

## **2023-2025 CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE DELEGATE TO THE NEA RA**

### **Joe McCabe Green Bay Education Association**

As a member of our union I have advocated for students and educators at all levels of government and will continue as long as I am elected to do so. Attending and being a voice for our state at NEA has been one of the most important duties that I have been privileged to undertake. How our national body addresses issues that directly impact Wisconsin is important to me. Ultimately for me it comes down to what does my local, WEAC and NEA stand for. I hope that you will place your trust in me to continue to be an advocate for our state at future NEA RAs.

Yours in Solidarity! Joe

### **Ron Duff Martin Eau Claire Association of Educators**

My name is Duff Martin and I have proudly served as the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of WEAC. I currently serve as one of 6 on the NEA Executive Committee. I am honored to have served you and this union in a variety of ways. I believe our union is the organization that will help save Democracy and ensure a great public education for ALL students. I believe my experiences in the classroom, as a union leader and in my life allow me to serve you and all WEAC members. The NEA Representative Assembly is the highest decision-making body of our union and having served as a delegate in the past and in my current role as a member of the NEA Executive Committee I bring valuable experience as well as institutional knowledge. I also believe that it is crucial we have all voices elected as delegates. The smallest ethnic delegation nationwide is the Native American population and by electing me this will help to make sure all voices are present! I appreciated your support in the past and hope you will vote for me – RON DUFF MARTIN to represent you at the NEA Representative Assembly.

### **Jeanne Schierstedt Racine Educators United**

I have been a member of WEAC since I began teaching in Racine, WI, in 2000. I have attended several NEA Rep Assemblies and have worked on various committees, taking on a position of leadership last summer. I am proud to do the work of a delegate representing Wisconsin, and I would like to continue to do that work as a state delegate.

**Diana De Pierola**  
**Madison Teachers Incorporated**

I believe education is the path for our nation to succeed.

With education we understand cultural differences, we understand history, we understand beliefs, and we understand each other. This is important for our country, acknowledging our differences and respecting them will make us stronger.

I would like to participate in changes that have to be made in policy or regulations related to education in order to make this country a better place to live.

**Jane Weidner**  
**Cedar Grove-Belgium Education Association**

I believe that NEA, WEAC, and locals/regions are crucial to advocating for quality public education for all students. As an active member, I am committed to lending my voice to the collective group in order to ensure that all students have access to an equitable and excellent education. I am currently serving as my local vice president and vice chair of the WEAC Governance Documents Committee. In the past, I have served as UW-Whitewater Student WEA chapter president, a member of the WEAC Board of Directors, a member of the NEA Resolutions Committee, chair of the WEAC Quality Education Committee, and President of the WEA Academy. I have attended twelve NEA Representative Assemblies and hope to continue to contribute to education's collective voice at the upcoming NEA RAs. Please consider voting for me for this amazing opportunity.

**Jake Krueger**  
**United Lakewood Educators-Mukwonago Chapter**

As a younger educator myself, I consistently have advocated for the inclusion of early career educators in all union spaces, and I am proud to continue that work as Chair of the WEAC Early Career Educators Committee in the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, as a member of the President's LGBTQIA+ Teacher Advisory Council, I help to advocate for and shape policies that support our LGBTQIA+ students and staff across the state. I would love to continue this work as a state delegate to the NEA RA so that these issues can remain at the forefront of NEA's values as well.

**Jessica Dembosky-Galarneau**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

The NEA RA is one of the most amazing ways to connect with other educators from across the country. I am a proud union member, social activist, and involved in lifelong learning. I would be honored to be able to continue my work by attending the NEA RA.

**Crystal Ealy**  
**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association/Milwaukee Educational Assistants Association**

Greetings Union Siblings, I have been an active member of our union for the past twenty years. My journey began as a building chairperson. Through my experience I was able to be elected to hold several seats on our council (At-Large, Special Education and past President). I am currently Vice President of our Educational Assistance unit in our local. I also serve on committees at the state and national level. I am asking for your support, to help me to continue to grow, advocate to bring forth policies and represent all of us at the national level. Thank you in advance, Crystal A. Ealy.

**Angela Harris**  
**Milwaukee Teachers Education Association**

As a state delegate for the past 6 years, I have been able to grow my understanding of how business occurs at both the state and national level. It has helped me developed a deeper understanding of Robert's Rules of Order, submitting new business items, and doing the important work of establishing the work of the NEA for the following year. I have served as a proud member of the human and civil rights committee for the last two years and recently took on the role as an equity ambassador and a member of the interview committee as well.

