



## NEA-Retired Delegate and OEA-Retired Advisory Council Election Results

The **2020 NEA Representative Assembly** will be held in Atlanta, GA, July 1-6, 2020. The Ohio NEA-R delegation consists of nine delegate seats; the Chair is a delegate by virtue of office. There were 23 candidates running for the remaining 8 seats: ten candidates were from NEOEA; four from WOEa; two from ECOEA; two from SWOEa; one from Capital; one from Central; one from EOEA; one from NCOEA; and one from NWOEA. There were a total of 931 votes cast. There were 34 paper ballots were returned. Only 11.5% of OEA-R members voted.

### 2020 NEA RA Retired Delegates (by votes):

Mary Binegar OEA-R Chairperson (By Virtue of Office), William A. Dorsey (NEOEA) 506, Carol Kinsey (ECOEA) 320, Phil A. Long (WOEA) 295, Marti Franks (NEOEA) 293, Judy Buschle (SWOEa) 270, Deloris Rome Hudson (SWOEa) 270, Donna Smoot Walters (NEOEA) 267, Barbara Catalano (NEOEA) 262.

### Alternates:

Jeff Corbin (Capital) 258, Peg Ham (NEOEA) 254, Steven Mitchell (NEOEA) 252, Willie A. Terrell Jr. (WOEA) 246, Barry Alcock (Central) 239, Becky Mayer (NCOEA) 237, Kathleen Purdy (ECOEA) 229, John Hoyes (EOEA) 213, Jené Wilson (NEOEA) 211, Lynnette R. Harris (NEOEA) 210, Jane A. Rahn (WOEA) 202, Joyce M. Hives (NEOEA) 194, Wil Vickery (Central) 188, Beverly A. Woolridge (NEOEA) 167, Lori Moodie (WOEA) 145.

### OEA-R Advisory Council

**OEA\_R Vice Chair** – Remaining Term: – July 14, 2021

Phil A. Long (WOEA) – elected by acclamation

**At-Large Representative** – Term: September 1, 2020 – July 14, 2023

Beverly Woolridge 413 – elected

Jane Rahn 399

**Central Representative** – Term: September 1, 2020 – July 14, 2023

Barry Alcock – elected by acclamation

**ECOEA Representative** – Term: September 1, 2020 – July 14, 2023

Anne L. Bowl – elected by acclamation

**SEOEA Representative** – Term: September 1, 2020 – July 14, 2023

Jane Miller 31 – elected

Jefferson Slattery 18

**WOEA Representative** – Remaining Term: – July 14, 2022

Sandra Coe – elected by acclamation

## OEA Coronavirus FAQ

As part of OEA's commitment to monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on our members, we want to address the impact that the mandatory COVID-19 school closures may have on you, and provide you with ways to advocate for yourself during this public health crisis.

OEA is continuing to advocate with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), the Ohio legislature, and leaders from other statewide education associations, for appropriate flexibility in the delivery of special education services. Additionally, OEA is working with the NEA to advocate for temporary flexibility at the federal level to ensure that all students can access the best education possible during these unprecedented circumstances.

For more information: <https://www.ohea.org/ohea-coronavirus-faq/>

## OEA-FCPE House and Senate District Screening Committees

### NEOEA-R—OEA-FCPE

NEOEA retirees are eligible to serve on OEA-FCPE House District Screening Committees. Retirees must be current OEA-FCPE contributors and can serve on the House District Committee in which they live or a neighboring House District.

If you are interested in serving on a screening committee, please contact Debbie Bernauer at the NEOEA office.

The OEA Fund for Children and Public Education (OEA-FCPE) is the political action committee of the Ohio Education Association. Voluntary contributions support candidates that support the Association's educational policy agenda. All screenings and decisions are made by members serving on the various committees.

The OEA-FCPE State Council works to implement OEA policies for the improvement of education in the State of Ohio by (1.) screening and endorsing candidates who are favorable to OEA legislative policies, (2.) collecting and dispersing funds for support of OEA-FCPE endorsed candidates, and (3.) establishing and maintaining communications with elected officials.

