

## 2018-2019 CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE DELEGATE TO THE NEA RA

**Jessica L. Galarneau**

**Green Bay Education Association**

I am a passionate educator from Green Bay, Wisconsin. I have had the privilege of representing Wisconsin at 3 previous NEA RA's and I am building my knowledge and experience to continue to be a voice for students and educators. This past summer, I sharpened my leadership skills at the WEAC summer leadership academy. I have found my place in the union as not only a building representative, but also as a trainer for the Emerging Voices program where I assist in educating and inspiring others to become active members. With your vote, I will continue my work, inspire others, and advocate for the great state of Wisconsin. Thank you.

**Justin Delfosse**

**Green Bay Education Association**

Green Bay Education Association Vice-President

**E-Ben Grisby**

**Green Bay Education Association**

I believe that retraining of our role as a union for younger members must happen on an ongoing basis at all levels. Additionally, creating opportunities for forging bipartisan connections at the local and state levels is a current challenge at the present. As a Vice-Chair of the Human and Civil Rights Committee, it has been a charge to focus on breaking down barriers of racism and bias and foster equity across the board.

MY GOALS ARE TO ENSURE INCREASED MENTORING FOR NEWER MEMBERS, WHICH STRENGTHENS OUR RANKS, BOLSTER DIVERSITY IN THE LEADERSHIP IN ITS RANKS, GIVING VOICE TO THE VOICELESS; AND TO ENGAGE IN STRONGER COMMUNICATION AT THE LOCAL, STATE, & NATIONAL VIA DIGITAL MEDIA, WITH AN OBJECTIVE APPROACH.

**Jane Weidner**

**Cedar Grove-Belgium**

Our union plays a pivotal role in the preservation and achievement of excellence in our public school system. With the current attacks on public education, I believe that member engagement and action is crucial. As a delegate to the NEA RA, I hope to bring the voice of my fellow Wisconsin educators to the national arena. My involvement at all levels of the association provides me with an overview of our issues, not just those within my local. I currently serve as local president, representative from my local to the regional level, and chair of the WEAC Quality Education Committee. I have also attended numerous WEAC and NEA RAs in the past. These experiences make me an excellent candidate for the 2018 and 2019 NEA RAs.

**Amanda VanRemortel****Green Bay Education Association**

A 16-year elementary music teacher with experience traveling between 12 elementary schools before spending the last 7 years at Howe Elementary. I hear from teachers about what they need to continue providing a top-notch education to all students through our public schools. I am passionate about reaching out to all educators to advance solutions for our students and schools.

I previously was a board member, committee leader and vice president of the Green Bay Education Association. I am passionate about Green Bay public schools, the students and families we serve, and our amazing staff. As President I am committed to working with educators so that we can move the education profession forward positively. This includes helping educators have their voice heard about what is best for their students, classrooms, and schools.

My three priorities this school year will be:

- Providing professional development for local teachers that is designed and delivered by local teachers, so it is tailored to helping Green Bay students.
- Partnering with the school district to provide support to new educators, to attract and keep them employed in the district.
- Continuing to work with the district to make sure students and staff in all GBAPS schools feel safe and welcomed.

**Theresa McClendon****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association****Mindy Duford****Kenosha Education Association**

I have been a proud union member for the last 20 years when I made the switch from a private school to a public school position. I have served as a building rep, executive board rep, treasurer and now, vice president of my local for the last 18 years. As an involved KEA member I understand how the union worked to make conditions better for our staff and students in Kenosha. As an 8 time delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly, I really have come to understand and appreciate the importance of all three levels of union membership. I would like to continue to represent KEA and Wisconsin as a delegate to the 2018 and 2019 NEA Representative Assemblies.

**Alexandra Agar-Pratt****ULE-Watertown**

I am a fifth year science teacher who is dedicated to strengthening our union in order to provide quality public schools for our students, teachers, families, and community. I have attended the past six NEA RAs as an elected state delegate and hope to continue to serve in this role on behalf of members statewide. I have been involved in the union as a student member (State President), a teacher member (local Building Representative), and also serve as Chairperson of the WEAC Community Outreach and Family Involvement committee. I have experience with rural, suburban, and urban schools based on my upbringing, my student teaching, and my current position. I look forward to sharing my experiences to help set the NEA agenda for the next two years. Thank you for your support!

