

WEAC Region 2 Reporter

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Exec Committee Meeting

Oct 22, 2020
6:00pm Zoom

Roundtable Meeting

Oct 28, 2020
4:30pm Zoom

Election Day!

Nov 3, 2020

Recertification Voting

November 4-24, 2020

WEAC Professional Development Institute

November 7, 2020



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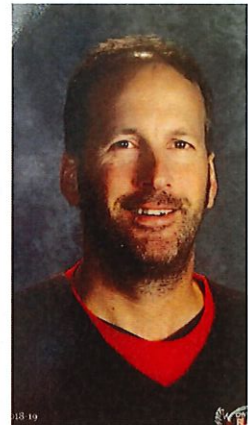
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A message from WEAC Region 2 President Russ Weiler

Dear Colleagues,

As the new school year is under way, I hope that all of you are healthy and safe through these continually changing times. I would like to thank you for your continued membership and dedication towards education. Please take time daily to celebrate the accomplishments and successes you achieve and the big difference that you make!

I, now, have the opportunity to serve as your Region 2 President, moving up from Vice President. I look forward to leading our impressive Executive Board through these challenging times. We are committed to advocating on behalf of our public schools and providing the help that your local association needs to be successful. Region 2 is here to assist and serve you in your profession and to guarantee the best and safest education for ALL students and staff.



Collectively, we have a strong voice at the national, state, regional, and local levels to continue to meet our goals. In a year in which all of us are busy and managing added stress, I would like to encourage you to do two things. First, take care of yourself. Reduce your stress by doing the things that make you feel happy and that you enjoy outside of school. Secondly, now more than ever, stay involved in the union; support your professional organizations. Our membership growth in Region 2 has momentum- let's use it and get our co-workers to join. Take the challenge of gaining one or two new members in your local by personally sharing why your memberships are important to you. There is strength in numbers and together we can shape the future.

The Region 2 staff is top notch and available to answer questions about our ever-changing world. Please don't hesitate to contact the WEAC Region 2 office with questions that you may have or to request support that you may need. You may contact them at 800-472-0010 or region2@weac.org. Stay safe!

In solidarity,
Russ Weiler

2020-21 Region 2 Executive Committee Members



President: Russ Weiler, Owen-Withee EA
Vice President: Barry Walsh, Wisconsin Rapids EA
Secretary: Rob Hughes, Wausau EA
Treasurer: Kathleen Mahoney, Marshfield TA
DAL #1: Travis Bassett, Iola-Scandinavia EA
DAL #2: Art Greco, Stevens Point Area EA
DAL #3 Paul Froom D.C. Everest TA
DAL #4 open
DAL #5 open

Online Member Signup Now Available!

Invite Your Co-workers to Join Now!

WEAC online member sign-up, Join Now, is now available to provide a convenient and fast way for educators to become members of our union.

[Become a Member](#)

[WEAC.ORG/JoinNow](https://weac.org/JoinNow)

In a series of simple screens, educators can enter their information to become a member. This feature is especially useful during one-on-one membership conversations. While the process is entirely online, it is recommended that organizers and leaders stay with educators through the sign-up process to answer any questions that might arise.

Two... Just 2... Actions between Now and Election Day (November 3)

Your help toward these two actions is critical to the future of public education and the teaching profession.

VOTE

- Fill out your absentee ballot – go to myvote.wi.gov request ballot and return it by mail or in-person-drop-off by October 24 to assure timely receipt. Or
- Make plans to vote in person Tuesday, November 3.
- Encourage eligible voting members in your household to vote as well.



VOLUNTEER 1 OR 2 HOURS IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS

- WEAC has scheduled 3 Days of Action for member volunteers to contact fellow Wisconsin teacher members (who are not consistent voters) between 12:00-2:00 p.m. (October 10, October 24 and October 31) encouraging them to vote.
- Communication templates and phone numbers are provided to do this from home.
- Sign up at <https://weac.org/weac-days-of-action/>

If you want to do more... the NEA has the “Battleground Wisconsin” initiative which has members make calls to like-minded folks throughout the state. Sign up is available at <https://weac.org/battleground-wisconsin/>

This is an 11.0101(10)(b)(1) communication with WEAC Region 2 members.

Days
of
Action



One Decision Can Change the Future.
Help us spread the hope

Get involved now at weac.org

Absentee Voting



All voters in Wisconsin can request an absentee ballot be mailed to them for any reason. Voters must be registered before they can request an absentee ballot. Voters may request their absentee ballot in writing. To request an absentee ballot on MyVote.wi.gov click [here](#). You must provide a photo ID with your absentee ballot request, more information on photo ID can be found [here](#).