OEA-FCPE State House District Core Group Committees are made up of representatives from each local association whose school district serves residents of that House District. Each Committee screens candidates for its State House District Representative based only on questions related to OEA's education policy agenda. Senate District Committees are made up of the House District Committees within the Senate District.

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## NEA Recommends Joe Biden for President

Steady, informed, compassionate leadership has never been more important—our schools and our nation deserve nothing less. That’s why NEA is proud to recommend Joe Biden for president.

### Joe Biden: The NEA Interview

Our pick in the 2020 race sits down with NEA President Lily Eskelsen García to share his vision for public education. Visit [www.StrongPublicSchools.org](http://www.StrongPublicSchools.org) for the video.

### It’s Time for Action

From Biden all the way down the ballot, pro-public education candidates need our help. Show your support at a rally, march, or canvass near you. Local events are a great way to join fellow educators in making your voices heard. This is not an endorsement of any candidate or candidate’s campaign. This feed lists candidates who also use the Mobilize platform and will be supplemented by NEA and affiliate-sponsored events. Please visit [www.StrongPublicSchools.org](http://www.StrongPublicSchools.org) for more information.

### Donate Now to FCPE

Use a credit card to make a donation to the OEA/NEA Fund for Children and Public Education: <https://www.ohea.org/donate/>

## NEOEA Retired Subcommittees 2019-2020

**Conference:** Sherry Koncilja, Chair; Barb Catalano; Martha Dunford; Sue Fatica; Nancy Wonson; Steve Mitchell

**Outreach:** Beryl Burkle, Chair; Nanci DiBianca; Pat Frost-Brooks; Norm Hillstrom; Joyce Hives; Bill Lavezzi; Marti Franks; Jene Wilson

**Political Action:** Debbie Bernauer, Chair; Pat Czech; Rhonda Braylock; Dave Ciborek; Hank Haynes; Gary Hollow

**Membership:** Carol Dolgosh, Chair; Martha Harper; Donna Smoot-Walters; Pat Wagar; Peg Ham

**Retirement:** Dennis Lewis, Chair; Marsh Buckley; Mary Keefe; Adele Matias

**Internal Political Action:** Carol Dolgosh; Nancy Wonson

### NEOEA Representatives to OEA-R

**Advisory Council:** Peg Ham, Secretary; Donna Smoot-Walters, NEOEA Representative; Barb Catalano, ESP Representative

**NEOEA-R Cabinet:** Nancy Wonson (Chair), NEOEA-R Organizing Committee Chairperson; Donna Smoot-Walters, OEA-R Advisory Council Northeastern Representative; Peg Ham, OEA-R Advisory Council Secretary; Barb Catalano, OEA-R Advisory Council ESP Representative; Dennis Lewis, NEOEA-R Organizing Committee Vice-Chair; Gary Hollow, NEOEA-R Organizing Committee Past Chairperson; Sherry Koncilja, NEOEA-R Organizing Committee Secretary; Hank Haynes, NEOEA -R Newsletter & Web Editor

## OEA 2020 Summer Academy People, Power, Possibilities.

The OEA Summer Leadership Academy is designed to help members at all levels of the association realize and develop skills and talents as leaders of their profession and their association while building relationships and organizing for power.

We are in the process of transforming the in-person 2020 OEA Summer Leadership Academy into a full online virtual conference. As we move the OEA Summer Leadership Academy online to a re-imagined virtual learning experience, our focus will remain the same. That is, to help OEA members at all levels of the association realize and develop skills and talents as leaders of their profession and their association while building relationships and organizing for power. We will still have our Keynote speakers and breakout sessions in the following areas:

Summer Leadership Academy Strands:

- Local Presidents Training (invitation only)
- Organizing
- Professional Issues
- Student Success and Supports
- Leadership Development
- Government Relations and Communication

We hope that you will join us at the re-imagined 2020 OEA Virtual Summer Leadership Academy to celebrate our People, Power, and Possibilities.

