocacy

David Downes has been hard at work over the last month tracking Education Bills. Over one hundred have been introduced, as they are introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives. There are currently several bills of interest that will be discussed at March's Board Meeting. We are also making plans for our Advocacy and Outreach Programs at the Capital. It will be important that we all speak with one voice and that we continue to advocate in support of our Adult Learners. We are also concerned with the growing tension amongst our ESL students. Many have expressed concerns regarding recent national and local events. Going forward CAACE will attempt to gain support for our students from the Governor's Office as well as the Commissioner of Education.

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so that our state legislators, and especially the leaders on key committees (Appropriations and all its subcommittees, Education, Higher Education, Human Services and Labor) hear about the great things that their local constituents are doing in adult education – immigrants becoming participating residents and citizens; the underemployed becoming higher-wage, tax-paying citizens; families growing in their ability to support their children in the school system, and on and on. We will be determining what legislative contacts are ongoing; matching up adult ed programs with their key legislators; discussing options for advocacy, including involvement of adult learners in the process; and following up on previous contacts regarding current legislation and budget options. Please put this date and time on your calendars. Your program funding and support may depend on it!

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## CAACE Conference Update

The [2017 Conference Grid](#) is out and available on our website. Please take a moment to review all of the fantastic offerings. This year is shaping up to including innovative and informative seminars from some of the country's leading experts in Adult Education. National Coalition for State Directors of Education advocate Art Ellison will be the Keynote Speaker at our lunch on Thursday and on Friday we recognize our Award Winners.

Also joining us will be some homegrown stars including Maureen Wagner, Fred Silberman, Sarah Dudzic, Andy Tyskiewicz and many many more.

If you haven't registered please visit the [CAACE website](#) and do so.

*Remember the Conference runs Thursday March 30 & Friday March 31 at the beautiful Mystic Marriott in Groton.*

**Register for the 2017 CAACE Conference Today!**

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if you haven't already done so contact Marcy Reed or Gina Hoag.

- The CSDE is also reminding all Adult Education sites that support the NEDP that software from a Silverlight platform to an HTML platform is being completed.
- New RFP's for the 2017-2018 PIP Grants should be ready soon. Watch for an announcement.
- The 2017-2018 ED 244 CSDE Grants are now available on the [CSDE's website](#).
- 25th Annual Conference on Serving Adults with Disabilities is now accepting registrations online at: [Disabilities Conference](#)

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## CAACE Professional Development

On Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> CAACE will sponsor a Professional Development program entitled “**Getting Down to Business**” and “**Doing More With Less**”. As we enter a volatile financial period we are all going to have to learn how to do more with less, so join other Adult Education programs in Bristol to learn ways to get down to business, while not sacrificing the needs of our students.

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## CAACE Workshop

### Join us on March 3rd!

**Bristol Adult Education Program**  
210 Redstone Hill Road  
Bristol, CT

**9:45-10:00 Registration**

**10:00-11:00 Getting Down to Business!** *Roy Filkoff, Turn Around Consultant*

We will learn how to identify the stage of business we face and the tools available to improve our results and avoid typical pitfalls when dealing with financial challenges. This workshop will target people with budget responsibility tasked with making tough money decisions while maintaining quality programming and an upbeat morale.

- Financially assess your business and programs
- Improve your confidence and know where to invest in your programs
- Avoid common strategic mistakes

**11:00-12:00 Panel: Doing More with Less** *Andy Tyskiewicz & Rich Tariff*

- How partnerships and creative collaborations can help everyone move ahead together
- How we can increase resources through negotiation with vendors, districts, and non-traditional funding streams

**12:00-12:15 Lunch and Networking**

**Workshop Pricing:**

**Member:** \$49.00 (individual) or \$125.00 (staff of three)

**Non-Member:** \$55.00

**Register:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/030317PD>

**Questions?**

Email us at  
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**CAACE MISSION:** Our purpose is to provide leadership in advancing the concept of lifelong learning, and to conduct, promote, and sponsor professional development conferences and activities. CAACE is the only adult education professional organization that advocates for continued and increased Federal and State adult education funding.

Register for 03-03-17 CAACE Professional Development Today1

## Special Announcement!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CAACE is proud to announce that one of our own, David Downes has agreed to run for **COABE's Region 1 Representative** which includes Connecticut.

As we all know David has been involved in Adult Education for the past eleven

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endorsed David for this position. To view David's lengthy education biography and to cast your vote, follow the link below:

[COABE Elections](#)

**Vote for Dave Downes Today!**

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