**Matt Shilling****Hayward Teachers**

I have 18 years continuous union activism at the local, region, and national level. I have served as a region rep to the NEA RA since 2004 (been a state contact and on the interview committees). Region 1 - Currently Secretary, previous various titles on our executive committee. Local - Current President. (2011 - 5 bus trips to Madison). Keep Fighting the Good!

**Nicholas Westphal****Neenah United Educators Association**

Nick is a student services staff member that is passionate about supporting teachers including their working conditions. He is excited to represent you from the perspective of a staff member that observes your difficult work from a support lens on a daily basis. If he is selected, he will work to continue to make connections at the national level and bring ideas home to Wisconsin to help improve your job!

**Scott Ellingson****Hudson**

I am your current NEA Director and I have served in that capacity (or Alternate) for five years. I am also the current Region 1 Vice President and Hudson Education Association President. I have taught Spanish, English, or ESL for the past 30 years, including two years in Spain. I am also a soccer coach and father of three boys that represent three different levels of public schools. I strongly believe that our Union needs a blend of seasoned and newer leadership.

Social justice, bipartisan collaboration when possible, and advancing our professions are my union passions.

**Kristen Henningfeld****Boyceville Education Association**

- National Board Certified Special Education Teacher
- Special education teacher for students in grades 2-6 at Tiffany Creek Elementary School in the Boyceville School District
- National Board Candidate Support Provider for WEAC; edTPA scorer, Past PDP Reviewer
- NEA State Delegate 2011-2014 (I took two years off to spend July 4th with my now 7 year old daughter)
- Currently serving as member of WEAC's Quality Education Committee and building representative for the Boyceville Education Association
- WEAC Leadership Conference Participant-2017
- Past Local President, Vice President-Boyceville Education Association (Region 1)

The NEA Representative Assembly is one of the most inspiring events I have attended, and I look forward to returning to represent Wisconsin!

**Kieth Kohls****Germantown Education Association****Brittany Mader****Appleton Education Association**

I have been an active WEAC member since my freshman year of college. My junior and senior year, I was the local Student WEA president of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. My last year of college, I was the state president of the Wisconsin Student Program. I am now in my sixth year of teaching and am currently a Kindergarten teacher in the Appleton Area School District. I was on the BLUE Board of Directors for two years. I served on the state Quality Education Committee and the WEA Academy Board for three years. I have attended numerous regional and WEAC Representative Assemblies. I also had the opportunity of being elected as a delegate to the NEA RA for 5 years. They were a wonderful experience and I would love the opportunity to represent the state of Wisconsin again. Thank you so much for your consideration!

**Nicholas (Nick) Sirek****Eau Claire Association of Educators**

I am running for a delegate position because I bring a unique perspective to the NEA Representative Assembly. I am currently in my 13th year of teaching and I serve as the Alternate NEA Director. I have previously served on the WEAC Board of Directors and the ECAE Executive Board. My leadership experiences, coupled with my years of teaching, allow me to view education and educational issues through a fresh and seasoned lens. I am new enough to

the profession that I understand the perspectives of new educators and at the same time have the experience to understand many of the nuances of teaching. Thank you for your support. I look forward to representing Wisconsin at the 2018 NEA RA.

**Kim Schroeder**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

As President of the MTEA, I am committed to fight for strong public schools, our students, our community, and our members. Strength begins in strong member-led locals, and at the NEA RA I will advocate to make sure our national union supports and grows the work that is happening throughout our state. The attack on public schools is nationwide, but in Wisconsin we have already experienced the attack first hand and have come through on the other side, still alive and still fighting. We are in a position to help other states and other locals beat back this attack on our profession and I would be proud to be elected as a WEAC delegate to help ensure this happens.

**Ron Duff Martin**

**Eau Claire Association of Educators**

I am honored to serve as your State President and I know the importance of having strong voices who will represent the interests of Wisconsin educators and support professionals. I have appreciated your support in electing me in the past as an NEA Director, WEAC Officer and an NEA RA Delegate.

I am confident in my ability to represent and lead the members of WEAC at the NEA RA. It is important to have strong and experienced voices fighting for and defending public education.

I promise to represent you responsibly and will remain committed to standing strong for our professions and public education!

