

Election of NEA RA Delegates

Four Steps

After you've reviewed this Sharpener, please:

1. Mark your ballot (enclosed).
2. Seal it in the envelope (also enclosed).
3. Place the envelope in the "Return to MTEA" box.
4. Check your name off the teacher voting list, next to the box.

Ballot Enclosed. Be Sure to Vote!

As an MTEA/WEAC/NEA member, you have the opportunity to elect teacher delegates who will represent the MTEA at the Representative Assembly of the National Education Association in July 2010 and 2011.

Enclosed with this Sharpener, you will find:

- 1) A Scantron **ballot** listing the candidates in random order.
- 2) An **envelope** in which to place your completed ballot.

To make certain your ballot counts, please follow the instructions below.

Pencil in Your Choices

- ◆ Use a #2 pencil. Your ballot will **not** count if you use ink.
- ◆ Completely fill in the **inside** of the parentheses in front of the candidates of your choice.
- ◆ Pencil in up to 30 candidates. Your ballot will **not** count if you mark more than 30 candidates.

Candidate Statements

The candidates were asked to provide a statement of 25 words or fewer for their nomination. The statements are on page two and three of this Sharpener.

- ◆ Only the first 25 words have been printed, per the election rules.
- ◆ Candidates are solely responsible for their views and the accuracy of their information.

Matching Order

The statements are in the same order as the candidates' names appear on the ballot (determined by lot).

The number in front of each candidate's name (in parentheses) is the candidate's number on the enclosed Scantron ballot.

Seal Your Ballot in Enclosed Envelope

After you've completed your ballot, place it in the enclosed envelope and seal the envelope. This protects the secrecy of your vote.

Return Your Ballot at School

Please place your envelope in the "Return to MTEA" box at your school. MTEA Building Representatives have been asked to place this specially-marked, open box in the main office.

When you vote, check your name off your school's teacher member list (blue). It should be next to the return box.

Deadline - January 22

We recommend that you vote as soon as you can. The deadline for returning your ballot at school is **Friday, January 22**.



(1) Redona Williams

Hopkins

My desire is to continue to work on the behalf of you and the children that we teach daily. I Am An Advocate!

(2) Cynthia M. Finnie

Hamilton

I teach at Hamilton High School. Please vote for me again this year. Your voices are always heard through me at MTEA/WEAC/NEA. Thank you again.

(3) Kathy Jones-Rosa

Assata

I have previously been a candidate and I have enjoyed going to the NEA in July. It is a good way to represent Milwaukee.

(4) Brenda K. Pullen-O'Donnell

Engleburg

As an MTEA delegate to the WEAC and NEA RA, I will continue to be a voice advocating for the children as well as for...

(5) Glenda Stacker

McNair

I am passionate about teaching, and very committed to educating urban children. This is my 8th year teaching and I am a doctoral candidate.

(6) Ruth A. Bevenue

Sherman

Having taught Special Education in MPS for almost 30 years, I feel we need systemic repair and changes to better serve these students. State and...

(7) Cal Stanke

Kilmer South

I look forward to serving this union and its members at the state and national levels.

(8) Diane Harris

Barton

I would like your vote today in order to share your concerns, as I represent the MTEA/WEAC/NEA membership from previous experiences.

(9) Frederick Nelson

Story

Currently Building Representative Alternate. Union work experience includes Political Action and Human Relations Committees, Laborfest "98-09," Leadership Conferences. Past MTEA Representative to WEAC/NEA RAs.

(10) Alicia Gomez

Roosevelt

More than ever everyone needs to pay close attention to the economy and how it will impact our lives and job security. Knowledge is power.

(11) Mary Words

Clarke Street

I have been teaching for eight years. I will be an active participant and I will fulfill all duties required of state and local delegates.

(12) Prabhaker R. Dammanna

South Division

13 times delegate to WEAC/NEA RA. Served in various committees. I reflect the diversity in the delegation. I like to serve you again.

(13) Kelly S. Patschull

Madison

Let me continue to Work for You! MTEA: Executive and TEAM Boards, Balloting, PAC Committees, BR/BC. WEAC: Chair PR Committee. NEA: Local and State Representative.

(14) Julio O. Santiago

Wedgewood Park

MPS Bilingual teacher for 30 years. School BR, MTEA Bilingual, Residency, Negotiation Committee and Team. Part of the Negotiation Team for the last 3 contracts.

(15) Jeannette Lopez

South Division

I have been a teacher for MPS for 24 years. I was also a WEAC representative before, and would like to serve again.

(16) Lynnette Hyde

Assata

I have been a delegate to both the National Convention and the State Convention for the past 10 years. I have been a BR for...

(17) Wanda Welch

Lancaster

Electing me in the past allowed me to be your voice. I want to be your voice again so give me your vote.

(18) Bonnie J. Edwards

Lancaster

This is a great time to be an educator. Students are motivated than ever before and as a teacher, I am fired up and ready...

(19) Rozaila Harris

Hi-Mount

I am committed to working for our members. Ensuring fair wages, hours and working conditions for all staff is an ongoing charge of our union.

(20) Marchelle Odom

Custer

An Educator at Custer High School who has served on the IPD committee for four years and as a WEAC and RA delegate.

(21) Victoria Samolyk

Elm Creative Arts

I have served as a delegate at the WEAC and NEA Representative Assemblies for ten years and would like to continue to represent you.

