



Office of the Executive Director



UEA Headquarters Advisory

Thanks for all you have done and continue to do to serve our members during these challenging times. I wanted to keep everyone apprised of how the UEA headquarters staff is continuing to provide services and support for you during the COVID-19 crisis.

Please be advised that beginning on Thursday, March 19, the headquarters and state option staff will be transitioning to a system of working remotely. We have spent quite a bit of time working through how to continue to provide a high degree of service and support to units, locals and our members during the next couple of weeks. The UEA building will be closed as of Thursday, although management, building coordination, and IT staff will be monitoring the building and carrying out some duties on site on an intermittent basis. If there are any changes after April 3, we will notify you. I am anticipating, however, that we may be carrying out this “soft closure” for up to eight weeks.

This will not interfere with our continued membership, legal, business, and other services and support. It is our intent to provide an even higher degree of services in response to the current crisis. Our staff will continue to be available by email and by telephone to provide needed support. Many staff will be forwarding incoming calls directly to their mobile phones, and we have increased our capacity to offer virtual communication when necessary. We will do our utmost to ensure that our members’ needs are met during this difficult time.

I understand that you have been inundated with information and resources regarding the COVID-19 crisis. Nevertheless, I am attaching two valuable resources to this Advisory, including a one-pager on the Coronavirus Act currently progressing through the U.S. Congress and a “hot resources” guide from the NEA. As we navigate through this crisis, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need resources to assist you and our unified members.

As part of the “soft closure” of UEA, and to address safety and health concerns, many of the numerous meetings scheduled to be held at the UEA have been transitioned to virtual events, cancelled, or postponed. What follows is the current list of events, and their status. The UEA Board will be taking up the issue of the House of Delegates meeting during a virtual Board meeting which will be held during the evening of March 19. In addition, you have received a Doodle poll for an upcoming meeting for local leaders and unit field staff to set up an additional informational meeting later this week.

• March-April – Legislative wrap-up meetings	VIRTUAL/LOCAL DISCRETION
• March 17 – EMAC (as per minutes on 2/28) AT 5:30 p.m.	VIRTUAL
• March 18 – Gubernatorial Debate (tele-townhall)	POSTPONED
• March 18 – SLEA AR Meeting	CANCELLED
• March 18 – Jordan UniServ Task Force Meeting	VIRTUAL
• March 19 – UEA Board Meeting	VIRTUAL
• March 19 – Retired Board Meeting	CANCELLED
• March 20 – Wasatch UniServ Dinner and Silent Auction	CANCELLED
• March 21 – Trauma-Informed Workshop/Spanish Fork	POSTPONED

• March 24 – Aspiring Educators Meeting	VIRTUAL
• March 28 – Rules and Resolutions Meeting	VIRTUAL
• April 1 – SLEA Executive Board Meeting	TBD
• April 3 – UEA Board Meeting	VIRTUAL
• April 4 – High Desert UniServ	TBD
• April 4 – CLP	TBD
• April 4 – EMAC (per minutes on 2/28) at 1:15 p.m.	TBD
• April 4 – UEA-PAC	VIRTUAL
• April 8 – GEA AR Meeting	VIRTUAL
• April 8 – Retired Book Club	TBD
• April 11 – OMC	TBD
• April 14 – MEA Executive Board and AR Meeting	TBD
• April 15 – Equity, Justice and Inclusion Task Force	VIRTUAL
• April 15 – SLEA AR Meeting	TBD
• April 15 – Equity Task Force Meeting	TBD
• April 16 – UEA Retired Board Meeting	TBD
• April 17 – Open Hearing	VIRTUAL
• April 17 – Rules and Resolutions	VIRTUAL
• April 23 – Aspiring Ed. Art Night	POSTPONED
• April 24 – Staff Directors	TBD/PENDING HOD STATUS
• April 25 – House of Delegates	TBD/BOARD DISCUSSION ON 3/19
• April 27 – Jordan UniServ Meeting	TBD
• May 2 – Wasatch UniServ Council	TBD
• May 6 – SLEA Executive Board Meeting	TBD
• May 6 – Canyons Meeting	TBD
• May 15 – Superstars Banquet	CONTINUE AS PLANNED/REASSESS
• June 9-10 – Summer Leadership Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider fall timeframe. Second or third week in October ○ Combine with Trauma-Informed Workshop, Bargaining track, etc. 	POSTPONE
• June 10 – Pre-RA Caucus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could consider alternate date if virtual and separate from leadership academy. 	VIRTUAL