**Gina Jorgensen**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am currently the building representative at North Division High School in Milwaukee, WI. I have been active with Milwaukee Teachers Education Association for several years even before taking this leadership role. I support union efforts by attending meetings, participating in union activities, knocking on doors, educating staff and much more. I have assisted in an art build and held one myself. I want to support social, ethical, and political efforts locally and nationally through art and visual imagery. More recently, I became active with a group called Youth Rising Up and am now the leader of this group at North Division High School. Our goal is to give youth a voice, create leaders, and give them a platform to use their voice to make positive change in our communities. I want to work together with MTEA and other local organizations to allow students, and adults, productive opportunities to grow as citizens and social justice warriors.

**Joe Williams****Ellsworth Education Association**

Hey, Wisconsin brothers and sisters! Please consider electing me as a state delegate to the NEA RA. I've been actively involved for many years now, and I'm enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead of our union in the future! Check me out addressing the Joint Finance Committee here: <https://goo.gl/428dUY>. I'll fight for WI on the local, state, and national levels.

I currently serve as:

- Co-Chair of the Early Career Educator Task Force
- Vice Chair of the Governance Documents Committee
- Communication Director for Region 1
- NEA RA Resolutions Committee Representative

Thank you for your support! Keep up the fight.

**William (Bill) Stuessel****St. Croix Central**

Local Offices Held

SCCEA President

SCCEA Building Representative

Region 1 Offices Held

Region 1 Board of Directors

Region 1 AFL -CIO Delegate

AFL-CIO Executive Board member at Large

Other

Plan Commission Member for the City of River Falls

**Carlos Sanchez-Pierola****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association****Eric Gullickson****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

For the last ten years I have had the privilege of serving the children of Milwaukee as a High School Special Education teacher. I deliberately chose to teach in Milwaukee to advocate for the students here as well as those across the state. I firmly believe in equal opportunities for all children. Everyone regardless of status, race, or creed has the right to the best possible free and appropriate public education. I have had the privilege of being a delegate the last two years and

am an active member of the MTEA Executive Board. I hope to serve as a state delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly.

**Susan Smits**

**West DePere ESP**

PAST STATE DELEGATE WILLING TO REPRESENT TEACHERS AND ESP MEMBERS AT NATIONAL LEVEL. YOUR VOTE WILL LET ME REPRESENT YOU :)

**Heather Mielke**

**Burlington Education Association**

Hi! My name is Heather Mielke. I am a mathematics teacher and RTI/TSID interventionist at Burlington High School. For the past 16 years, I have been privileged to be involved in my union at many levels. I have attended 14 NEA RAs, 13 WEAC RAs, WEAC PR Committee for 6 years, Vice-Chair for 2 years, WEAC BOD member for 5 years and alternate for 1, SLUE Treasurer for 6 years, SLUE PI-34 Chair for 4 years, BEA Building Rep for 12 years, and BEA Exec Bd member for 2 years. I have chaired the subcommittee for Awards and Elections and served as co-chair of the NEA Fund and Constitution Committee for 7 NEA RA's. I also serve as a representative on the WEA Trust Health Insurance Board and as Treasurer and Vice President of the WEA Academy Board. I continue to gain union knowledge, learning each and every year how important our union is in the fight to better education for all and want to continue to be an advocate for change. I believe that it's important to bring the voice and thoughts of our unions' members to the forefront, as we are needed to forge our union's continuing legacy.

**Gwen Washington**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I've had the opportunity to learn and share the information from being an elected Delegate with my union Brothers and Sisters. It's helped me to have meaningful conversations about the importance of union membership. By encouraging new educators to step into their leadership role in their local union the importance of union support and legacy is made clear. Additionally, the value that comes from supporting our public schools, families and communities has allowed us to intentionally move toward our union goals.

**Sarah Chamberlin**

**Granton**

**Tammy Johnson**

**United Lakewood Educators**

I have taught government and history at Kettle Moraine High School for 35 years. I have been a union leader for most of my career. I have been a BR, membership chair, chapter chair, grievance chair, chief negotiator, president of my local and on several WEAC standing

committees. I enjoy being a delegate to the NEA-RA because we get to vote on important policies that make a difference for our organization.

**Ingrid Walker-Henry**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

Educators have learned a lot of lessons. One of the most important is our need to get involved and stay involved. In educational matters we have firsthand knowledge and experience. We know what issues are important to children, families, and our communities. Through my work at schools I am able to connect with a variety of students and families to improve education for all. Through the union, I have the opportunity to work with community across the city on issues that affect public education. I know what power lies in the work we do with students, families, and in our communities. I would be honored to be a Representative at the place where educators have the ability to make a difference.