(22) Michelle Wright

Clement Ave./Garland

Actively involved experienced WEAC/NEA delegate. Building Committee, BR, MTEA Special Education Committee, member/vice-chair/chair. WEAC Exceptional Education Committee. Currently serving on WEAC PR Committee.



(23) Barbara J. Brown
Marshall

I have been a dedicated RA Delegate. I look forward to continue as a WEAC Delegate for 2010-11.

(24) Salomie Charles
Forest Home

I'm currently an active, dues-paying MTEA/WEAC/NEA member. If elected, I'll represent the MTEA membership and participate in all meetings for MTEA delegates to the RA.

(25) LaJuan Barnes
Roosevelt

I have served as a delegate for many years and I would like to continue to serve and give my peers valuable information I received.

(26) Sherita Brazil-Kostuck
Kilbourn

I am a loyal educator to students, staff and the community. I am passionate about education. Allow me to be your voice 2010-2011 NEA RA.

(27) Dennis Oulahan
Kosciuszko

I have represented the MTEA, and WEAC, at many RA's. I would be proud to represent our members for one last cycle.

(28) Sara Emily Davis
Alcott

It is our charge as the MTEA to be the voice for urban children and their educators. I am a passionate voice with proven experience!

(29) Patricia M. Kirby
Central Office

Students need caring adults who care about them and are willing to stand up for them. Teachers are being given more responsibilities and fewer resources.

(30) Michael Langyel
MTEA

As your President, I would like to represent you at the NEA and WEAC Representative Assemblies. I will always do my best to serve you.

(31) Maria D. Del Valle
Citywide Bilingual DT

A bilingual educator with a strong background in addressing community issues, assessments and funding. Embraces the opportunity to address district challenges and support...

(32) Michelle Ann Young
Roosevelt

Desired, Committed and Ready! I heard YOUR concerns, voted for transformation, and want to continue serving YOU enthusiastically at the WEAC and NEA Representative Assemblies.

(33) Ellen Kay Deall
Thurston Woods, Townsend,
Burbank, Hopkins

I have been teaching in MPS for 28 years, starting as a substitute and moving into my own classroom after 3 years. I am presently...

(34) Jacquelyn Aleem
Rufus King

I teach IB Biology I at RKHS. I have been serving on the WEAC committee for 4 years. I served on the Legislative Committee for...

(35) Milton Bond Jr.
Rufus King

My experiences as a member of the PAC will assist me to serve our union and students as a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly.

(36) Mauricio Garzon
South Division

My main abjective as a member of the MTEA and WEAC is to serve, help, and advocate for all the teachers that needs and are in...

(37) Deborah Stanke
Doerfler

I have been a teacher for 10 years and have served as BR and WEAC/NEA delegate before. I am proud to represent our union.

(38) Carlos Sanchez-Pierola
Lincoln Center of the Arts

As a bilingual teacher, I would like to be elected as a local and national delegate to represent you at the NEA. As a delegate...

(39) Debbie Karow
Curtin

MTEA Treasurer, special education teacher 17 years, WEAC Board member, past WEAC/NEA RA Delegate, and strong advocate of education; let me continue to represent you.





Ballot Mailed to Your Home?

For membership voting in this and other MTEA elections, our database is set up to mail ballots directly to the homes of certain categories of teachers. These groups include diagnostic teachers, speech pathologists, social workers, day-to-day teachers, and others.

If you received this material at home, please return your ballot at a school where you work. This will save the postage cost and ensure that your ballot is on time to be counted.

When you return your ballot at school, please write your name on the blue school list next to the "Return to MTEA" box.

MTEA Delegates: 30 Funded for 2010

The MTEA Budget provides a reimbursement for 30 teacher delegates to the NEA RA in July of 2010. These funded positions will be filled by the top 30 vote-getters in this election.

Voting Results Determine Ranking of Candidates

The MTEA Constitution specifies that the candidates will be listed in rank order, from the highest to the lowest vote-getter in this election. There will be two categories:

- ◆ The top 30 will be MTEA-funded delegates. (#1 - #30)
- ◆ The rest of the candidates, including any write-ins, will be listed in rank order as alternate (successor) delegates. (#31 - ?)

How the Ranking List Is Used

Here's a scenario to illustrate how the ranking list will be used for this summer's NEA RA. Suppose there are 48 candidates, the 39 printed on the ballot and nine write-in candidates.

Many teachers running for election as **MTEA-funded** delegates have also nominated themselves for the statewide election to become **WEAC-funded** delegates. (The WEAC election is in February.)

Suppose ten teachers who are elected as MTEA-funded delegates - in the top 30 - are also elected as WEAC-funded delegates. These ten teachers would automatically move to state-funded delegate status, and this would open up ten MTEA-funded positions.

The next ten teachers on the ranking list (#31 - #40) would become MTEA-funded delegates.

The next eight teachers (#41 through #48) would move closer to MTEA-funded delegate status.

Other Changes May Occur

Prior to the NEA RA in July of 2010, situations such as a family illness may arise, preventing an elected delegate from attending. Each time an MTEA-funded delegate withdraws, the next teacher on the ranking list will move to funded status.

List Will Be Used for 2011 NEA RA

The ranking list from this winter's MTEA election for 2010 delegates will be continually updated. It will be used to determine MTEA-funded delegates for the NEA RA in July of 2011.

**Return your ballot as soon as you can.
The deadline is January 22, 2010.**

