

Earl Wiman  
Executive Committee

Earl Wiman was re-elected to a second three-year term on the National Education Association Executive Committee in July 2014. Since joining the Executive Committee, Earl has helped to shape NEA's signature initiative around "Leading the Professions". He also served on the core leadership team that developed a competency framework designed to prepare NEA members for positions of leadership in their state and local association.

Earl currently serves on the Accountability Task Force, which is developing plans for a full system of public school accountability and support that moves beyond the narrowly focused and punitive test-based approach. In addition, Earl serves on the Conference Alignment Committee as well as the Leadership Summit Design Team. He has served as the Executive Committee liaison to several NEA committees: Women's Issues, Bylaw 3-1(g), SOGI, Legislative as well as chair of the Higher Education Conference Planning Committee.

Prior to joining the Executive Committee, Earl was president of the Tennessee Education Association (TEA) from 2006 - 2010. He also served two terms as TEA's vice president, and was a member of the state association's Board of Directors. His Association leadership includes two terms as president of the Jackson-Madison County Education Association, six years on the NEA Resolutions Committee, and serving as vice president for governance for the National Council of State Education Associations.

Earl's roots in public education run deep. He worked in Tennessee's public schools for 35 years, serving as a kindergarten teacher, principal, and librarian. One of the highlights of his career: creating and implementing the Teacher Leadership Institute for the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools. The Institute, which grew out of a joint initiative between his district and the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association (MNEA), provides highly collaborative teachers an opportunity to develop the leadership skills necessary to serve in non-traditional school and district leadership positions. Earl also played a key role in an effort to increase the number of national board certified teachers in Nashville. He remains an active member of MNEA where he serves as an Executive Board member.

Equally notable is Earl's work in the community. He was recognized by the Jackson-Madison County, Tennessee chapter of the NAACP for his exemplary work in race relations.

Earl earned his bachelor's degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee and a master's degree in education from the University of Memphis. He holds a doctorate in education from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville.