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Special Election Edition

NEA Representative Assembly Candidates
(Names Appear Throughout as Drawn for Position on Ballot)

(Up to 14 to be Elected)

Resa Wiltse Meadow Lane

Association Activities: LEA – Board Member ProCom PEF Fund Retirement Dinner Elections Committee Building FR School Board Contact Team New Teacher Lunch Calendar Committee Extra Standard Committee Member Benefits Committee School Board Interview Committee. NSEA – Delegate Assembly Delegate New Leaders Institute Ad Hoc Committee on New Members. NEA – Representative Assembly delegate Gender Bias Training Western Regional Conference.

Position Statement: “I have had the honor of attending Representative Assembly for 14 years as a representative for the members of the Lincoln Education Association. Education is facing critical issues and our collective voices need to be heard. I would appreciate your vote to continue to serve you”.

Liz Wysong Hoffart Kahoa

Association Activities: LEA – I have been a Faculty Representative for the past 7 years for my elementary school. I have been a school-board contact team member for three years. NEA – I attended my first National Education Association Delegate Assembly last year, and was an active participant in the policy making process.

Position Statement: “As a returning delegate I would now be in a position to help form policies that affect teachers and students at the local, state and national level. By attending NEA RA I can be a local voice for a positive change for Lincoln and Nebraska”.

Linda Freye Maxey

Association Activities: LEA – LEA Board Member (7 years), Co-chair LEA/LPS Joint Teacher Appraisal Committee, Negotiations Team Member, served on the following committees: LEAF Fundraiser, Scholarship, Member Benefits, New Teacher Luncheon, Retirement Dinner, School Board Contact Team, Harvest of Books, and LEA PAC Interview Team, I Can Do It Trainer, Building FR. NSEA – Newly appointed member of NSEA Board of Directors, Capitol District Vice President, New Leader Institute Participant and Presenter, Delegate Assembly. NEA – RA Delegate, attended 2 Western Regional Conferences, past attendee Women and Minorities Conference.

Position Statement: “Having been recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the NSEA Board of Directors, I am honored and excited to represent our association members at the state level. Please elect me to RA so I may represent our LEA voice at the national level”.

Daniel Ross Calvert

Association Activities: LEA – FR Council, LEA Board, LEA Vice President, ProCom, Contract Negotiations Team. NSEA – Board, New Leaders Workshop, Interest Based Bargaining Trainer, NSEA DA. NEA – NEA RA, NEA Leadership Conferences, NCUEA Fall & Summer Conferences, Human & Civil Rights Workshops, NEA Resolutions Committee.

Position Statement: “If elected, I will, to the best of my ability, represent the members of LEA in setting NEA's new business agenda, in deciding NEA's goals and activities for the coming year, in modifying and approving NEA's Strategic Plan and Budget, and in writing and updating NEA's Resolutions”.

Bobbi Rezac Calvert

Association Activities: LEA – New Teacher Luncheon, Harvest of Books, Election Committee, SBCT, Calvert Senior FR, FR Training, IAQ Member. NSEA – NSEA Delegate Assembly 2008, 2009, New Leaders Training 2006. NEA –2009 RA first timer.

Position Statement: “As a first time delegate in 2009, I was amazed by my RA experience. I felt proud and honored to represent my local and state association in the important task of working to improve public education. I look forward to the opportunity and privilege to serve our LEA, NSEA, and”.

Jeanene Cordes Kahoa

Association Activities: LEA – LEA FR for twenty years, SBCT member for eight years, State Senator Contact Team member four years, Volunteer for Harvest of Books, Ad Hoc committee member. NSEA –NSEA delegate three years. NEA - Delegate to National Assembly 2009.

Position Statement: “I attended Representative Assembly last year, and feel I learned a great deal about our professional organization. I would like to continue to learn, not only about our organization, and also how to help others become more involved. This is one way I can advocate for organization and give positive”.

Michael Geist Southwest

Association Activities: LEA – Negotiations Team, Faculty Representative, PROCOM member. NSEA – Participation at NEA Leadership Conference (Mesa, AZ), Delegate at the NSEA delegate assembly (2 years). NEA – Participation at NEA Leadership Conference (Mesa, AZ).

Position Statement: “To gain a more balanced perspective of all issues impacting educators at every level (local, state, and national)”.

Tammy Schafer Holmes

Association Activities: LEA – LEA Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee, School Board Contact Team, Elections Committee, Faculty Representative, LEA-PAC Board. NSEA – New Leader Institute Capitol District Executive Committee, Western Regional Leadership Conference, Delegate Assembly. NEA – Representative Assembly – 4 years.

Position Statement: “I’ve had the privilege the last four years to attend RA. It’s been an amazing experience that showed me how decisions are made at the national level. Anyone can bring a new business item before the body to be debated and then voted on. It is democracy at its best”.

Tom Meyer Arnold

Association Activities: LEA – Former Board Member, Joint LEA/LPS Calendar Committee Co-Chair, Faculty Representative, Sr. Faculty Representative, LEA Legislative Contact Team, LEA Member 28 years. NSEA – Numerous Delegate Assembly Representative, NSEA Member 31 years. NEA – Representative Assembly Representative (3), NEA Member 31 years.

