

WEAC-RETIRED CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS DELEGATES TO THE 2018 and 2019 NEA RA's

Karen Lach

I am currently the President of CWUC-R and the representative to the Region 10/Retired Board of Directors for CWUC-R and NT-R. I began attending the NEA-RA as a local delegate in 1996 and then as state delegate until I retired in 2011. I would be honored to be a delegate representing WEAC Region 10/Retired at the NEA-R annual meeting and the NEA-RA.

Bonita Augusta

I have participated in union activities throughout my career and would like to continue to serve my union as a delegate at the NEA Representative Assembly. I was a member of Lodi Teachers Association and Madison Teachers Inc. My participation includes serving as Faculty Rep, and member of the Cabinet on Personnel, MTI Voters, and Bargaining Committee. I am currently a founding member of MTI-R (Madison Teachers Inc-Retired), and serve on that Board of Directors. On the state level I assisted WEAC in 2014 with the Listening Strategic Conversations to engage/reengage retirees from across the state. With NEA I am a trainer for Safety, Bias and LGBTQ Issues Cadre, Social Justice Cadre and Cultural Competence Cadre. I see a strong teacher union, a strong NEA, as the savior of public education in this country. I would be honored to serve as a WEAC-R delegate to the at the NEA Representative Assembly for 2018-19.

Kay Krause

As an active participant in the KEA-Retired, the WEAC-Retired and an elected delegate to several NEA-RAs my interest and knowledge in public education has been heightened at the local, state and national levels. Moving forward we must be cognizant of politicians who continue to harm public education with bad legislation at the state and national level. I pledge to continue working via letters, emails and phone calls to our legislators whenever they attempt passing bad legislation.

I would appreciate your vote allowing me to be your elected delegate to the NEA-RA. Information from these meetings making public education better for our Active colleagues and their students will be shared with our educators.

Allen Knop

I have served in many positions in WEAC over many years. I served for years on the Board of WEA Member Benefits and presently serve on the Board of WEA Trust and as the WEAC Region 10/Retired rep to the WCOA Board which monitors the WRS system for WEAC retirees.

I would greatly appreciate your support.

Chuck Howard

I would appreciate your vote to be one of the WEAC-R delegates to the NEA-R Annual Meeting and the NEA Representative Assembly. I am currently the immediate past-president of MTEA-R and a member of that board.

I have attended every (but one) NEA-RA since 1993 – the past 12 years as a retired member.

In my past lives, I was the president of MTEA (2 terms), on the WEAC Board of Directors, and an NEA Director (2 terms).

Diane K. Slivka

I am Diane K. Slivka and I'm running to be a WEAC Region 10/Retired delegate to the NEA RA for 2018-2019. Before my retirement from Sturgeon Bay Schools in 2012 I have served as a delegate to the NEA RA for twenty-two years. My first NEA was in 1996 in Washington DC! Maintaining the connection between the regional, state, and national levels of our organization is as important as ever. I want to be a voice on the floor when professional and political issues are deliberated to ensure great public schools for all. I want to protect our benefits when issues related to retirement are considered.

In addition to my work at the NEA RA I have also been a delegate to the WEAC RA; I have participated in standing committees; provided contract maintenance for SBEA; and provided professional development advice and service on licensing issues.

Currently I serve as the chair of the WEAC Region 10/Retired Public Relations Committee, which provides an overview of many of the topics relevant to you at our annual meeting and conference each spring.

I look forward to the challenges of serving as one of your delegates to the NEA RA!

Lucy V. Nefstead

Representing Wisconsin on a national level is a passion of mine, and an honor.

I thank you for the times you've elected me and ask for your vote so I may represent you in Houston.

I have the experience, knowledge and dedication needed to bring Wisconsin out of the anti-unionism currently devouring this state. I've served in nearly every union capacity and office from co-founding NT-R to serving on Region 10/Retired B.O.D.

I taught high school English in Rhinelander for 34 years, and have been involved in union activities from protests to President. I'm also co-chair for animal rescue and an AARP Fraud Watch volunteer, making sure your pension stays your pension.

I have the drive and determination to work for you and "make Wisconsin great again!"

