

**WEAC-RETIRED CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS
DELEGATES TO THE 2023, 2024 and 2025 NEA RA's**

Carol Sims

As a delegate to the NEA-R Annual Conference and RA, I will listen to the topics that come up and vote my conscience on the topics presented to the delegates. I have been a delegate to several national conferences. I have enjoyed attending these meetings and interacting with others from our state and others from across the United States.

Patricia Schmidt

Pat Schmidt is currently Secretary/Treasurer for the Educators of Central Wisconsin-Retired. She currently serves as the Cluster 2 representative to the WEAC-R Board. She taught 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 has been a presenter at the WEAC Summer Leadership Academy focusing on advocacy. In 2020 she was the recipient of the WEAC Tenia Jenkins Activist Award.

Linda Riesen

I would be pleased to represent at the Representative Assembly.

Debra Bell

I taught 34 years in Boyceville, WI with one year in Owen-Withee. I have been on every level of union leadership when I was teaching from building representative to WEAC State Region 1 President (and on the WEAC Board and committees). I have attended WEAC RA's and NEA RA's as an Educator several times and was on the leadership committee the last 6 years I attended. As a newly retired educator in 2020, I joined WEAC Retired and I became the Cluster 1 Director so I am currently on the WEAC Retired Board. I am also on the WEAC Retired Public Relations Committee which plans and organizes the annual meeting and conference. I have always been an active union member at every level and am looking forward to representing our members at the NEA RA for WEAC Retired.

William (Bill) Stuessel

I retired in 2014 after 30 years as a high school counselor following 3 years teaching

elementary education. Currently, I teach Drivers' Education at Northwood Technical College. After retirement, I have served as Retired Local President, a Cluster 10 Retired Board member, Delegate to Region 1 Executive Board, WEAC-R Membership Coordinator, and a Representative for Region 1 at Greater West Central Area Labor Council. I believe that educators need to be involved in their professional organization to advance the educational process for students and staff. As Paul Wellstone used to say, "We all do better when we all do better."

Thomas Zigan

Currently, I am the President of WEAC-Retired. As the president, I represent all retired members in the state and would like to do continue doing so as a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly and the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting. 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, and I continue my leadership now as a retired member of WEAC and NEA. I look forward to being able to be an elected representative to the NEA RA and would appreciate your vote. Thanks!

Marlene Ott

My intention is to make this my last race for the NEA. As a member of the NEA Raffle Committee, I will be able to encourage delegates to bid on the many items donated by delegates to raise money for the critical national elections we will be facing. I have also been active in other committees in almost every year I have been a delegate. I have been recognized as a delegate of distinction both as an active and a retired delegate and hope you will give me one last chance to represent Wisconsin. I promise that I will work hard for you.

Ginny Bosse

As an active WEAC and NEA member 1970-2007 and WEAC-Retired/NEA-Retired member since 2007, I have served on many committees, held many offices, and represented my local, region, and state at many Representative Assemblies. At my first NEA Representative Assembly, it was Love at First Read of the NEA Resolutions when I read them in the lobby of the hotel while waiting for my room to be ready. As an active member who represented a local and a uniserv/region that were geographically gifted but demographically challenged, I didn't run for a seat on the NEA Resolutions Committee. After I retired, I did run, and, after some terms as alternate, in 2019 I won a seat on the committee! We never got to meet in 2020 but did in 2021! I won and served in 2022 and won again for 2023. (Our meetings begin in February and continue through this year's NEA RA.) My hope is to serve for three more years and term out. The

election takes place during the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, and candidates must be in attendance to run. I need your votes to get me to the next three NEA RAs! Please vote for Ginny Bosse!

Lucy V. Nefstead

I was a Rhinelander, WI High School English, Speech and Theatre teacher for 34 years and retired in 2007. I've been constantly involved with WEAC, WEAC-R and NEA in numerous capacities. I'm currently NT-R President and serve as alternate on the WEAC-R Board.

