



# Program Overview



The Presidents' Academy focuses on leadership development, relationship building, and acquiring the skills and knowledge to help build a full capacity local in partnership with their MEA UniServ or Executive Director. We invite all newly elected presidents to join the program as well as any president that would like to reengage with other leaders and continue their personal growth as a leader.

You will be thoughtfully grouped with local leaders in "like" locals to help build meaningful relationships. This will allow support with leaders that could be in similar situations and facing similar challenges.

The program is designed as a two-year cohort in which local leaders will have common experiences to improve capacity of our locals, and create a common language to help drive cultural change. Book studies, roundtable discussions, leader engagement activities, as well as meaningful training to help you complete and manage all the responsibilities of the local leader will be spread out over the program, which will be built into MEA's existing conferences. Leaders will have ample time to complete program readings. For those looking to renew a teaching certificate and to further support our local leaders, SCECH credits will be offered for many of our trainings.

After completing the program leaders will be invited to continue to stay connected, mentor our new presidents, and continue their own personal growth as a leader. Participation in events are voluntary after the second year. This amazing program is a benefit to our members and a part of the Center for Leadership & Learning. Travel expenses will be paid including mileage, hotel and a food allotment when food is not provided. For more information visit [www.mea.org](http://www.mea.org).

## YEAR 1

### Summer Conference

Leading Ourselves First  
Paul Corona, EdD  
Kellogg School of Management  
Northwestern University

Running a full capacity local and presidents' responsibilities training.

Book Study: "Good to Great and the Social Sectors," Jim Collins

"Never Split the Difference: Negotiation as if Your Life Depended on It," Chris Voss

Leader engagement activity.

### Winter Conference

Dr. Corona helps leaders work on conversation, relationships, and listening.

Leaders will enroll in sessions based on individual needs.

Roundtable discussions with like groups and revisiting "Good to Great and the Social Sectors."

## YEAR 2

### Summer Conference

Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" training.

Leader engagement activity and roundtable discussion.

Leaders will enroll in sessions based on individual needs.

Book Study: "Leading with Soul: An Uncommon Journey of Spirit," Lee Bolman and Terrence Deal

### Winter Conference

Revisit 7 Habits and reflect on local progress to growth.

Book Study

Roundtable discussion with like groups.

## YEAR 3+

### Summer Conference

Celebrate completing the program!

Overlap session with newly elected leaders.

Leaders engage in meaningful roundtable discussions.

### Ongoing

Leaders can choose to engage with the Presidents' Academy as much as they would like.

Mentorship to other leaders.