It is my desire to continue to use what I learn at the NEA RA to serve our members at both the state and local level.

**Amy Mizialko**  
**Milwaukee Teachers Education Association**

My name is Amy Mizialko, and I am a 30 year special education teacher in Milwaukee Public Schools, and currently serve as the president of the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association. With solidarity and a promise to represent all WEAC members and Wisconsin public school students, I ask for your vote for WEAC state delegate.

Students and all public education workers deserve more. We must unite and organize to make sure our public schools grow stronger, serve students and families better and ensure living wages and decent, safe working conditions for the public employees who work day in and day out for our communities.

We have no right to give up the fight for students and workers. Students depend on us, and the workers that came before invested part of their dreams in us. We must follow suit for the workers and the students that will come after us.

I have served on the WEAC board since 2018 and have served as an elected delegate to the NEA RA for a decade. Advocating for Wisconsin's public school workers and students is the honor of my life. I promise to continue to work hard for WEAC members and our students.

**Travis Eales**  
**Racine Educators United**

I am a 4th grade Dual Language teacher at Julian Thomas Community School in Racine Unified. I have served as Racine Educators United Treasurer, Executive Board member and Building Representative over the last 8 years. I've worked as an Organizer for local and state campaigns, and recruiting new members. I am a founding member of the WECE early career educator network and the LGBTQ Advisory Council. I seek to help WEAC thrive within the current state of Public Education in Wisconsin. I appreciate your vote.

**Carmelo Saez III**  
**Madison Teachers Incorporated**

- Local leader: 1) Faculty Rep 2) Member of Equity and Diversity Committee 3) MTI Representative to South Central Federation of Labor

- Advocate for United Arts educators to have voice in their Union

**Nick Schwei**  
**Racine Educators United**

Nick Schwei teaches English in Racine and serves as the HS Executive Board Rep for Racine Educators United. He is a member of the REU PAC Committee, serves as a WEAC Equity Ambassadors facilitator, and works to support aspiring National Board Certified Teachers at the local and state level. He is inspired by the union's strength to elevate educator voice, encourage and celebrate professional excellence, and advocate for student needs within every level of our profession.

**Nicholas 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 18th year of teaching and have previously served on the NEA and WEAC Boards of Directors as well as the Eau Claire Association of Educators Executive Board. Through these leadership experiences I have worked as a Building Rep and Summer Organizer. These leadership opportunities, coupled with my professional experiences, allow me to view education and education issues through a seasoned lens and understand the nuances of public education. Thank you for your support. I look forward to representing WEAC at the 2023 NEA RA.

**Angelina Cruz**  
**Racine United Educators**

**Ingrid Walker-Henry**  
**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

My name is Ingrid Walker-Henry, and I am a 22-year Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association and WEAC member and currently serve as the Vice-President of the MTEA. I have proudly served as a delegate to the NEA RA for over 10 years. I also serve as a WEAC board alternate and have been a Community Outreach & Family Involvement committee member. The national convention is where members represent their local and state and work to further the mission and values of both. That work is carried out by all members and allows for all viewpoints to be represented. As a proud Milwaukee Public Schools graduate, teacher, and MTEA member, I seek your support to continue using my voice for member and student advocacy.

**Allison Murphy**  
**Palmyra-Eagle Education Association**

I am a third year teacher. I currently serve as the President of my local and am a member of WEAC's Early Career Educators Committee. This would be my first opportunity to attend the NEA RA. During my time on the Aspiring Educators of Wisconsin Executive Board, I was able to volunteer as a door guard at the WEAC RA. This gave me a first hand understanding of the importance of the Assembly and prompted me to attend as a delegate. I look forward to the possibility of representing you on the national scale.

**Heather Mielke**  
**Burlington Education Association**

I have been a member of WEAC and served in many capacities during the last 24 years. I began as a student member, serving both my local university and as a state officer. I then served on the WEAC PR committee for many years, served on the WEA Academy for 6 years including 2 as President and also have served on the WEA Trust for 14 years. As well, I have served in numerous roles at my local, Uniserv and state level. As a WEAC delegate and NEA RA delegate for many years, I have been privileged to serve as the NEA Fund Chair working to raise money to help support the goals and directives of our members and to continue the fight for our students and children. This is my mission, to create and work for legislation that makes our schools stronger and more united for our students, our staff, and our communities.