Please vote Lucy V. Nefstead. Thank you!

Vicky Voelker

I have been an active NEA member since 1979. I participated in positions at local and state levels as well as multiple NEA RAs. Currently I am a member of the WEAC Quality Education Committee and on the board for Lakewood Retired. I am also a facilitator for WEAC members who are pursuing their National Boards. I have been active in educating and supporting members about statewide mandates as well as professional development. I believe our role as retirees is just as important as active teachers. Not only do we need to protect and enhance our retirement benefits, we also need to protect the future of public education. Retirees have the time and expertise to make a difference to our schools. The voice of Wisconsin teachers is important to the future of the teaching industry across the nation.

Patricia Schmidt

Pat Schmidt is currently Sec'y/Treasurer of CWUC-R. She retired in 2015 after teaching music in Wautoma for 40 years. She chaired Cong. Tom Petri's education contact team and served as a member of his Service Academy Selection committee. As part of an NEA capacity building team she helped write a curriculum on how to work effectively with elected officials. She is a trainer at the WEAC Summer Leadership Academy focusing on advocacy.

I would be honored to represent Wisconsin as a retired delegate to the NEA RA and will take my responsibility seriously. Here is a summary of some of my experience:

Presenter CWUC-R Annual Meeting-2017

Vice-President Region 5-2 years

WEAC Board of Directors 4 years

CWUC-Board of Directors-2 years

Delegate to NEA RA-4 years

Member and officer Wautoma Education Ass'n-40 years

Delegate and presenter NEA/GOP Leaders Conference – 5 years

Delegate to NEA Midwest Leadership Conference – 3 years

WEAC Everyday Hero Award-2011

WEAC President's Award-2014

David (Skip) Niedfeldt

Dear Retired Union Members,

Retirement provides us the opportunity and time to stay active. The present economy has increased our 403b accounts but the political environment continues to put more responsibility, accountability, and stress on public school staff without additional compensation. Retired union members must take the time to support public education.

Local & State Experience: NPEA vice-pres.; executive, grievance and election committees, negotiator; local, state, retired RA delegate, WEAC Bargaining Certificate Recipient, NTU-WEAC Board

National Experience: NTU, State and Retired NEA delegate, Delegate of Distinction Award 2011 NEA-RA Convention, Outreach to Teach participant.

Activities: Steering & Co-Chair Interview committee, state contact, NEA Children's Fund silent fund donor (pottery), assisted with Mark Cebulski, Kay Hansen, & Shelly Moore's elections, Joint Conference on Concerns of Minorities and Women participant, etc.

Current concerns: Growing membership active and retired, funding public education, elections

As your Retired State Delegate I will actively participate at the NEA Convention gathering and providing information with other delegates from around the nation.

Thank you for you vote, support of public education and our Association.

Respectfully,

David (Skip) Niedfeldt

Julie Hannon

I have been an active member of BLUE-R since my retirement in 2011. I am currently the secretary of BLUE-R and an alternate to the Region 10 Board of Directors for Region 3. I have kept current with the issues and feel I could represent Wisconsin and Region 10 well at the NEA RA.

Dianne Lang

Retiring from the Appleton Area School District in June, 2005, after 34 years as an elementary teacher, while active, I served in numerous capacities at all levels throughout the organization. I currently serve as your WEAC Region 10 /Retired President and am honored to have represented you as a Retired Delegate at the 2008- 2017 NEA Retired Annual meetings and NEA Representative Assemblies. There is no more important time to have an informed, experienced delegate to collaborate with retired colleagues from around the country. I will continue to work on behalf of WEAC Retirees to provide for and protect the economic and political interests of our members as we continue to fend off attacks by those who would dismantle public education and take from us the benefits we have earned. As I complete my final year as Region 10/Retired President, I feel I can offer beneficial information to other members of the Retired delegation regarding the extremely important issues coming before this year's RA. I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

Ginny Bosse

Prior to retirement in 2007, I was a WEAC leader at the local, UniServ, and state levels. After retirement, I co-founded Northern Tier-Retired, was its first president, and later represented it on the WEAC-Retired Board. My retired committee experience includes the Legislative and PR Committees, and, after Act 10, serving as a member of the Transition Sub-Committee which helped WEAC-Retired transition to WEAC Region 10/Retired. I am currently Vice President. Representing WEAC Region 10/Retired at the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and NEA RA is a privilege I had my first two years of retirement and for the past three summers. Being a delegate is an honor that carries with it the responsibility to be prepared, informed, and engaged. My hope is that I have always shown myself to be all three! (I will run for a retired position on the NEA Resolutions Committee, if elected a delegate.)

