

70th MEA-Retired Convention & Annual Meeting

“Happy 202nd Birthday, Maine: Proud Past, Bright Future”

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Libby Bischof, Professor of History
University of Southern Maine**

May 5, 2022

Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

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State _____ Zip _____ Affiliate _____ Age 90+ FREE _____

Registration: \$20—coffee/juice/food, vendors, affiliate displays, buffet lunch, & entertainment.
Write “1” and “2” on the lines to indicate your first and second choices for breakout sessions:

____ Line Dancing ____ Underground Railroad ____ To Antarctica and Back
____ Travels & Tourism: Greenland & Iceland

**This form may be duplicated—submit a separate registration form for each registrant.
Registration is to be postmarked by April 23, 2022**

*Make check payable to MEA-Retired. Send with registration form(s) to
Larry Given, Registrar, 84 Kenway Drive, Litchfield, ME 04350*

Questions? Convention Chair Rheba Michaud, rmichaud143@charter.net (207) 564-7494.

Plan now to join us on May 5

Our 70th convention and annual meeting will be here before we know it. Please take a moment to mark Thursday, May 5, 2022, on your calendar for an informative, fun day with retired educators from around the state at the Augusta Civic Center.

Come and share the day with fellow retirees and colleagues. Help us celebrate “Happy 202nd Birthday, Maine: Proud Past-Bright Future.”

Our keynote speaker is Professor Dr. Libby Bischoff from the University of Southern Maine. “She explores American society through the lens of history—and the lens of a camera. She is a nineteenth-century American cultural historian and specializes in the history of photography, particularly in Maine.” She has written many articles and books and has had an exhibition at the Portland Museum of Art.

Our breakout sessions are filled with interesting speakers. Mark Leslie of Monmouth will present a compelling message on the Underground Railroad in Maine before and during the Civil War. There will be an author table and books available for purchase.

Phil Gonyar and Carl Daiker of Waterville are world travelers and will present an interesting program on their trip “To Antarctica and Back”.

Dr. Tracy S. Michaud, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Chair of the Tourism and Hospitality program at the University of Southern Maine, researches and teaches about sustainable tourism management in Maine and the Arctic. She will present “How to be a responsible traveler: Lessons from Maine to Greenland.”

You as a traveler can have a great impact on a destination and its people. Maine and Greenland (with a little Iceland thrown in there for good measure!) provide relevant case stud-

ies on how to be responsible in your travels so your impact is a positive one now and for future generations.

Jim and Lynn Lubas of Dover-Foxcroft have been line dancing for 10 years or more. They are very active, vibrant retirees who enjoy many types of music and dancing for exercise. Get your aerobic workout while listening to music and enjoying yourself. If you are interested in exercising and learning some new moves, check out the line dancing session.

They will teach a few basic steps to get started. Before you know it, you'll have finished your daily workout.

New and experienced line dancers are welcome. No extra equipment will be needed—just a supportive pair of shoes, a little space, and some music.

A variety of exhibitors and vendors will offer a look at services and items that are available today. Affiliates will have exhibits that depict the programs in which they are involved during the year.

May I remind our presidents and vice presidents to begin planning displays of your interesting, fun activities and opportunities for service. The silent auction and vendor raffles are very popular. Affiliate Leadership Awards, Presidential Award, Honorary Award, and Ritter Grants will be presented.

The free book swap is popular. There is a table for you to bring your books for others to enjoy reading and pick up books for yourself—for free.

A very interesting “In Memoriam” recognition program will honor fellow retired educators who died this year. Be sure to remind your necrology chairpersons to send the names of deceased members to be included in our convention booklet. The convention starts at 8:30 with registration/coffee/Danish/fruit. A very good lunch offers a variety of entrees. The day ends at 2:30 p.m. All for \$20. .