



2026 ARBP Research and Bargaining Conference
December 8 - December 10
BioInnovation Center, New Orleans, LA

Agenda

Tuesday, December 8, 2026

All sessions will be held at the BioInnovation Center

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast – <i>Jung Hotel Restaurant</i>
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Welcome – <i>BioInnovation Center</i>
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Introductions and Greeting - <i>ARBP President Monica Southworth, Susan Kelly, MicroSearch</i>
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Lining Up Contract Expirations to Build Power in California, We Can't Wait 2.0- <i>Angela Su, California Teachers Association</i>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	An Overview of Ohio's Classified (ESP) Wage Costing Tool – <i>Dennis Dugan, Ohio Education Association</i>
12:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – <i>Jung Hotel Restaurant</i>
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Workplace Violence – Compliance to Prevention: Lessons from New York State – <i>Kelly Fahrenkopf, Patricia Geisel, New York State United Teachers</i>
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 PM – 4:45 PM	Private Equity's New Playground: K-12 Education – <i>Alexander Kolokotronis – Connecticut Education Association, Tim Barchak & Susan Nogan - NEA</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	New Member Meet and Greet
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Evening Reception at the <i>TBD</i> <i>Sponsored by Susan Kelly from MicroSearch</i>

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast - <i>Jung Hotel Restaurant</i>
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	What's Happening at NEA: Resources to Support State Affiliate Work – <i>Stacey Pelika, NEA</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Data Analysis of Salary Schedule Best Practices – <i>Will Kimball, Pennsylvania State Education Association</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch - <i>Jung Hotel Restaurant</i>
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	More Promise and Peril: Further AI Impacts on Education – <i>Chris Patterson, New York State United Teachers</i>
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Collective Expertise: National Bargaining and Advocacy Institute – <i>Brian Beallor, NEA</i>
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	New Generation Research Portal – <i>Susan Kelly, MicroSearch</i>
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	ARBP Business Meeting
5:30 PM – ?	Night on the Town

Thursday, December 10, 2026

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast - <i>Jung Hotel Restaurant</i>
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	The state of the (teachers') union: findings from the 2026 NEA membership survey – <i>Sandra Markowitz and David Margolis, NEA</i>
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Making your Mission Possible: Putting Staff First – <i>Dr. Doug Summer, Marathon Health</i>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Initiatives to Improve Educator Pay – <i>Laurie Ann Atienza, NEA</i>
12:00 PM	Send off!