For more information: <https://www.ohea.org/event/2020-summer-leadership-academy-june-22-24/>

## NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference

Save the Date! Wednesday, July 22, and Thursday, July 23.

We have been working hard to continue to bring members high-quality training even during a global pandemic. We are working to offer you—via Zoom—eight sessions from the previously-planned Summer Leadership Conference. The best parts are you can do them from home, in your jammies, and they are all free to members. All sessions will be scheduled during the day on July 22 and 23. We will supply directives for logging in and joining a Zoom platform.

Separately, we will be hosting a Treasurers School for seasoned treasurers and for members new to the position. We’ll also have a Presidents School hosted by a number of local leaders and OEA staff. Retired former local treasurers and local leaders may want to upgrade their skills and offer to mentor nearby locals.

New Format for Summer Leadership Conference: We can only accept 95 members in each session, and we can only hold one session/choice at a time. You can select one session or up to all eight sessions—and all of it for free! If sessions reach capacity, the committee reserves the right to award space to active members. NEOEA Summer Leadership is for NEOEA members ONLY.

Be sure to mark your calendar so you don’t miss this great summer opportunity.

More details at our “All Things Summer Leadership” page: <https://neoea.org/SLC/>

## OEA-R Fall Conference

Save the date: September 1-3, 2020.

Current Topics:

- Social Justice – Daria Denoia
- Cyber Security – John Hart
- Education Issues – Isabel Bosada– Jones
- Leading Communities with perseverance, perspectives and power – Demetrice Davis

## NEOEA Day

Save the Date! Our next NEOEA Day is Friday, October 9, 2020! More information when the NEOEA Day Catalog is posted on the NEOEA website: <https://neoea.org/>

## NEOEA Day Tours: NYC and the Finger Lakes

Come join us for two terrific tours on NEOEA Day weekend:

**New York City on October 8-11:** Three nights lodging, a guided city tour, and optional Broadway show, 911 Memorial Museum, and dinner at Carmine's. <https://www.neoea.org/NYC2020.pdf>

**Fall Foliage Tour of the Finger Lakes on October 9-11:** Two nights lodging and a variety of wine tastings and tours for all wine enthusiasts. <https://www.neoea.org/FallFoliage2020.pdf>

## NEOEA Discounts

Check the **NEOEA.org** website for complete information on these valuable discounts. Visit <http://neoea.org/resources/member-benefits/>.

- **OEA and NEA Member-Only Benefits:** <https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>.
- **OEA Attorney Referral Program:** login at the OEA Member Services page for free half hour and 30% discount. <https://www.ohea.org/legal-services>.
- **Bedrooms Today:** 50% off regular price of any furniture or bedding item. Be sure to show your employee ID or a copy of the discount letter. <http://www.neoea.org/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>

