

Election of NEA RA Delegates

Four Steps

After you've reviewed this Sharpener, please:

1. Mark your ballot.
2. Seal it inside the return envelope.
3. Place the envelope in the "Return to MTEA" box.
4. Check your name off the voting list.

Make Sure Your Ballot Counts!

As an MTEA/WEAC/NEA member, you have the opportunity to elect the teacher delegates who will represent the MTEA at the Representative Assembly of the National Education Association in July 2008 and 2009.

Enclosed with this Sharpener, you will find:

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

Please follow the instructions outlined below as you fill out and return your ballot.

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.

Seal the Return Envelope

After you've completed your ballot, place it in the enclosed envelope and seal the envelope. This protects the secrecy, and it provides security for 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 box in the main office.

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

Candidate Statements

The candidates were asked to provide a statement of 25 words or fewer on their nomination form. Their statements are on **pages two and three**. The candidates are solely responsible for the views expressed and the accuracy of the information listed.

The statements are in the same order as the candidates' names appear on the ballot. The MTEA Balloting Committee determined the order by lot, as required by our union's Constitution.

Numbers Match Order on Ballot

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

Deadline - February 6

We recommend that you vote as soon as you can. The deadline for returning your ballot at school is **Wednesday, February 6**.



(1) Elston D. Hortman

Wedgewood Park

It's time to stop playing games with our children, our future. It is up to us to save them. Let's work together... parents, teachers, community.

(2) Kathy Jones-Rosa

St. Charles

As a classroom teacher of 26 years, I would like the opportunity to represent you as a first time delegate to the WEAC/NEA Assembly.

(3) Salomie Charles

Forest Home

I have taught for 12 years and attended 3 NEAs. Please select me as your MTEA delegate to the NEA.

(4) Danielle Chipley

Lancaster

I will represent all educators by having a voice that reflects dedication for the embitterment of teachers. We are significant stakeholders that influence the district.

(5) Tamara Shultz

Mitchell

I'm a K4 bilingual teacher currently studying for my Masters degree. This is my second year teaching at MPS. Thank you for voting for me.

(6) Carlos Sanchez-Piérrola

Linclon Center of the Arts

I would appreciate your support for my effort to become your next WEAC and NEA delegate 2008 and 2009.

(7) Prabhaker R. Dammanna

South Division

I have been a delegate 11 times to the NEA/WEAC RA. Served in various committees. I reflect the ethnic minority. I accomplish silently.

(8) Dennis Oulahan

MTEA

As a delegate to 12 WEAC RAs and 10 NEA RAs, I would like to represent the MTEA again during this cycle.

(9) Brenda Pullen-O'Donnell

Engleburg

I would like to be a WEAC/NEA representative because I feel that my input and feedback can make positive changes for educators.

(10) Lynnette L. Hyde

Custer

I am currently an active, dues-paying MTEA/WEAC/NEA member. If I am elected as a delegate, I will represent the MTEA membership and will participate in... *(reached 25 word maximum)*

(11) Ellen Kay Deall

Lee & Townsend

I have attended 4 WEAC/NEA RAs and wish to represent you for another 2 years. I have learned alot about the association.

(12) Milton Bond Jr.

Rufus King

My experiences on the MTEA PAC Committee over the last two years will help me to serve our students and union at the NEA Convention.

(13) Sue Dean

Marshall

I organize the MPS/MTEA Brewer tailgate parties and have been involved with the MTEA for over 15 years. I would love to represent you.

(14) Michelle A. Young

Sabbatical

Do you want a new voice at the NEA Convention? If so, vote for me. I'm motivated, focused, and have eight years of teaching experience.

(15) Frederick Nelson

Story

Currently BR Alternate. Union work experience includes Political Action and Human Relations Committees, Laborfest "98-07," and Leadership Conferences. Past MTEA Representative to WEAC/NEA RAs.

(16) Diane Harris

Barton

Vote For Diane Harris! I'm experienced and concerned. I promise to represent you, our union, and district to the best of my ability. I care!

(17) Sharon Kolade

Custer/JMAC (Madison)

I want to be your delegate. Actively involved since 2004: RA 2005 and 2006, MTEA/NEA Leadership Training, and Chair of WEAC Minorities Affairs Committee.

(18) 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.

(19) Robin Bean

Garden Homes

Becoming a WEAC, NEA Candidate for the RA is my way of utilizing the leadership training afforded to my by the MTEA, WEAC, and NEA.

(20) Candace (Newton) Rogers

Foster & Williams

We won't be silenced until we've reached "Educational Utopia." Allow me to represent our collective voices on issues that influence our children and our profession.

(21) Louise Young-Benson

Holmes

The challenges of educating children must be valued and respected. Representing those responsible for shaping the future of this country would be an honor.

(22) LaJuan Barnes

Carson/Gaenslen

I have served on various MTEA & WEAC committees, and would like to continue with the passing of valuable & helpful information to my peers.



(23) Cynthia Finnie

Hamilton

I'll produce exemplary services assuring a positive outcome, as a delegate. I'll respond rapidly thinking inclusively with high level representation. I'll bring useful information back.