**Shelly Moore Krajacic**

**South Milwaukee Education Association**

Hello. I am Shelly Moore Krajacic and I have held a number of elected and volunteer positions throughout all levels of the union. It has been my pleasure to serve my union in a variety of ways over the past 20 years and I look forward to the opportunity to do so again. As an experienced navigator of the sometimes overwhelming NEA RA, I am excited to be able to continue to mentor the next generation of leaders and to help them find their callings within the union. Doing the work of the union is my passion and I know well that the NEA RA is long hours, hard work, and meeting other passionate union educators. I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve you as an elected state delegate. Thank you.

**Suzanne Sublette**

**Gateway Technical Education Association**

Technical college educators are a minority within WEAC. The issues that we face are similar- though not identical- to the issues faced by our K-12 counterparts. As a consequence, I believe that it's imperative that the technical college system be a part of the WEAC Delegation to the NEA Representative Assembly. Issues that I feel are exceptionally relevant to both higher education as well as K-12 are college affordability, student loan debt, and campus safety. The erosion of fair and equitable pay and benefits for all educators (in higher education as well as in K-12)- and in some cases very little pay and NO benefits for part-time educators- are threats to all of us. I have over 20 years of teaching experience as an Instructor of Sociology, first at Madison Area Technical College and now at Gateway Technical College. I've been active in my local association at Gateway as campus representative and as President. I also completed the NEA Emerging Leaders Academy in 2016 and currently serve on the National Council for Higher Education. Finally, I represent the Wisconsin Technical College System on the WEAC Board of Directors.

**Peggy Wirtz-Olsen**

**Marshfield Teachers Association**

I am a high school art and English teacher, a parent, a proud public-school advocate. Serving as your President, I advocate every single day for our mission of great public education for the common good.

I work with members across Wisconsin as we advocate together in telling our stories about what our students and our public schools need. I will continue to listen to the needs of our members and their hopes for the future. I will continue to work with our members to take action for our students.

This Fall, we re-elected Governor Tony Evers and Attorney General Josh Kaul. In 2020, we helped to elect President Biden to the White House, but our work doesn't end there—it is imperative that our voice is at the table with these elected officials crafting policy that is reflective of our public schools in 2022, grounded in Equity and Inclusion.

My experience as a local leader, regional leader, and at both the state and national level has given me experience to serve you well as a State Delegate to the NEA RA. You can count on me to bring your voice and the voice of our members to the NEA RA.

**Valerie Morey**  
**Racine United Educators**

I have been in the union for 21 years. I've served as a building rep, WEAC rep, NEA rep, held seats on numerous local councils, the PAC Committee, and served as Vice President of my local. I'd be honored to represent WEAC at the NEA RA.

**Danielle Dickert**  
**Racine Educators United**

I am the social studies department lead at my building, and teach 7th grade IB Individuals and Societies. For seven years I have served as the middle school representative on the REU executive board as well as the chair of the REU political action committee. This year I was invited to join the WEAC political action committee and became a member of that committee in September.

I have served as a local delegate at the NEA Representative Assembly for eight years and



have learned the ins-and-outs of the assembly process. As a delegate, I have served as the elected state representative to the NEA Resolutions Committee, was elected as the Midwest Director for the NEA Peace and Justice Caucus, and have been appointed to the New Business Items committee several times. I have found great success using my political science background and experience with floor strategy to ensure that the issues important to the teachers of Wisconsin are brought forward, and I'm always eager to use my experience to assist fellow Wisconsin delegates. I love representing Wisconsin at the assembly and truly believe that as educators there is nothing we cannot accomplish when we stand together.

**Kim Schroeder**  
**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

As WEAC Vice President, I have the honor of representing and fighting for members and students throughout our state. Public schools are the backbone of our society and need to be funded and supported so our members can help get our students the best education possible. That is what I advocate for on a daily basis and I will never let up.

Before becoming a WEAC officer, I was a fourth grade teacher in Milwaukee Public Schools. I also had the opportunity to serve as MTEA President and led in transforming our local into a true member-led organizing union that, through our power, was able to defeat a takeover of our public schools even after it was passed into law. We did this by bringing together our members, our parents, our students, and the community to fight together against the far right politicians that tried to end public schools in our city. This is the same fight we see today, but now it is statewide. Once again, we will band together to defeat any such attempts to destroy our profession.