**Michelle Wright**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

WEAC QE Committee Vice-Chair  
Past WEAC Exceptional Education Committee Chair  
Past WEAC NEA RA rep  
Local WEAC RA rep  
MTEA Executive Board  
Parent rep on MHS School Governance Council  
Parent rep on MPS District Advisory Council  
Past neighborhood association rep

Greetings, union family! I'd be honored to be your representative to the NEA RA. My experience as well as my ability to listen to all sides in discussions and debates before voting makes me a great candidate. Please vote Michelle Wright as one of your representatives. Thanks for your consideration.

**Kay Heiting**

**Granton**

As a local president, I see the value of working with the region, state and national groups to make sure we advocate for our students, ourselves and public education as a whole. I feel so empowered and energized at the RA. It is always awe-inspiring to be surrounded by so many amazing educators fighting for what they believe in. I represent a very small local, but have served on the CWUC and WEAC board of directors. I feel that I understand the issues in small districts and can share those ideas with other leaders in the organization. If elected, I would represent the state of Wisconsin to the best of my ability.

**Teri Kendhammer****La Crosse Education Association**

I am running again as a state delegate because I would like to represent Wisconsin to continue to advocate for students and educators. For the past five years I have been a delegate to the NEA RA. The last two years as a state delegate and as Co-Chair of the New Business Items. I am active in my local, LEA, as Vice President, my region, as a board member and alternate to the WEAC board for Region 4. I'm also the coach of the Early Career Leadership Fellows, one of four locals in the state working with young union leaders. I would like to continue my advocacy for Wisconsin at the National level at the NEA RA.

**Andrew Tolksdorf****Green Bay Education Association**

It has been my privilege to represent the members of WEAC at the NEA RA for the past 10 years. I would be honored to continue to bring your voice to the NEA RA and participate in a robust debate over complex issues that face our future. I thank you for your consideration and would appreciate your vote.

**Sherise Randolph****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I have been standing for public education for over 20 years. Our students deserve a quality education for the betterment of this country, no matter where they are from, who they are, or the challenges they may have endured. My colleagues deserve an environment where they can service our students equitably and be respected for the job they so tirelessly do. I would like to be the delegate that represents our students and colleagues. I want to be a part of the process that makes changes for education.

**John E. Havlicek****La Crosse Education Association**

I have served on NBIs, Resolutions Committee, and as a state contact. I work very hard at the RA, and have had my own NBI passed and have helped others to get theirs passed. I am always willing to work with anyone and everyone! I would like to once again represent Wisconsin as a state delegate to the NEA RA.

**Andrea Loss****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am eager to continue advocating for teachers at the national level. Since Act 10 we in Wisconsin have learned the importance of organizing and advocating for public school educator and student rights. The challenges we face in the near future have inspired me to work harder to maintain the rights we have and to regain the rights we have lost.

**Ellen Kay Deall****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am currently an active, dues-paying MTEA/WEAC/NEA member.

If elected as a delegate, I will represent the MTEA membership and participate in all meetings for MTEA delegates to the Representative Assembly including preparation sessions, all RA floor sessions, and all Wisconsin caucus sessions. I understand that the MTEA will reimburse me for up to the established amount for expenses incurred by delegates from our area - based on my full participation as an MTEA delegate.

**Peggy Wirtz-Olsen****Marshfield Teachers' Association**

I am running because I want to represent the educators of Wisconsin, our needs, and our vision for the future of the NEA. As a twenty year veteran teacher, and your state Vice President, I believe that our national organization should listen to the voices of the educators and education support professionals as we work to strengthen our profession for the benefit of our students. It is a critical time in our country and in our union as we work to combat difficult political forces both statewide and nationwide. My experience as a former Regional President, WEAC Board member, local association President, as well as my time serving as your state Vice President, has helped to shape me as a leader who listens and understands the needs of our educators and education support professionals. My critical work has always been that of an advocate for the needs of our educators and students and an organizer for positive change. Thank you for electing me as a state delegate for 3 terms and for working with me as a chair of the New Business Items Committee. I would be humbled and honored to serve you again as a Wisconsin state delegate.