(24) Kelly S. Patschull

JMAC (Madison)

BR/BC 17 years, WEAC/NEA 10 years, WEAC PR Committee, MTEA Executive Board. Help me continue to represent you and what we believe in the union.

(25) Sherri Jones

Lincoln Center of the Arts

As a long-time community activist and classroom teacher, I will continue advocating for equity in public schools and empowerment in the lives of Milwaukee's children.

(26) Robin Duncan

Barton

Novel! Innovative! Energetic! I have a vibrant perspective to education. I continue to acquire knowledge from WEAC and MTEA committees. I want to represent YOU!

(27) Victoria Samolyk

Elm Creative Arts

I have been a delegate at eight NEA and WEAC Representative Assemblies and would like to represent you again these next two years.

(28) Barbara J. Brown

Audubon

I am currently an active MTEA/WEAC/NEA member. If elected, I will represent MTEA by participating in all meetings as a MTEA delegate.

(29) Amy Johnson

Bay View

The opportunity to serve as a delegate, to voice issues that impact our classroom performance and witness democratic processes is an awesome educational experience.

(30) Jeffery W. Johnson

South Division

It's my firm belief that Milwaukee plays an integral role both in our state and on the national stage. Allow me to represent the MTEA.

(31) Marchelle Odom

Custer

An educator for 6 yrs, serving on the state IPD Committee and serving as a local delegate both for 2 yrs. Honored to represent you.

(32) John Madlock

Green Bay

Born in Milwaukee/5th year teaching. I love Milwaukee's public system and will delegate the right way. I'll prepare and repair the MTEA way.

(33) Tonia Smith

Day-to-Day

I have served as a delegate for approximately six years. I inform the staff of activities that go on within our union nationwide. It has... *(reached 25 word maximum)*

(34) Rozalia Harris

Townsend

What's important to teachers - fair & effective wages, hours & working conditions. This can only be achieved with involvement & commitment. I will represent you.

(35) Karen Becker

Home and Hospital

MPS elementary/middle school teacher for "thirty-something" years. Meaningful involvement in MTEA committees and activities. Please allow me to continue as a WEAC/NEA delegate.

(36) Debbie Karow

Craig

Special Education teacher, 15 years, MTEA Executive Board, WEAC Board Alternate, past WEAC/NEA RA Delegate, and strong advocate of education; let me be your voice.

(37) Mauricio Garzon

South Division

I have devoted my life to education as a teacher. I want to be part of the decision making team that affects our professional future.

(38) Jacquelyn Aleem

Custer

My name is Jacquelyn Aleem. I am a biology teacher at CSH. I have been working for MPS 6 years. I am presently a WEAC ... *(reached 25 word maximum)*

(39) Christine Pickett

MPSSC/Home & Hospital

Special education teacher 35 years, BR 24 years; other numerous union activities; past delegate to WEAC/NEA RAs; I'd be honored to represent you again.

(40) Sherita Brazil-Kostuck

Kilbourn

Please give me the opportunity to represent your voice as a delegate to the WEAC RA and the NEA RA for 2008-2009.

(41) Wanda Welch

Lancaster

You have elected me before and I am soliciting your vote again to the NEA RA. I currently represent you on the MTEA's Executive Board.

(42) Sara Emily Davis

Alcott

Committed, enthusiastic, determined, and confident are a few adjectives that describe Sara Emily Davis. Her unyielding dedication to urban youth and education personify our MTEA.

(43) James R. Gray

Clemens

I have represented the interest and concerns of Wisconsin teachers at 13 WEAC and NEA assemblies. I served as BR over 10 years. I've also on... *(reached 25 word maximum)*





Ballot Mailed to Your Home?

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

If you received this material at home, please return your ballot at any school where you work or drop it off at the MTEA Building. This will save the postage cost and assure you that your ballot will 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: Funded and Unfunded

The MTEA Budget provides a reimbursement for 30 teacher delegates to the NEA RA in July of 2008. These funded positions will be filled by the top 30 vote-getters in this election.

Projection of Eight Unfunded Delegates

Based on the number of teacher members, the MTEA is projected to be eligible for 38 delegates.

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 three categories:

- ◆ The top 30 will be **funded** delegates. (#1 - #30)
- ◆ The next eight vote-getters will be **unfunded** delegates. (#31 - #38)
- ◆ The rest of the candidates, including any write-ins, will be listed in rank order as alternate (successor) delegates. (#39 - ?)

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, 43 printed on the ballot and five 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 takes place in March.

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 would become MTEA-funded delegates. The eight teachers ranked (#31 - #38) would move from unfunded to funded delegate status. The next two teachers (#39 and #40) would move from alternate status to funded delegate status.

At that point, the next eight teachers would move from alternate status to unfunded delegate status, #41 - #48. They would be eligible to serve as delegates, but without MTEA funding.

Other Changes May Occur

Prior to the NEA RA in July of 2008, 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 2009 NEA RA

The ranking list from this winter's MTEA election will be continually updated. It will be used to determine MTEA-funded delegates for the NEA RA in July of 2009.

**Return your ballot as soon as you can.
The deadline is February 6, 2008.**