[LOOK HERE](#) to find early voting locations and ballot drop-off locations.

Help Gather Data on the Pandemic's Impact on our Schools

WEAC /NEA is collecting Wisconsin data on COVID-19 cases to track the impact of the pandemic in our schools. There are already 200 reports filed, and there are likely more. It's easy to record information using our online form.



[Report Cases in Your School](#)

WEAC Professional Learning Opportunities

WEAC Wednesday Webinars

Every Wednesday between 6-7 p.m. members have access to a webinar highlighting relevant teaching and learning topics. Examples include increasing student engagement during online learning, providing accommodations and scaffolds, and the ins and outs of Google. The first session (August 19) focuses on planning for distance learning.

A complete listing of the webinars and the registration link can [be found here](#).

Professional Development Institute

The annual WEAC Professional Development Institute is going virtual this year. It will be held Saturday, November 7, 2020. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Anton Treuer. Dr. Treuer is a professor and author of 19 books including Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but were Afraid to Ask. There will be four 1-hour breakout sessions.



[The registration link can be found here.](https://event.me/6b477q)

The WEA Academy



The WEA Academy continues to be your go to for relevant, timely, and reasonable professional development and resources. The top three most popular courses in recent months have been: The Science of Happiness, Spanish for Educators and Degrees Not Debt!

Take a moment to visit the [WEA Academy website](#) to see other offerings.

Please also visit the [WEA Academy's Facebook page](#) regularly for timely information and professional inspiration.

Checklist for Complete Coverage with NEA

Did You Know?

Your Checklist for Complete Coverage with NEA
Don't wait to get the protection your family deserves.



[Learn about the insurance options you have as an NEA member.](#)

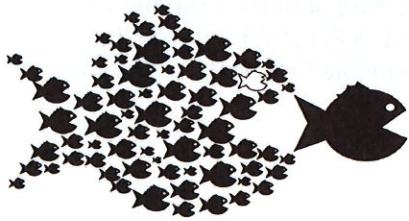
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or click on the link to order your sign:

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Recertification is Here!



Currently, Region 2 has 27 locals recertifying. The Voting window this year is from November 4 at noon to November 24 at noon. Remember that it is for all certified staff in the bargaining unit, not just for union members. If your local is recertifying, talk to all your colleagues and let them know the importance of voting. If they don't vote it is counted as a "No" vote.

WEAC Region 2 Roundtable

Next Roundtable Meeting is October 28, 2020 at 4:30pm via zoom

Agenda:

- Local updates
- Election update
- Recertification resources and support materials
- COVID tracking, closures and local successes
- Other

Contact the WEAC Region 2 office if you are interested in attending.

Summer Ed Organizing

**Congratulations to the
Tomorrow River EA, Wausau EA, Chequamegon EA,
Northcentral Technical College Faculty Association, and
Marion EA.**



All 5 locals participated in the 2020 Summer Ed Organizing Program through Region 2. Over 60 new members joined our organization as a result of the efforts of the organizers in

these locals. New leaders were also identified, local issues were discussed and friendships were made.

PAC Contribution Refunds

Contributions to the WEAC PAC and the Region 2 PAC are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Political Action Disclaimer: The WEAC Political Action Committee (WEAC PAC) and the Regional PAC are political action committees that collect voluntary contributions from Association members which are used for political purposes, including, but not limited to, making contributions to and expenditures on behalf of friends of public education who are candidates for federal and state office. Only U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents may contribute to these funds. The WEAC PAC and Regional PAC are subject to regulation by the Federal Election Commission and the Wisconsin Ethics Commission. State law requires the WEAC PAC and Regional PAC to use their best efforts to collect and report the name and mailing address of all PAC contributors to the Wisconsin Ethics Commission.

Political Action Rebate: Members may request a refund of their WEAC PAC contribution which is used for political activity by writing to WEAC, PO Box 8003, Madison WI 53708 between Sept 1 and Oct 30, or within 60 days of joining. Members may request a refund of their Regional PAC contribution which is used for political activity by writing to WEAC Region 2, 370 Orbiting Drive, Mosinee, WI, 54455 between Sept 1 and Oct 30, or within 60 days of joining. Membership will not be affected by a request for refund. Once a Member requests a WEAC or Regional PAC rebate, no contributions will be drawn in future membership years with respect to the PAC(s) for which the member has requested a rebate(s), unless the Member specifically requests in writing to reinstate said PAC participation.

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