**Debra Bell****Boyceville Education Association**

I currently serve on the WEAC Board of Directors and am the Region 1 President. I have served as a WEAC/NEA chair of hospitality committee the last 4 years and I was on the Steering committee for NEA RA-WEAC delegation. I appreciate your vote for NEA RA for the next two years.

**Kerry Motoviloff****Madison Teachers Incorporated**

I look forward to attending NEA RA again this year as we continue to move forward with our professional and social justice platforms.

**Amy Mizialko**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am a proud twenty six year member of WEAC and the MTEA and currently serve as MTEA Vice President. I've served as an NEA delegate from 2011-2017 and respectfully ask that you choose me as one of your NEA delegates for 2017-19. The attack on our union, public schools and public school educators is vicious. Our enemies want to privatize our public schools and blame educators for their failed policies. As WEAC union members we must continue to act in unity as a powerful collective with our families, communities and students to take action at the local, state and national levels to fight for our profession and for the public schools our students deserve. We are Wisconsin educators and we know how to fight and win despite the odds against us. We are writing union history in Wisconsin and I believe that we can win. As your NEA delegate, you can trust that I will bring your voice to Minneapolis and Houston. You can trust that I will advocate for you and your work as a public school educator in Wisconsin. With utmost respect and solidarity, I ask for your vote for NEA delegate.

**Katie Mueller Wavrunek**

**Green Bay Education Association**

As a teacher in an urban district of Green Bay, I have quickly learned that it is not what the union does for me – but What I Do for the union. I want to be a part of a system that supports each other and subsequently thrives as a unit helping all involved be the best they can be. To do this, I have been a building representative ongoing for 8 years. I have attended 8 Wisconsin State RA's and 3 NEA's serving for the past two years as the Communications Chair. My continual involvement with local, state and national events has deepened our understanding and furthered our solidarity as a group of people working together towards Great Public Schools. I would be honored to continue in this effort.

**Tamara A. Schick**

**Green Bay Education Association**

I have been honored to represent the educational professionals in Wisconsin for the last 4 years. I am willing to serve in Minnesota and Texas for the next two summers. I am currently serving the GBEA as an Executive Board Member at large. I have also served as the secretary for my local. I have had the privilege of presenting at the NCUEA conference the last two years. While serving at the RA I am focused on the work that is being done and look forward to the work to be done in the next two years. Please consider voting for me as one of your State Representatives.

**Jesse Martinez**

**La Crosse Education Association**

I am in the midst of my third year teaching and was lucky enough to attend the NEA RA as a first year teacher. As someone who is passionate about improving the state of education at the

local, state and national level, I would love to attend the RA and have a hand in helping shape the future of the association at all levels.

**Kelly Sullivan**

**Monona Grove**

I strongly believe in helping every student find success in our public schools. One way to ensure that happens is to support our educators and provide a voice for our profession. My experience on the MGEA executive board and as a PAC co-chair have given me the leadership skills to advocate for students and educators at the national level.

**Brent Bergstrom**

**Green Bay Education Association**

Brent Bergstrom is an active union member and has been since 2009. He has held various leadership roles throughout the state. In these positions, Brent has developed a strong foundation that he currently utilizes as the Secretary of the Green Bay Education Association. He is eager to continue his involvement and leadership at the National Education Association Representative Assembly.

**Rachel Schlueter**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am a public-school advocate and teacher of Milwaukee Public Schools for the past 29 years. I am an active member of MTEA and spent the past three summers working as an organizer to grow our union. If elected, I promise to continue to speak out at school board, joint finance committee meetings and more! I am a building representative, building committee member and serve on committees and cohorts at MTEA. Our working conditions are our student's learning conditions. The past two years I served as a delegate for WEAC and NEA and found it to be an excellent experience that helped me to grow as an educator and advocate for our schools. MTEA stopped a takeover of Milwaukee Public Schools by the Wisconsin Legislature and I did what I could to help. I speak out against unaccountable voucher and charter schools that are taking money away from public school children. I am proud to be part of the only association that fights for and represents children in Milwaukee! MTEA and WEAC Proud! Public School Proud!