I would be honored to once again have your support as a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly, so I can continue to give our members a strong voice in the direction of our national union.

**Amelia McConnell**  
**Verona Education Support Professional Association**

"So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune."  
Ginsburg

In my time as a school secretary, I have seen life through the eyes of a fly, with different points of humanity throughout each day. I've seen new staff and principals welcomed, policies clearly enacted, behaviors explicitly taught to a T. And conversely, I've witnessed students and families unheard, staff openly disrespected, and a principal speak publicly about teachers' personal lives. There is incongruity in education; at times, silence is compliance and acts of leadership are violence. Starting to see who we elevate or who we hate, how we heal and who we hurt, inspired me to ask a lot of questions and asking questions got me involved in my Union. Through them I have found my strength and my professional purpose! They've given me the tools of being kind AND brave, compassionate and questioning, to work hard for others as well as myself. I will be a proud NEA delegate, a Union Thug with a great Union hug, who speaks up for all, who gives a voice to the voiceless, and protects the dignity of the humans gracing our schools.

**Brent Bergstrom**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

Brent Bergstrom has been an active WEAC and NEA member since 2008. He currently serves as the Green Bay Education Association President where he is working to grow and engage nearly 1300 members. He is committed to the union and hopes to be the voice of his membership in Green Bay as well as the voice for ALL Wisconsin members as a state delegate. He looks forward to continuing his role as the chair of a committee among the Wisconsin caucus and can't wait to see everyone each summer over the next three years!

**Jesse Martinez**  
**La Crosse Education Association**

As an NEA Director for our state, a local president, and a dedicated member of the union, I would be honored to represent our state at the NEA Representative assembly. I have attended six NEA RA's and have served in many leadership roles, including as the current NEA Director for Wisconsin. Thanks for considering my candidacy.

**Michael Glabere**  
**Milwaukee Teachers Education Association**

I am from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a member of my local EA board, and a veteran of organizing for the last four decades. I have been in education for the last 19 years, as a

teacher, substitute and currently as a paraprofessional. I have a lifetime of experience organizing on social justice issues involving education, banking, housing, police accountability, and community development. I have continued this social justice journey as an ESP in my union, serving as a summer organizer, building representative, board member and rank and file activist. I am beginning my fourth year as an NEA esp at large representative and in that capacity have served you as a non-voting member of the WEAC board. I bring a voice to the debate for ESP around the state and look forward to voting with that voice on the floor of the RA.

**Nathan Ugoretz**  
**Port Washington-Saukville Education Association**

I am a high school social studies teacher, a public education activist, and a proud unionist. In my role as WEAC's Secretary-Treasurer, I have met with local leaders and members throughout Wisconsin and have listened to their needs as well as their vision for public education. By listening and learning from our members, I've been able to provide resources to locals that help them build strength. My work also has me serving as the liaison to the Aspiring Educators where I've been engaging with our student leaders and education faculty to build a bigger and more diverse workforce. My work with our union has me involved in numerous other spaces and I will continue the work to restore our seat at every table: the bargaining table, the social justice table, the legislative table, and every single space where educators' voices need to be heard. My experience and my passion for this work make me well-equipped to advocate for the needs of public educators at the local, regional, state, and national level. I would be proud to represent you at the NEA RA.

**Tammy Erickson**  
**Glenwood City Support Staff**

My name is Tammy Erickson and I am running to be a state delegate. I am an ESP in Glenwood City and have worked in a special education classroom for all my 26 years as a school employee. I am running to be a state delegate to continue serving the ESP of Wisconsin. I also am serving as the Alternate NEA Director and love that I can be a voice for our fabulous state. Thank you for your support!

**Brad Riesterer**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

I am currently a member at large for Green Bay Education Association's Executive Board. I have previously been elected as a member at large, treasurer, and vice-president of GBEA. While vice president, I served on the WEAC Board of Directors. I have attended over 15 WEAC Representative Assemblies and 6 NEA Representative RAs, including the 2022 NEA RA in Chicago. During my 6 NEA RAs, I have served as a state contact, on the NBI committee, and on the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules committee. I have also co-chaired the Delegate Coordination committee. I thoroughly enjoy representing Wisconsin at the National Education Association Representative Assembly and hope to do so as a state delegate for the next three years.

