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## MCAE Membership Drive

Now is the time to join MCAE! Become a member or renew now, and your membership is good until October 1, 2011! Membership is \$40. MCAE is the main statewide advocate for Adult Basic Education programs, practitioners, and students. To continue that work, MCAE needs your support.

Join MCAE to

- attend professional development opportunities specially tailored to your needs
- be informed about issues important to the field
- network with people from other programs
- speak out on policy issues
- raise awareness of the need for ABE and ESOL services in Massachusetts
- advocate for the needs of ABE students and the field

To join or renew your membership in MCAE [click here](#).

## Save the Date - July 22, 2010 ABE Media Workshop

Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE) plans to hold an in-depth workshop for ABE programs regarding how local programs and MCAE can more effectively use the media to highlight the positive impact of adult basic education in your local community and statewide.

Date: Thursday July 22, 2010

Time: 10am - 3pm

Location: TBD

The workshop will be led by Miriam Zoll an author, researcher, teacher and strategic communications consultant with more than 20 years of experience. Ms. Zoll's background as an award-winning journalist enables her to provide local ABE programs and MCAE with insight about how we can cultivate newsworthy stories and public education campaigns that influence decision-makers, the media and, ultimately, public policy. For a client list and more information regarding Miriam Zoll visit [www.miriamzoll.net](http://www.miriamzoll.net).

For more information or to pre-register email [jmcallister@mcae.net](mailto:jmcallister@mcae.net).

## Call for Presenters for Network 2010, November 3 & 4, 2010 - Due Date Extended to June 15!

The Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE) wants to remind you that time is running out to respond to the Call for Presenters for NETWORK 2010.

The NETWORK Conference is the annual two-day conference hosted by MCAE every fall that provides adult education practitioners the opportunity to interact with others in the field while attending thought provoking professional workshops and seminars. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the System and Adult Basic Education Support (SABES) collaborate with MCAE to present the largest annual ABE conference in New England.

More than 70 workshops are offered, addressing all aspects of adult education. Topic areas include advocacy, assessment, basic literacy, civic literacy, computer use, correctional issues, distance learning, ESOL, family literacy, GED, multi-level classrooms, research, student assessment, teacher licensure, volunteer programs, workforce development, and workplace education.

Proposals for NETWORK 2010 are now due by June 15, 2010.

We recommend that you use [the downloadable pdf fillable form](#) and email it as an attachment to [slelano@mcae.net](mailto:slelano@mcae.net). You also have the option of downloading the Call for Presenters as a [Word document from our Network 2010 Conference webpage](#).

Please note: In order to cut costs, we are only providing the Call for Presenters electronically this year. We do have a limited supply of printed Call for Presenters document that we can send to you upon request. Send your request for a printed Call for Presenters to [slelano@mcae.net](mailto:slelano@mcae.net).

## MCAE ABE Working Conditions Blog - New Post!

Check out "When a Teacher or Counselor Leaves" the first ABE student post at the Working Conditions blog "Making a Living (?) in Adult Education."

Read more at "Making a Living (?) in Adult Education" and post your comments! Let's continue the conversation about our ABE working conditions! Poor working conditions not only impact ABE practitioners, they impact ABE students!

We hope the blog will help provoke more discussion and conversation about conditions in the field of Adult Basic Education. Please feel free to share your experiences, thoughts, ideas, and responses about ABE working conditions. This blog is for the entire field, and we want you to participate. If you would like to submit your thoughts, send articles or posts to Working Conditions committee blogmaster Jana Pickard-Richardson ([janapr02@gmail.com](mailto:janapr02@gmail.com)) or leave a comment on the blog. We're looking forward to hearing from you . [Check it out!](#)

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