



MEA UPDATE

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Election Edition

NSEA Elections 2009

Balloting for NSEA Elections will take place online from March 2-15. You will be receiving instructions and a link to the polling site via email on Monday or by U.S. Mail if they do not have a valid email address for you. MEA member, Tom Whisinnand, is running for Metro Board Vice President so please vote.

MEA Elections 2009

Elections for the board of directors and Representative Assembly will be held from March 16th - 20th. Please read the information that follows to make an informed decision. Voting will be done via email with Survey Monkey. If you have any questions regarding this process, please let me know.

Vice President (1 position)

Tom Whisinnand

Hello Millard Education Association Members!! My name is Tom Whisinnand and I would be thrilled and honored to be your next Vice President! During my time on the MEA Board of Directors, I have been an active leader. I have been a member of the Negotiations committee, the Membership committee and have chaired the newly formed Communications committee. I am also looking forward to representing the MEA on the NSEA Metro district Board of Directors. As a member of the MEA Board of Directors, I

have learned the value of recognizing our extraordinary members, and as a result, I have collaborated with the MEA president, Molly Erickson, to create the Crystal Apple Award. I have also attended 3 Delegate Assemblies and 2 Representative Assemblies.

Some other activities I have been involved with include: writing the 5th grade science ELO, leading a strategic planning committee at Reagan Elementary, being a PLC leader, and leading staff development on assessment at Reagan.

As your Vice President, I plan on listening to the needs of our outstanding members and collaborating with our Board of Directors, the Metro NSEA district and the NSEA to come up with solutions to problems that our members may face. I will bring any information that I may gather while attending conferences or other meetings, back to be openly discussed during the Vice President's report each month at our Building Rep meetings. Thank you for all you do for the students of Millard Public Schools, and thank you for your vote!

Mike Foyt

I am Mike Foyt, current M.E.A. Vice President, and I am running for re-election. I have proudly served the Millard Education Association for over twenty-five years. I have served in a variety of positions including Vice President, Recording Secretary, member of the Board of Directors, and Building Representative. I have also been Chief Negotiator and a member of the

Negotiation Team for many years.
I would like to continue to work for you.
Thanks for your consideration!

At-Large Director (2 positions)

Marilyn Yeck

I have been an active member of MEA for 32 years. I have served on 4 different committees, was a building rep. for 26 years, and a board member for 4 years. I have the knowledge, experience, and drive to continue in a leadership role if you elect me to the board again as Board Member at Large. Thank You.

Paul Schulte

Bringing about change...that's my goal. Four years ago, I was asked to share the building rep duties at Disney Elementary. I thought I would give it a try, and was instantly hooked. As a building rep, I found I enjoyed having a voice in the MEA decision process.

After a year as a BR, I was selected to represent MEA at the NSEA Delegate Assembly and was invited to attend New Leader Institute as an emerging leader. I met some extraordinary leaders from MEA at New Leader and we decided to start making plans on how we could contribute and help bring change to MEA. Last year I was selected to represent MEA at the NEA Representative Assembly and grew even more as a leader. This year I was asked to serve on the MEA Negotiations Team, the MEA Communications Committee, the NSEA Learning Community Interviewing team, and the MEA/MPS ProCom. If I were elected as an At-Large Director, I hope to continue to facilitate change and continue to represent MEA members to the best of my ability by voicing the needs and concerns of the membership. I'm excited to

be a part of MEA and hope to bring change through active participation. I humbly ask for your support and your vote for Paul Schulte as your new At-Large Director.

Sherryl Shannon

My name is Sherryl Shannon and I teach English at Millard North High School. I am running for the position of At-Large Director on the MEA Board of Directors. I have served for the past 6 years as a high school director and my term is up. I have enjoyed working with the board and building reps. I have also worked on the membership and budget committees during this time. I have attended all meetings associated with the responsibility and I feel I have more to contribute. I feel that my background with the board will be an asset as we move into the next 2 years. I know how important it is for our membership to feel like they are being heard and to remain strong and focused during these times of economic difficulty.

I have been in the Millard district for 15 years, 10 years at North High and 5 years at Andersen. It has been a privilege to represent Millard teachers and I would like to continue to do so.