**Tracey Leider**  
**Oregon Education Association**

I've been to the NEA RA numerous times as a local delegate but I would like to be a state delegate so that another person from my local could also attend to witness the great show of solidarity that can only be found when we all come together at the NEA RA. I have been a member of the Constitution and Bylaws/Governing Documents every time I have been a local delegate and I hope to continue on in that committee work as I love working with others to make those documents reflect our work as a union.

**Laura Deall**  
**Milwaukee Teachers Education Association**

My name is Laura Deall and I have been an active member for 8.5 years. I was a paraprofessional for 4.5 years. When I was a paraprofessional, I was the BR for 2 years. I then transitioned to becoming a Special Education Teacher and I started my teaching career during COVID-19. I have been a BR twice as a teacher. I have attended the NEA-RA both as a student delegate and when I was a paraprofessional. I have attended several NEA-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 by being an elected delegate to this year's WEAC-RA. I would appreciate your vote, so I can continue my work for the union.

**KoBao Kong**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

I am an education support professional at East High School and I am serving as GBEA Executive Board Member at Large, WEAC Credentials and Elections Committee, GBEA Professional Learning Committee. I have attended multiple WEAC and NEA conferences. If I get this opportunity, I could help identify issues that directly affect our diverse community at local, state and national levels.

**Simmi Mosier**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

As a WEAC Member in Good Standing, I am seeking election as a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly for a three-year term in February 2023. For 21 years I have worked full time in public schools as a Speech-Language Pathologist, board certified with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). I have proudly served as a GBEA building representative for 17 years and as a head building rep for the past 4 years, also volunteering on the membership committee. I have been elected to 12 WEAC representative assemblies and 5 NEA representative assemblies. I believe public education is the best education and am passionate about giving our students a voice and supporting our members in matters affecting public education. Together we can make a difference! I would be proud to continue to represent Wisconsin Educators at the State/National level.

**Lauren Zygowicz**  
**Eau Claire Association of Educators**

I would be honored to represent ECAE at the NEA Assembly. My experiences on our exec board have helped me better understand the issues that educators across our district face. Through WEAC's Equity Ambassador's program and our district's Equity Steering Committee I am continuing to learn ways to help fight for greater equity for our students and staff. As a member of the Wisconsin Early Career Educator Committee, I am working to recruit and involve early career educators across the state, because they are essential to advance and strengthen our union. I will passionately advocate for the policies that will move our union and profession forward.

**Alexandra Agar-Pratt**  
**United Lakewood Educators**

I am in my 10th year as a science educator in the Watertown Unified School District and have attended the previous 11 NEA RAs. My union involvement began in college when I served as the Student WEA (now known as Aspiring Educators) State President. As I transitioned to the classroom, I became a building representative and now am the President of the United Lakewood Educators of Watertown. I have also served on the WEAC Board of Directors and chaired the Community Outreach & Family Involvement committee. I am passionate about early career union involvement, growing strong locals, building member leaders, and fighting for strong, equitable public schools for all students. At the NEA RA, I believe I can provide valuable perspective and share my delegate experiences with others. This is due in part to my past and current leadership roles, as well as my work on WEAC's ESSA team, training at Summer Leadership Academy and Anchor Locals, and the Wisconsin Early Career Educator taskforce. I am excited to continue to advocate at the national level for our students, educators, and communities.

**Lisa Glaser**  
**United Lakewood Educators - Muskego**

It is more important than ever to have strong educator voices supporting public education at the NEA RA. It is imperative that the voice of all WEAC members are represented as the Representative Assembly determines 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. It would be an honor to continue to serve the members of WEAC as a state delegate once again.

I am in my 24th year of teaching high school and have been involved in the association for the past twenty-one years. Prior to ACT 10, I served on the WEAC Board of Directors and held several local & and regional leadership positions. I have served on numerous WEAC committees in the past. Currently, I serve as a member of the planning committee and trainer for WEAC's Summer Leadership Academy.

**Maiwa Lor**  
**Sun Prairie Education Association**

I am a fourth grade teacher in the Sun Prairie Area School District. I currently serve as President of my local and have been serving as local President for five years. I am currently one of two NEA Directors representing our state of Wisconsin. I am in my eleventh year of teaching of which, ten years have been in the role as a English as a Second Language/English Learner Teacher. I want to keep using my voice to advocate for our profession and public education. I would like your vote to represent you has a state delegate at the National Education Association Representative Assembly.