**Mauricio Garzon**

**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

My beliefs for our MTEA and WEAC union

By: Mauricio Garzon

Since I work as a business bilingual teacher in MPS, I enrolled in MTEA union and worked in the Bilingual Committee, and developed other activities in order to advocate for all teachers who

worked in the city of Milwaukee. Long time ago I enrolled, as well in WEAC, and represent all Wisconsin's teachers as state delegate; I also worked the last four years in the Minority Affairs Committee, in order to advocate for our struggle minorities.

My goal for the next years is to be your candidate for MTEA-and WEAC, and represent all of you in our local community, and as state delegate to the NEA RA as well. I want to put my entire mind, my force, and my heart to support, work and advocate for all of you who work in the education fields statewide and countrywide. We need to work together in order to achieve our goals, get back all our Union rights, and improve our standard of living. I believe that in the last 7 years, I acquired more experiences in these matters, and I am ready to represent you.

### **Michael Glabere**

#### **Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association/Milwaukee Educational Assistants Association**

My name is Mike Glabere, and I would like the honor of serving as your representative at the 2018 NEA RA. My work has included being a community organizer; grant writer and program developer, coalition builder, farmer, historic restoration worker, a teacher and a teacher's aide for MPS.

I currently serve on the Design Team organizing ESP across the state, the legislative committee of WEAC, at large representative of the MEAA in Milwaukee, and on the Safety and Discipline Labor management committee of MTEA. I also serve on the state and Milwaukee branch boards of the ACLU.

I served as a campaign assistant to Sequanna Taylor at last year's NEA RA and helped her winning campaign to represent us on the national Board. I wish to continue to represent Wisconsin EA at the national meeting, to further improve our standing and voice as educators.

I will continue to use my broad experience to organize winning campaigns that grow our union in both membership and impact, creating a progressive and sustaining future for our children and their educators.

The driving passion of my life work has been to create a just and equitable society. I am ready to continue this work.

### **Lynn Goss**

#### **St. Croix Central**

I have participated as a delegate for many years. I take the responsibility seriously and participate to the fullest. I value the relationships we create across the country and work together in a democratic process for the best interest of our members and the students that we work with.

**Crystal A. Ealy****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

Hello, My name is Crystal and I am a Para Educator currently working as a Parent Involvement Specialist / Coordinator at Parkview Elementary School in Milwaukee. I have served in various seats on our local MEAA Council. I have rallied and spoke at School Board Meetings. I have campaigned, knocked on doors and did phone banking. I have also served on several other committees at my local and at the state level as well. I have attended the NEA RA in the past and found it to be fuel with a wealth of motivating energy to infuse in our locals. Attending these RA's has definitely tapped into my enthusiasm to advocate. Please allow me to continue to represent you all at the state and national level. Thank you for your consideration.

**Steve Wright****Kenosha Education Association**

8 yrs of service on WEAC Resolution or Governance Documents Committee.

11 yrs of Officer or Board positions at Local level.

NEA Delegate for 7 years.

**Jessica Bodart****Green Bay Education Association**

Jessica Bodart teaches first grade in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She grew up in Green Bay and was a student in the Green Bay district during all grades K-12. This is her fifth year teaching, and she has been active in her local association. She attended the Emerging Voices conference in January 2017, and served as a delegate at the 2017 WEAC RA. She worked as a summer organizer to build membership over the summer, and was elected as a member-at-large in the fall. Jessica hopes to continue her involvement in GBEA by serving as a state delegate.

**ADante Jordan****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association****Diane Harris****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

Dedicated, Intelligent, Awesome, Nice, and Educator (Diane) is seeking your vote today. I have been an active member for many years. Currently, I am serving on the Credentials and Election Committee for WEAC working as a strong advocate for public education. I hope I can count on your vote. Thanks.

**Mary Ann Aspan****United Lakewood Educators**

I have had the privilege of representing my local at the WEAC-RA for 6 years and NEA-RA for 2 years. It is an honor to serve in this capacity. If elected, I will do my best to be the voice of WEAC.

**Michelle Young****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am an extraordinary teacher who seizes every moment to make an impact! I have served as a state and/or local delegate for the past eight years and a union member for eighteen years, and I would be honored to continue representing the state of Wisconsin in our movement for quality education for all students.

Part of my educational philosophy states, "one must have a positive attitude and be open-minded." I firmly believe that advocating for public education requires an individual who is willing to listen to all viewpoints, and make the best decisions that embody the students, teachers, and local and state unions that he/she serves. If you are looking for someone who is committed, diligent and incredibly active, please vote for me! I will stand up and be your voice for public education.

