



Advancing Art Education

### 2013 Delegates Assembly State President Report

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#### Significant Past State Activities – March 2012 - March 2013:

- **Unified Arts Program** - collaboration with CT Association of Schools (CAS) and Special Olympics to establish a Unified Arts program in CT. 13 Schools were involved in an exhibit of student work which took place at the Special Olympics Games at Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT in June
- **Art is The Solution: Engagement, Collaboration & Problem Solving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - 2012 CAEA Conference** - October 22, 2012 - at the Holiday Inn Waterbury, Waterbury CT Mia Pearlman was the keynote speakers, over 200 attendees participating in 33 workshops throughout the day. 20 exhibitors, electronic gallery of state Scholastic award winners and CAEA member gallery, informational handouts in conference packets, advocacy poster, lunch and raffle
- **CT Association of Boards of Education Conference** - November 2012 - CAEA had a table in the nonprofit area. Gave advocacy materials and other information out to superintendents, principals and members of boards of education. Presented workshop on brain research and the arts in conjunction with CAAA
- **CT Alliance for Arts Education (CAAE)** - collaboration with CAAA (arts administrators) and CMEA (music association) to create and Alliance –filed as 5013c with state of CT.
- **CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards** - Jan. 13 - Feb. 1, 2013 - at the Silpe Gallery, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford - 135 public, private and independent schools entered with approx. 2000 submissions. Over 611 pieces were selected and displayed of which aprox. 200 were gold keys with just shy of \$1,000,000 in scholarship offers. Awards Ceremony was held on Jan. 29 with over 1000 in attendance. Keynote speaker David Dunlop.
- **Art Slam at the Capitol Exhibit** – February 18 - 28, 2013 - CT State Legislative Building concourse between the LOB and Capitol.
- **Youth Art Celebration (Youth Art Month)** - March 4- 23, 2013 at West Woods Upper Elementary School, Farmington, CT - Closing Reception March 23 for artists, teachers, parents, etc.
- **CAEA Logo Redesign Competition** – Competition for members to submit design for new logo – planning on unveiling new logo at fall conference.
- **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. – Had first regional meeting in Greenwich CT.

#### Significant Planned State Activities - March 2012 - March 2013:

- **Media Workshops** – March 23, 2013- First of a series of workshops given by CAEA members for other members – trying to have them once a month or every other month.
- **Arts Slam At The Capitol** - March 28, 2013 - CT State Legislatures Building - Collaboration with CAAA and CMEA — will have art work display in the Capitol for legislatures to see, handing advocacy materials to legislatures. They will have opportunity to see student artwork and performing artists from throughout the state. Planning on having students engage in art making activity.
- **Outstanding Art Educators Awards Celebration** - April 7, 2013 - St. Clemens Castle, Portland, CT honoring outstanding art educators
- **CAEA Retreat** - Work on Strategic Planning - May 4, 2013 - Lyme Academy of Art, Old Lyme, CT
- **Unified Arts Program** - June 2013 - in collaboration with CAS and Special Olympics - exhibit of work created through the Unified Arts Program at CT Special Olympics Games.
- **Journey to the Center of the Arts - 2013 CAEA Conference** – October 30, 2013 – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT– This is a new venue.
- **CT Association of Boards of Education Conference** - November 15, 2013, Mystic CT - CAEA will have a nonprofit table with display and advocacy materials. Will also put in a proposal to CABBE to present a workshop.
- **CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards** - January - February 2014 - at the Silpe Gallery, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford
- **Youth Art Celebration (Youth Art Month)** - March 2014 Location TBA – Planning for some additional regional exhibits.
- **Outstanding Art Educators Awards Celebration** – March/April 2014 - St. Clemens Castle, Portland, CT.
- **CT Alliance for Arts Education** - collaboration with CAAA and CMEA - ongoing meetings and planning.
- **CT Regions** – continue having and add additional regional meetings to open up the organization to more art educators

## Upcoming Conference/Professional Development Activities:

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

- CÆA - ongoing strategic planning - an effort has been made to recruit support of members to help with various board capacities/committees. Board positions are being reviewed/revised to better fit the current needs of CAEA.
- CÆA continues working on communication through our web site, [www.caea.net](http://www.caea.net), including the development of member's only section
- CÆA continues to use Constant Contact to communicate with members about upcoming events, advocacy information, legislation and other art information
- Workshops for art educators interested in piloting and implementing visual arts common assessments
- Workshops on Advocacy available at CÆA Fall Conference
- Learning how to work in collaboration with the other arts organizations through the CAAE

### Community—build a professional community:

- CÆA continues building a connection with CMEA (Music Association) and CAAA (Art Administrators) to work on Advocacy issues & legislation.
- CÆA continues with the Connecticut State Department of Education to promote and support work on developing and piloting common assessments
- CÆA continues to work on communication through [www.caea.net](http://www.caea.net) and Constant Contact, including posting of Scholastic Art Award forms, information and winners, on-line registration for the fall conference, fall workshop proposals through electronic submissions, Facebook, digital newsletter (VISIONS) and the development of an advocacy link for member use.
- CÆA Spring Leadership Retreat, Fall Conference, summer workshops, offer CEU's stamps.
- Offering two PD mini-grants – (1) to attend NAEA Convention and (2) to help fund a summer workshop.
- Development of media workshops and workshops at CT artists' studios

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

- CAEA's website, [www.caea.net](http://www.caea.net), offers access to information and a direct link to NAEA.
- Facebook Page.
- Email blasts via Constant Contact.
- Research project with CT Alliance for Arts Education.
- VISIONS – digital newsletter.

### Advocacy—communicate the value of visual arts:

- CÆA continues to work on and update communication through [www.caea.net](http://www.caea.net), including the development of an advocacy link for member use.
- CÆA hands out advocacy materials at the CÆA conference
- CÆA hands out and talks to legislatures at ART Slam at the Capitol
- CÆA continued collaboration with Connecticut's Arts Administrators Association (CAAA) and Connecticut's Music Educators Association (CMEA) to hire a lobbyist to work on a variety of issues
- CÆA working with CT Alliance for Arts Education on advocacy
- Included Advocacy materials, such as CÆA Parents Handbook in CÆA conference packets so teacher can reproduce them.
- Created an arts advocacy poster for the CÆA conference.
- CÆA working with Special Olympics and CT Association of Schools on a Unified Arts Program.

## Association Work on NAEA Strategic Plan Initiatives

- **Media Workshops** – March 23, 2013- First of a series of workshops given by CÆA members for other members – trying to have them once a month or every other month.
- **CÆA Retreat** - Work on Strategic Planning - May 4, 2013 - Lyme Academy of Art, Old Lyme, CT - full day workshop for board members and invited potential leaders, for strategic planning and inspiration. Strategic planning will be done in several areas; including student support -- Scholastics and Youth Art Celebration; professional support -- leadership, membership, communications, advocacy, awards; professional networking -- membership, activities, museums; conference.
- **Journey to the Center of the Arts - 2013 CÆA Conference** – October 30, 2013 – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT– This is a new venue.
- **Development of regional meetings**
- **Development of workshops at CT artists' studios**
- **Development of Election Day PD Workshops**

## Other new information from your State:

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Signature of State President\*

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