**Christina M. Clark**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

I have been a building representative for my local association for the majority of my teaching career. I have attended eight state representative assemblies and seven national representative assemblies. I hope to continue serving as a state delegate and bringing new information back to my local members.

**Jackie Baumann**  
**Pulaski Education Association**

I am the current President of WEAC Region 3 and a WEAC Board Member. I have been in leadership positions in my local and/or at the region level for the majority of my 28 years as an educator. As a union member in these positions, I feel I have a good understanding of the current issues and concerns facing our members. Having been to the NEA RA in the past, I understand and appreciate the work that is done during the RA and know how important it is that we make sound decisions that will positively impact the education profession and the students we work with in our great public schools. I look forward to being a voice for Wisconsin educators during the upcoming NEA Representative Assemblies if I am elected as a state delegate.

**Scott Ellingson**  
**Hudson Education Association**

I am the current president of the Hudson Education Association and former NEA Director. I have a lot of experience to help Wisconsin delegates pass their NBI's, achieve other

initiatives, and to help elect Wisconsin candidates for national office. I appreciate your past support and ask for your support once again.

**Crystal Hearvey**  
**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

**Lori Cathey**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

As a educator for over 20 years, I have put advocating for our students and colleagues as a priority. I began serving as a building rep in 2003, was then elected to the GBEA executive board. In 2012 I was elected as a full-time release president for the Green Bay Education Association. I've also held a position as an NEA Director. Please vote for me to continue working on behalf of our Union.

**Adrienne Hicks**  
**Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association**

Hello, My name is ADRIENNE HICKS. I am a Paraprofessional for Milwaukee Public Schools for 10 years. I am currently on release as an ESP ORGANIZER for MTEA! My role has been working to build membership and empower our schools. I have sat on the Milwaukee Educational Association Council for two years as Special Education Chair and as of the beginning of this School year I am the seated President. I also have the honor to be WEAC Minority Guarantee Representative Alternate to WEAC Board of Directors. I am running for the WEAC NEA Delegate because representation matters for all minorities and Paraprofessionals. I will be there to speak to their needs and concerns.

**Abie Vang**  
**Green Bay Education Association**

**E-Ben Grisby**  
**Green Bay Education Association**



I'm E-Ben Grisby and I'm a Special Education Teacher in Green Bay, WI and I'd like to represent the WEAC as a State Delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly. In my capacity as an Association member, I currently serve as a recently elected Secretary of the Green Bay Education Association. Additionally, I serve on the WEAC Board of Directors as the Minority Guarantee Representative. In my roles, I thrive at being a problem solver in ensuring that educators, students, and community members understand and value public education as a resource. I enjoy highlighting the importance of a solid education helps to better empower students and educators alike. As a State Delegate, I also serve on the Resolutions Committee, which also taps into my passion of wordsmithing and ensuring that our needs as a union remain relevant in its mission, vision and purpose as an act of stewardship in order to reflect the changing tides and tones in our profession. Please vote for me, E-Ben Grisby, for State Delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly!

**Michelle Wright**  
**Milwaukee Teachers Education Association**

Local representative on executive board. Current WEAC Committee member, past committee and chair/vice-chair at state level for various committees. Member of NEA Community Outreach Committee. State contact for food pantry donations at previous NEA RAs. Organized the first food pantry donation collection at WEAC RAs. I would be honored to have the privilege to actively represent members at the upcoming NEA RAs as we stand up for public education and the children and families in our communities.

**Matthew Schutz**  
**Glenwood City**

I have been the Glenwood City Teachers Association president since 2013. Prior to that and Act 10, I was a negotiator for my local. I have been a WEAC RA delegate eleven times and a NEA RA delegate 15 times. Being a delegate at the RA allows me to be a voice for the students and educators of Wisconsin, Region 1, and my Glenwood City local. The initiatives that are voted on and approved on the RA floor affects all of us that work in public education. I'd like to be that public schools advocate once again at the RA.

**Mai Lee Lor**  
**La Crosse Education Association**

I am currently serving as a building rep for my local union. I also sit on the Educators of Color Advisory Council.

If elected I would serve as a Wisconsin State delegate representative. As a person of color, I feel I have additional insight that would make me a good representative.