Carol E. Sims

I have been a union member for 39 years as both active and retired. I served as active member to the NEA-RA for many years. I would like to transfer to the retired side and vote for things on both sides. Many issues roll over from active

members to the retired side as many of our retired teachers return to the classroom as substitute and are treated with no respect from students. This is an issue which has to be addressed at all levels of our union. If elected I will represent our union with all I have to give.

Carol Krogmann

Since 2007, your votes have selected me to be one of the retired delegates to each NEA RA and WEAC RA. THANK YOU!

Please VOTE to re-elect me as a retired delegate to the 2018 and 2019 NEA RA/NEA-Retired Annual Meetings. I gratefully accept the responsibility of serving again.

As the WEAC Region 10/Retired Secretary/Treasurer, having been elected in 2015, I advocate for members as a voting officer on the Executive Committee and Board.

On the WEAC Board, as an alternate, I promote the contributions and concerns of retired educators. Additionally, that Board elected me to the Executive Director Performance Review Committee.

I serve as co-president of the Lakewood-Retired Chapter. Some of the many community organizations that I support include WPEN, Citizen Action of WI, and WI Alliance for Retired Americans.

Now is a critical time for our union, profession, and country. I am an informed, organized, and determined union activist leader. Together, we will advocate for public education and for the rights and benefits of our members.

I, Carol Krogmann, appreciate your vote. If re-elected as a NEA delegate, I'll continue representing WEAC members, including our retirees, with energy, enthusiasm, and experience. THANK YOU!

Marlene Ott

Three requests for your vote today! That is asking a lot, I know, but I am grateful for all members who take the time to vote and support me. The NEA

Representative Assembly will be in Minneapolis, our own backyard this summer! Despite the attacks on our union, the work of NEA has never been more important. As the largest remaining union in the country, our leadership in defense of worker rights and fairness in the political arena is direly needed. I have served in many local and UniServ union positions including president and am in my sixth year as president of our local retired unit. We have built our local membership to be among the largest retired WEAC units in the state as well as one of the more active. I would like to see this level of engagement in all of our retired groups because we need everyone's help to insure retirement security for our members. We also are some of the most important allies of our colleagues who remain in classrooms and the thousands of students they teach. Please give me this opportunity to continue to serve you.

Thomas Zigan

Currently, I am an elected representative to the WEAC Region 10/ Retired Board of Directors. In addition, I serve on the Board of Directors for the WEA Academy. During my 36 years as an educator, I was an active member and leader at local (Wauwatosa), UniServ (West Suburban Council), State (WEAC), and national (NEA) levels. I served as local president, bargaining chair, an officer of our Uniserv, worked on and led various WEAC committees, and was elected as a representative to numerous WEAC RA's and NEA RA's.

As a retired member, I would like to continue my involvement as an elected representative to the 2018 and 2019 NEA Representative Assemblies. I would appreciate your vote. Thanks!

Ila Gillis

Being active in union activities since 1970 I would be proud to again serve as your representative to the NEA Retired annual meeting and NEA Representative Assembly in Minneapolis, 2018 and again in Dallas, TX in 2019. I have served at the local, state and national level.

I am currently the Retired representative to the WEAC Region 10 board from Region 1. I appreciate the work you do and welcome the opportunity to represent you.

Michael S. Lipp

It is very important that WEAC-Retired has strong, committed delegates at the NEA RA. If elected I promise to represent our membership to the best of my ability. I have been at the last two RA's serving on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee among other assignments. This small committee guides the entire delegation on important, technical issues. I would be proud to continue to represent WEAC-Retired.