



# Count me in!

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## BENEFITS!

AFSCME Advantage  
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## MEETINGS

EDCEA, Local #1 has a Board of Directors (BOD) that meet on a monthly basis along with EDCEA staff, on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm with occasional exceptions. All meetings are held via Zoom.

### Upcoming meetings:

**December 6, 2022**

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for the Zoom link.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Let me start by apologizing for not getting the newsletter out to you in October. My mailing list disappeared with Gmail, and I've been having to work to rebuild it. It's almost there, just one bug I need to work out, so in the meantime we're distributing the print version. Please feel free to share this with your coworkers. And on the topic of communications, let's talk about bulletin boards. They seem kind of old fashioned now when we're surrounded by so many media sources, but they still serve a purpose and they're one of the rights we negotiated in our MOU. Over the last couple of years, our Past President, Rebecca Klare, and her bulletin board committee developed a format to be followed for posting material on our boards. For reference, here's the format:



So I have a challenge for you: find the EDCEA bulletin board at your site and send me a photo to [edceapres@gmail.com](mailto:edceapres@gmail.com). Don't forget to include your location. We'll publish the site that has the best-looking bulletin board in January's newsletter. Let's see who's up for the challenge!

## Rest In Peace, Jere Copeland January 1952 to October 2022



Like so many of us, getting involved in an organization like a Union is a process of discovery. For Jere that process started while he was a Probation Officer for Contra Costa County. It was in 1982 when Jere joined Local 1 as a member. Jere liked the Union, liked the feeling of working with others "to get something done," he liked "having a voice." He started out by becoming a Shop Steward and then ultimately became President of his Unit. Jere retired from Contra Costa County after 20 years of service and in 1996 went to work for Local 1. He came up to El Dorado County as a Business Agent in 2002 and then became the Executive Director in 2005. While working here in El Dorado County he had many accomplishments. One of his main accomplishments was getting the County Government to become more Union friendly. On Friday November 8, 2019, Jere retired after 23 years of working for Local 1. A Celebration of Life will be held on January 3, 2023 from 1pm to 5pm. Contact Laura Ghione at [edceapub@gmail.com](mailto:edceapub@gmail.com) for more information.

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## *Welcome New Members*

Austin Thomas - Planning and Building

Caitlin Stahl - HHSA

Stephanie Denega - HHSA

Mindi Paxiao - HHSA

## *October/November Anniversaries*

Congratulations to our members celebrating the following anniversaries this month:

1 year - Leticia Arreguin, Brittiany Fitzgerald

5 years - Barbara Baumgart, Jeffrey James, Salvador Rea, Carli Darwazeh-Fox, Jeff Hand,  
And Hannah Sanchez

10 years - Terryl Woodard, Geri Payne, Rebecca Bridgeman

15 years - Tracy Melton, Vitalii Ciornii



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