**Arlene Braden****East Troy**

I am Arlene Braden from Burlington, Wisconsin. While employed in Lake Geneva and East Troy School Districts and I have served in every leadership role within my locals. Throughout my 25-year career as a WEAC-ESP, I have served on the WEAC Board of Directors, Budget and Finance, Affiliate Relations Committee and the ESP Committees.

I have represented members at both the WEAC and NEA Representative Assemblies. I have been a chair and leadership liaison of New Business Items, Budget & Finance and Interview Committees during the NEA Representative Assemblies. I have served on the NEA Board of Directors.

Reelected at the 2015 WEAC-RA to serve a second term as WEAC Secretary-Treasurer, I am currently on full time release from East Troy School District.

Public Education has faced many challenges, but my commitment to continue to work as a union leader has never been stronger. My focus continues to be on a member lead, member driven union while working in the areas of membership recruitment, retention and empowerment. I consider it an honor to work with members of WEAC. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to be a Representative to the NEA Assemblies for the next two years.

**Danah Opland-Dobs****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

Teacher working-conditions are student learning-conditions. Our public schools deserve better. I will fight to help us. As the daughter in a union family, I have been living and fighting for workers' rights my entire life. I am a public school graduate, as is my family. I believe in public schools, I believe in our work.

**Sequanna Taylor****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am asking for your Vote to be a delegate to the NEA RA.

As your NEA ESP-at large I am committed to our Union and representing Wisconsin at the National Level.

In Milwaukee as President of the EA & sitting on MTEA Executive Boards, has allowed me to continue building memberships, relationships in the community that foster public schools allies, and attain more leadership development.

I know the importance of being a part of the Democratic process at the RA and the effects it has on members at the local & state level.

As your Voice, I will be engaged and bring back what I learn to implement in an efficient way.

**Lisa Glaser****ULE-Muskego**

I feel it is important to participate in the NEA Representative Assembly where I can represent the members of WEAC and help determine the direction of our national organization. I believe it is my duty to continue the work of those who have come before me and to persist in the fight to provide our members with all they deserve. I am currently in my nineteenth year as a high school teacher have been involved in the association for the past sixteen years. I have attended numerous WEAC and NEA Representative Assemblies, served as the chair of the WEAC Resolutions Committee and the Governance Documents Committee. It would be an honor to continue to serve the members of WEAC as a state delegate once again.

**Laura Ann Deall****Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

I am currently an active, dues-paying MTEA/MEEA/WEAC/NEA member. If I am elected as a delegate, I will represent all of the MTEA/MEEA members and participate in all of the meetings for MTEA/MEEA delegates to Representative Assembly. The Meetings include preparation sessions, all of the RA floor sessions; and also, all of the Wisconsin caucus sessions. When not elected as a delegate in the past, I have volunteered at the WEAC RA's as a door guard and as

well as, participated in other activities that have taken place at the local level. Also, I have attended several NEA RA's both as a student member and also as a guest. Through attending the RA's I have learned a lot and have shared my experiences with other members as well as new members.

**Shelly Moore Krajacic  
Ellsworth**

It is my privilege to serve the members of the Wisconsin Education Association Council as a member of the NEA Executive Committee. I have previously served as a NEA Director, member of the WEAC Board, and in a variety of local and regional offices.

**Daniel Gage  
Green Bay Education Association**

I am the Treasurer of the GBEA and have served as a NEA local delegate for the past 5 years. Last summer I was elected by the WEAC delegation to the NEA Resolutions Committee for 2018. I believe that public education is the foundation of our democracy and I will faithfully represent Wisconsin students and teachers.

**Robert Hughes  
Wausau Education Association**

I have been to multiple local, state and national RA's. I am currently the secretary of my local. I grew up in a poor dysfunctional family. I feel my past has helped me reach out to my special education students, and work with their families. I do not believe in just filling a seat, I offer input, and lead when I am able. Please vote for me. Thank you- Robert Hughes

**Kira Fetisoff  
Racine Education Association**

I have taught for the last 19 years and served our union both locally and on the State level for all of those years. I have attended 10+ WEAC and NEA RAs. I enjoy representing our union's views and bringing back information to share with my local. It would be my pleasure to serve again the next two years as one of your representatives.