- **Best Benefits Club** offers activities throughout the year such as
  - Special family weekends at Cedar Point, and the IX Center where the discount or added value is even greater than their usual benefit.
  - Regal Cinema, Cinemark Tickets and certain amusement parks are available through the on-line shopping cart.
  - And other tickets are available as an e-ticket program, such as Playhouse Square, Cedar Point and Kings Island.
  - Kalahari Resort Day Pass Pre-Order Sale happens three times a year—the next coming in October.
  - There are discounts on zoos, amusement parks, hotels, rental cars, and much more available to our members!
  - Each person must register individually with the website in order to have access to the discounts.
  - On the website <http://www.bbcmember.com/>, click on the Login tab near the top of the page. Click on the words REGISTER HERE and use the activation code NEOEA0613 when filling out the small form that comes up. Users will now be required to make up their own username and password. Please enter NEOEA as your company name where required.
  - For answers to BBC questions, you can call BBC at 330-273-5756. The office in Brunswick is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 and 4:00.
- **Bright Now! Dental** has been involved in the union community for nearly 40 years and is pleased to be providing the NEOEA an exclusive discount on general and specialty dental care. Whether you have dental benefits or not, you will experience cost savings of up to 35% on general dentistry and 30% on specialty dentistry. This is not an insurance plan. There is no cost to participate and no restrictions. Your choice to receive dental care at one of their offices is voluntary. There are 7 locations in Cleveland making access to one of their offices convenient. Evening and weekend hours are also available.. <https://www.brightnow.com/>.
- **Energy Price Choice:** Confused about how and where to get the lowest prices for your natural gas and electricity? [EnergyPriceChoice.com/NEOEA](https://www.energypricechoice.com/NEOEA) is an unbiased energy marketplace that compares energy prices automatically for you. It takes less than 5 minutes to get the best possible price without hours of confusing research and hidden catches.. <https://neoea.org/announce/energy-price-choice/>.
- **Liberty Mutual:** Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea>.
- **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** Refinance and consolidate your student loans. <https://www.neoea.org/oheducu-loan.pdf>
- **Park Place** (discount airport parking): Enjoy free days, bottled water, free car washes, and guaranteed parking. Sign up for your discount card before your next flight! (Map to Park Place). <http://www.neoea.org/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **PlayhouseSquare:** With their Corporate Exclusive Online (CEO) ticketing program, you'll receive discounts, pre-sales, one flat fee, select your seat, and 24/7 access! <https://www.neoea.org/CEOtickets.pdf>
- **Great Lakes Science Center:** Join their educator membership program and share your love of science with your family! Enjoy free, unlimited general admission to the Science Center and the Mather Steamship for a full year plus free general admission to more than 340 science centers worldwide. For information on their discounted educator memberships, call 216-696-4576 or visit <http://www.greatscience.com/educators.aspx>.

## NEA & OEA Discounts

Enjoy financial programs and discounts offered by your OEA-R/NEA-R membership.

**NEA Member Benefits:** For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/> .

**NEA Click & Save,** <http://www.neamb.com/clickandsave>.

**OEA ACCESS,** <https://ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>.



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**NEOEA-R Organizing Committee:**

- Nancy Wonson, Lakewood TA-R; Chairperson
- Dennis Lewis, Parma EA-R; Vice Chair
- Sherri Koncilja, Painesville City TA-R; Secretary
- Gary Hollow, Bristol-R; Past Chair
- Donna Smoot-Walters, Barberton EA-R; NEOEA Liaison & OEA-R NEOEA Representative
- Peg Ham, Lorain EA-R; OEA-R Secretary
- Barbara Catalano, Mayfield EA-R; OEA-R ESP Representative
- Hank Haynes, ACCESS-R; web/newsletter editor
- Debbie Bernauer, Brecksville-Broadview EA-R
- Rhonda Braylock, East Cleveland EA-R
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- Steven Mitchell, East Cleveland EA-R
- Pat Waggar, Mayfield EA-R
- Jene Wilson, ACCESS-R
- Beverly Woolridge, Akron ACP-R

**Need to Update Your Contact Information?**

Update your OEA & NEOEA contact information at: 1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or [membership@ohea.org](mailto:membership@ohea.org).  
Also online: <https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-update-form/>

**Miss Your News and Views?**

Each issue of the *NEOEA News and Views* is available online at <http://neoea.org/>. First register at <http://neoea.org/register/> -- it's easy and free. Once registered, you'll have access to the Members-Only page, which has recent issues and member-only information for download.

**OEA Legislative Watch**

OEA Legislative Watch is the association's newsletter covering the legislation and policies that affect public education employees.  
<https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/legislative-watch/>

**Retirement System Updates**

- STRS <https://www.strsoh.org/>
- SERS <https://www.ohsers.org/>
- PERS <https://www.opers.org/>

February 2020 OEA Retirement Systems Update:  
<https://www.ohea.org/resources/affiliate-resources/february-2020-oea-retirement-systems-update/>

**NEOEA Calendar**

- June 6** NEA NEA Delegate Briefing
- June 22-24** OEA Summer Academy, Columbus
- July 1-6** NEA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- July 22-23** NEOEA Summer Leadership
- Sept 21** NEOEA Chat with the Candidates
- Oct 9** NEOEA Day/Negotiations Conference
- Nov 3** Election Day

