

## **CANDIDATES FOR WEAC/NEA POSITIONS – 2017 WEAC RA**

### **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE**

#### **Tjuna C. Eggson**

My name is Tjuna C. Eggson and “I want to continue as your ESP At-Large Representative”, why; because I’m not done yet! I come to you with 20 plus years of experience as a proud ESP member and educator of children and parents. I have worked many long hours & years to help build “Strong Leaders and even Stronger Membership”. I’ve started at my local, chaired meetings, solved problems, worked with my state affiliates & moved right into continued work on a National level in many ways, by holding various seats, working tirelessly on many committees, rallying/speaking publicly, making sure that the voices of all ESP’s reign high in the crowds, and I have a passion & commitment to all the children & members I serve as well as being a strong supporter of public education. I come to you as a professional, seeking nothing but to be able to continue being that voice and that face that let’s everyone know that “Para educators matter”, having confidence that the work “we” do is always in the forefront of our fight! A vote for me, is a vote for you! Wishing Peace & Solidarity to All!

#### **Gail D. Kablau**

I began my Union journey in 1998 as a secretary in the South Milwaukee Schools. My commitment to issues organizing and advocating for members has been local, regional, Statewide, and on a National level. I consider teachers and ESP all to be educators, and have worked hard to bring all sides together to collectively do what is best for educators and their students.

I bring strong communication skills, attention to detail, and organizational skills to the table. I have successfully organized annual recertification efforts, legislative actions, and merging teacher and ESP locals for governance when needed to survive.

I am action-oriented by nature, and excited to be on the new WEAC ESP Values Project team focused on revitalizing ESP locals through the State.

I am the current WEAC ESP Board Alternate. Whether I was needed to step in as alternate or not, I felt that it was important to be at all WEAC Board meetings to be able to understand conversations leading up to any action when I was called upon to vote. I stand ready to move to the formal ESP-at-Large position to continue to be a strong voice for ESP, should I be elected to the next term.

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John Linneman - No bio was provided

## **MINORITY GUARANTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Kimberly J. George**

WEAC is and has been an asset to my professional career as an educator. For 16 years I have been fortunate to have been a WEAC member. I have been privileged to be a part of WEAC going through all types of changes, but WEAC stays the course. Serving as the WEAC Minority Guarantee Representative for the current term, I am seeking to stay the course and represent for another term. Dedicated to the diverse population of Wisconsin Educators, I consistently hold on to the

content of their professional character when confronted with issues. WEAC continuously and consciously will find ways to make sure that all voices are heard. It is through the voice of many that I listen and represent Wisconsin as it is and has constantly tried to become a place where diversity can be heard.

## **Alternate NEA Director**

Scott Ellingson

As your Wisconsin Alternate NEA Director I am well versed in working through challenging times. I'm blessed to be part of a very talented and experienced state leadership team working on the behalf of dedicated, skilled, and passionate educators.

As we wade into uncharted national political waters, we in Wisconsin are poised to lead. To lead well we need to listen to our members and our potential members, our aspiring educators, and our rising educators in high schools. We need to listen to what they need to succeed. We need to help them own their professions and their development. We can help them learn how to organize around the issues that matter most to them.

In Wisconsin we know that politics impact our students and that elections matter at every level. In DC, ESSA provides hope for educator voice and fairness. Locally last spring, with union help, we passed Hudson's ninety-three million dollar referendum. Years ago under my union leadership we crafted and passed a levy override for significant salary increases in conservative St. Croix County.

Please vote for me to continue as your Alternate NEA Director so that I can continue listening and leading in our great state. Solidarity!

## **Teri Kendhammer**

I am in my 25<sup>th</sup> year teaching, currently at Longfellow Middle School in the La Crosse School District. When I am not building relationships, engaging and teaching sixth graders language arts and social studies, I am advocating for students and teachers in my district, region, state and nation. Being involved at all levels has broadened my knowledge and activism. For the past five years, I have served at the local level as Vice President of the La Crosse Education Association. During this time, I was also the building representative for Longfellow, a member of the Joint Leadership Team and negotiation team. For the past year, I have been the Membership Coordinator and a LEA Representative at Region 4 board meetings. At the WEAC level, I have been an active member of the Community Outreach and Family Involvement Committee. Finally, I have served as a delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly for the past four years and represented you as the Co-Chair of New Business Items this past year. I seek the position of Alternate NEA Director because I have the skills, desire, and ambition to bring a strong voice to Washington during this critical time for public education.