Mary Ann Aspan

I am a retired Speech Therapist from the Kettle Moraine School District. I had the opportunity to step into a union leadership position in the fall of 2010. It was quite an introduction as dramatic challenges were on the horizon. Before I retired I was a building rep and a member of the negotiations committee. I attended both WEAC-RAs and NEA-RAs. As a retired member, I have been on the WEAC Retired Committee. I consider it an honor to represent others. Please elect me to give me that opportunity.

Karen Lach

I am asking for your support to become a WEAC-Retired delegate to the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and the NEA RA for the next three years. I am a retired special education teacher from Medford. I have been an alternate NEA delegate since I retired and did attend the 2018 RA in Minneapolis and the 2019 RA in Houston. I am active in the Educators of Central Wisconsin-Retired chapter (ECW-R) and served as the Representative for ECW-R and Northern Tier-Retired to the WEAC-Retired Board of Directors for six years. I believe that my experience and continued involvement will help me represent the members of WEAC-Retired at the NEA-R Annual Meeting and the NEA RA.

Connie Martin

My name is Connie Martin and I am a retired special education teacher of 35 years who taught in Adams-Friendship, Chicago (1 Year), Freedom, and most of my career in the Kimberly Area School District. As an active teacher, I was involved in every level of unionism-local, uniserv and state. Currently as a WEAC Retired member, I serve on WEAC Retired Public Relations Committee and also WEAC's Credentials and Elections Committee. I have attended numerous Representative Assemblies at both the state

and national levels. I would be honored to serve as a delegate representing our retired members at the NEA Representative Assembly.

Robert Henning

I retired in May of 2000 after teaching for 35 years at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau Wisconsin. During that time I served as President of the Local Union for 5 years. Served on the Board Directors of CWUC-N and WEAC for many years.

I have attended many WEAC-RA's and NEA-RA's working hard to represent the members of the union. In retirement I continue to work hard for the union by serving as President of WEAC-R and ECW-R, retired delegate for WEAC-RA's and NEA-RA's, and currently on the BOD of ECW-R. Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

Robert (Bob) Henning

Bonnie Augusta

I 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 as vice president on the Board of Directors. I wrote and received a grant from NEA to engage and increase MTI-R membership in 2021. 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, Cultural Competence Cadre and Welcoming Schools Cadre. I would be honored to serve as a WEAC-R delegate to the at the NEA Representative Assembly.

Carol Krogmann

Thank you for supporting my previous elections. Because of your votes, I have served as a retired delegate for every RA since my retirement. I appreciate having been elected as a retired director to the WEAC Board and having been elected as WEAC-Retired Secretary/Treasurer from 2015-2021.

Currently, I share retiree contributions and concerns on the WEAC-Retired Board of Directors. I participate as the WEAC-R/NEA-R PAC Liaison, as Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee, as Co-President of the Lakewood-Retired chapter, and on two

NEA-Retired committees. Community organizations that I actively support include Wisconsin Public Education Network, WI Alliance for Retired Americans, and Citizen Action of Wisconsin.

Please VOTE for me on the 2023-25 NEA RA ballot. As a re-elected delegate, I will represent you nationally while I continue to serve responsibly at state and local levels.

Current issues continue to be critical for our association, our profession, our state, our country, and our democracy. As an informed, organized, and determined member, I strongly advocate for public education and our union members' rights and benefits.

I pledge to represent WEAC-Retired with experience, energy, and enthusiasm. Your vote will be greatly appreciated by me, Carol Krogmann. THANK YOU!

Ellen Kay Deal

I was an active member of WEAC/MTEA for 38 years. I am now a retired member of WEAC/MTEA. I have attended several WEAC RA's as an active member and enjoyed the work we did as a group. I would like to continue my work as a member of WEAC Retired by being elected as a delegate for the next three years. I would appreciate your votes so that I can continue my work for the union.