Representative Assembly (6 positions)

Sandy Hansen

With special challenges facing our nation and schools, the 2009 assembly is certain to be interesting!

President Obama voiced his support for voucher schools. That is a concern. It is important that states use stimulus dollars to support public schools.

Service on our Government Relations Committee has kept me informed about legislation that impacts education. I also serve as Morton's building representative.

Becky Scherbring

I would be honored to represent you at R.A. In 2006, when I had just become a building representative for Cottonwood, I attended R.A. I was simply in awe as I walked into the Assembly and became one of 10,000 teachers working together to make sound decisions for our public schools. That amazing experience energized my passion for my profession, and for our Education Association! Since then, I have gained experience through my membership in the MEA Communications Committee and the MEA Membership Committee. I have represented MEA at the NSEA Delegate Assembly for the last three years. I attended the NSEA New Leader Institute in 2007 and the Western Region Leadership Conference this January. It has been my privilege to serve you as Elementary Director on the MEA Board this year. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent you again at R.A. I hope you will give me your strong consideration. Thank you very much.

Erin Shirmang-Ward

I have been teaching at Andersen Middle School for 10 years, and I have been involved with MEA since early in my career. I was a building representative for many years before being elected to the Board of Directors as a Middle School Director in 2005 where I am involved in the Membership and Communications committees. I also attended the NSEA New Leader Institute in the summer of 2007, and I look forward to representing members as new leadership opportunities emerge. I want to attend RA so I can be aware of issues that may affect our members here in Nebraska and

especially Millard. Attending RA will allow a fresh look at current issues that are affecting all of us.

Paul Schulte

To continue the theme of change, I hope to be your voice at the 2009 NEA Representative Assembly. As a first time attendee to RA last year, I feel I got a chance to see our national organization at work. I still remember walking into the convention center for the first time and seeing all the state organizations that were represented. I was intrigued to attend my first state caucus meetings, and then move to the RA floor to vote on motions and amendments. I feel I became a stronger leader listening to ideas from other state leaders as well as national leaders. It was an honor to see Reg Weaver and the executive board of directors, and to listen to their views on where we as a national association will be heading. I want to continue to be a voice of change and to see the progress that the NEA has made over the last year. I respectfully hope you will vote for Paul Schulte as your representative to the NEA Representative Assembly.

Katie Tessin

My desire to attend the R.A. conference this summer comes from a passion for ensuring that teachers and children have what they need to grow. As a new MEA building representative, I am excited about the opportunity to be part of the decisions that shape our public schools. This experience would allow me to learn more about ways to improve my teaching and our profession.

Thank you for your consideration

Angie Ralph

Hello, I'm Angela Ralph. I have enjoyed my year as a building representative and two years as Treasurer. My involvement in Membership, Insurance, Budget, and Government Relations has increased my knowledge and excitement for the MEA. I look forward to serving you at Delegate and Representative Assemblies.

Melissa Brendel

I am Melissa Brendel, a preschool teacher at Rockwell Elementary School.

I would like to attend the Representative Assembly of the National Education Association as your Millard Education Association representative. I attended the RA last year and learned so much about our state and national association business. Now that I have experienced my first RA, I feel more prepared to participate in the decision making of the NEA.

I am very interested in being an active member of the Millard Education Association, so I am running for the leadership position of Elementary Director. I feel that I am very qualified for this position. I have served as a building representative from Reeder Elementary School for two years, where I was a kindergarten teacher. Since moving to Rockwell Elementary School this year to take a position as a preschool teacher, I am currently serving as a building representative from Rockwell. I have also served on Millard Education Association committees, when asked.

I attended the Delegate Assembly in Lincoln last year and am attending the DA again this year. I am excited to become involved in all levels of our association. It would be an honor to represent

you at our state and national association meetings. I would appreciate your support and vote! I promise to do my best to represent the views of our district!

Marilyn Yeck

I have been an active member of MEA for 32 years. I have served on 4 different committees, been a building rep. board member, and attended 26 DA, 4 Western Regional's, and 10 RA's. I have the experience of working on several committees at RA. Thank you for your vote.