Position Statement: “I view RA as the one way an individual teacher can have an input into the focus and direction of our National Education Association which has a direct impact on our state and local levels. I look forward to continuing to have that input at our national Representative Assembly”.

Gloria Latifi Pershing

Association Activities:

Position Statement:

Deb Rasmussen Goodrich

Association Activities: LEA – Current LEA Middle Level Board Member, Current member of Elections, Scholarship, and Extra Standard Committees, Current Co-Chair and member of Indoor Air Quality Committee and LEA Building Liaison for IAQ Committee, Member Baier School Board Contact Team and Senator Nantkes Legislative Contact Team, Goodrich and Goodrich at Dawes Senior FR, Former member of RA Expenditure Review and Fundraising Committees. NSEA – DA Delegate for 5 years, NSEA Government Relations Committee Member, Cyber Lobbyist, Participant in Educator’s Lobbying Day, NSEA New Leader Training Participant. NEA – RA Delegate for 3 years.

Position Statement: “I enjoy being involved in the workings of our association and feel I have the enthusiasm and experience to represent the LEA membership well at the Delegate and Representative Assemblies. I thank everyone for voting for me in the past and once again, ask for your vote to represent LEA again this year”!

Susan Townsend Lefler

Association Activities: LEA – Building FR, RA representative, Harvest of Books Volunteer, LEA PAC Co-Chair. NSEA – RA delegate, EMAC member, Delegate Assembly. NEA – American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus, NEA Women's Caucus.

Position Statement: “The NEA RA is an integral piece of the process in improving public schools for all staff, parents and students. It is indeed an honor to responsibly represent my colleagues”.

Jan Olmstead Lefler

Association Activities: LEA – Currently: LEA Secretary/Treasurer, LEA-PAC Democrat Co-Chair, LEA/LPS Negotiations Committee, SpEd ProCom, School Board Contact Team, Legislative Contact Team, Trainer for 'I CAN DO IT', Flextime/PLC Committee, LEA Bylaw/Policy Committee; Past: At-Large LEA Board Member, Chair of LEA Bylaws/Policy Committee , Professional Enhancement Fund, LEA Personnel Committee, Staff Development Committee, Senior Building FR. NSEA – Delegate Assembly, 'I CAN DO IT' Trainer, NSEA New Leader Institute, Government Relations Committee, NSEA Cyber Lobbyist. NEA – Representative Assembly, Special Education Caucus, Western Regional Conference.

Position Statement: “As members of NEA we all believe in the fundamental ideas of great public schools for all children. That belief is entrenched throughout Representative Assembly. I would be honored to have the privilege to attend and share the commitment our association has for quality public schools and staff”.

Rita Bennett Southeast High

Association Activities: LEA – LEA Board of Directors, past LEA Vice President, past member of Negotiations Team, 18 years as Faculty Representative; serve on a variety of LEA/LPS Committees; past representative to DA and RA. NSEA – NSEA Delegate Assembly (many); NSEA New Leader Institute; Vital Link training; various ad-hoc committees. NEA – NEA Women's Leadership Training; NEA Representative Assembly Delegate.

Position Statement: “I consider it an honor & a privilege to serve you as a delegate to the Representative Assembly, and would appreciate the opportunity to continue my years of service to you. It is important to elect delegates who will serve you with integrity and focus on this important responsibility”.

Willie Banks Clinton

Association Activities: LEA – Legislative Contact Team, LEA Interview Team, Multicultural Team, New Teacher's Team. NSEA – Multicultural Board Member.

Position Statement: “I have a strong desire to attend Representative Assembly and Delegate Assembly. It will provide me with an opportunity to keep abreast on what’s happening locally and nationally with professional colleagues. It will also allow me a voice in the decision making process as it pertains to professional educators. Thanks”.

Gloria Best Park

Association Activities: LEA – I try to stay involved and be an active member of my association. I want to continue representing my fellow teachers. I am open minded and work to be inclusive. I help out in my local school. I keep our members informed and find answer for questions they may have.

Position Statement: “I want to again represent NE teachers. I look at all sides of issues and do my best to make educated decisions based on facts available. It would be an honor to be your delegate”.

Lesia Christiancy Scott

Association Activities: LEA – Building FR, Building Membership Coordinator, NSEA Delegate Assembly. NSEA – NSEA Delegate Assembly, NSEA New Leader Academy. NEA – NEA Representative Assembly.

Position Statement: “I was able to attend the NEA RA last summer and was overwhelmed by the experience. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes and I would love to be able to go back and learn even more ~ to once again experience the energy of our nation's teachers “.

Joyce Sohl Park

Association Activities: LEA – Member of E-MAC, former Hispanic representation of NSEA MAC, District-State Senator Liaison, former Chair of LEA MAC. NSEA – Former Hispanic representative of NSEA MAC, former representative at NSEA Delegate Assembly. NEA – Former representative of NEA Representative Assembly, member of NEA Hispanic Caucus.

Position Statement: “During this time of change and progress in education, I want to be involved in the process for policies; policies that represent all students and teachers”.

*Position Statements received in excess of 50 words
were ended at the 50th word to conform to the LEA Policy.*