



## OEA Endorsed Candidates Lose Seats on STRS Board

Retirement Board Election Results:

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, the results of the State Teachers Retirement Board election were certified by a board of tellers appointed by the State Teachers Retirement Board and Election Services Company — the independent firm administering the election.

The results of the election for the two contributing member seats on the Retirement Board are as follows:

- Julie Sellers, 19,030 votes
- Steven Foreman, 15,247 votes
- **Jeffrey Rhodes, 10,494 votes**
- **Robert A. McFee, 9,817 votes**
- Write-Ins, 319 votes
- Total, 54,907 votes

The results of the election for the retired member seat on the Retirement Board are as follows:

- Elizabeth Jones, 24,983 votes
- **Rita J. Walters, 21,229 votes**
- Write-Ins, 222 votes

The term of office for Steven Foreman, Elizabeth Jones and Julie Sellers will begin on Sept. 1, 2022, and will end on Aug. 31, 2026.

## NEOEFA Summer Leadership is Back—Live and In-Person

We are back in person for your leadership needs this summer!

Please join us for the NEOEFA Summer Leadership Conference on July 20-21 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village.

NEOEFA offers leadership development for our members and local leaders. There are 28 sessions designed specifically for leadership members to attend, but we also offer a plethora of other topics with all members in mind. Our committee is confident our members will be able to build a schedule for a day and a half of worthwhile training to incorporate in their local this fall.

We are using our new online registration procedure for the first time. The easy-to-follow directions are outlined on the last page. Your confirmation email will include an invoice for you or your local treasurer to submit payment to NEOEFA. <https://neoea.org/files/SLC2022.pdf>

## OEA Summer Leadership Academy

June 15-17—Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square, 75 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215

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.

The 2022 conference theme is: “Our Power to Make a Difference: Past, Present, and Future.” This conference will offer OEA members an opportunity to dialogue and develop in the following key areas: Leadership Development, Organizing and Member Engagement, OEA Local Presidents’ Training, Student Supports and Success, Professional Issues, and Educator Voice.

Opening Keynote – Princess Moss, NEA VP

Closing Keynote – Karen Hough, Founder & CEO of ImprovEdge

<https://www.ohea.org/summer-leadership-academy/>

<https://www.ohea.org/cms/assets/uploads/2022/04/2022-SLA-Flyer.pdf>

## 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/>. Open an article and click on the “OEA Action Alert” link to send a message to your legislator.

- April 11—HB 616 Introduced: Doubles-Down on “Divisive Concepts” Prohibitions; Adds “Don’t Say Gay”.
- April 1—Redistricting Update: The Fight for Fair Maps Continues; OEA VP Wensing Testifies; HB 583: Extends Temporary Licensure of Substitute Teachers

## OEA Retirement Systems Update

Full May 2022 OEA Retirement Systems Update at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/affiliate-resources/may-2022-oea-retirement-systems-update/>

Past reports at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/affiliate-resources/>

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

Peg Ham	424
Gretchen Y. Washington	381
Ed Sims	348

you with students that are in the same type of situation you retired from if possible. We have found that this is a great way to help new teachers into a profession that can be very rewarding in many ways.

To become a Mentor I need your name and grade levels taught or any other concentration (if that applies to you). You can call me at 216-905-7971 or email with any and all questions. WE NEED YOU! These students really appreciate a REAL teacher that they can talk to!

**Join us at Playhouse Square for  
Waitress**

Featuring music and lyrics by Grammy Award@-winner Sara Bareilles (“Love Song,” “Brave”), *Waitress* tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. When a baking contest in a nearby county offers her a chance at escape, Jenna fights to reclaim a long-forgotten part of herself.

DATES: May 26-June-26, 2022. Great seats are still available in the intimate 550-seat Hanna Theatre. Use promo code NEOEA and save up to 15% off the price of tickets to select performances and seating locations with reduced handling fees.

GET TICKETS: <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp> Use promo code: NEOEA

Coming soon:  
“My Fair Lady”—June 7-26  
From Lincoln Center Theater that brought you “*The King & I*” and “*South Pacific*”, comes “a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time” (Entertainment Weekly), Lerner & Loewe’s “*My Fair Lady*”. Director Bartlett Sher’s glowing production is “thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was” (New York Times).

Also:  
“Ain’t Too Proud—The Life and Times of The Temptations”—July 12-31  
“Disney’s Frozen”—August 11-September 11

Please check their website for covid protocols: <https://www.playhousesquare.org/plan-your-visit-main/health-safety>

**Voting by District**

District	Votes	Electorate	%
CAPITAL	80	292	27.40%
CENTRAL	209	1258	16.61%
ECOEА	141	610	23.11%
EOEA	55	369	14.91%
NCOEA	68	361	18.84%
NEOEA	556	2568	21.65%
NWОEA	127	741	17.14%
SEOEА	73	442	16.52%
SWOEA	196	848	23.11%
UNASSIGNED	2	45	4.44%
WOEA	151	803	18.80%
OTHER	2	3	66.67%

The OEA-Retired Runoff Election for Spring 2022 was conducted by Election America. Online voting opened on April 23, 2022, and closed on May 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. With 1,777 votes cast (46 blanks/voids) 1009 were paper ballots and 768 electronic votes.

**OEA-R Advisory Council:**  
**OEA Board of Directors Representative**

<b>Deloris Rome Hudson</b>	<b>880</b>
Jené Wilson	851

The OEA-Retired Election for Spring 2022 was conducted by Election America. Online voting opened on March 1, 2022, and closed on March 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Elected by Acclamation:  
**OEA-R ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
NEOEA Rep – Donna Smoot Walters  
SWOEА Rep – Becky Brown  
WOEA Rep – Joni Watson

**OEA-R Advisory Council:**  
**OEA Board of Directors Representative**  
A runoff is expected.

<b>Deloris Rome Hudson</b>	<b>495</b>
<b>Jené Wilson</b>	<b>410</b>
Barry Alcock	324
Chuck Steinbower	269
Total	1501

**NEA Representative Assembly Delegates  
and Alternates (8)**

**NEA RETIRED DELEGATES**

Mary Binegar	By Virtue of Office
William A. Dorsey	945
Carol Kinsey	715
Phil A. Long	621
Jeff Corbin	588
Deloris Rome Hudson	557
Kathleen Purdy	554
Becky Brown	547

**NEA RETIRED ALTERNATES**

Jené Wilson	505
Donna Smoot Walters	500
Willie A. Terrell, Jr	485
Judy Buschle	466
Chuck Steinbower	445
Becky Mayer/Radel	428

**Mentorship Program at KSEA**

by Beryl Burkle, [berylburkle@gmail.com](mailto:berylburkle@gmail.com)

We are going to continue the Mentorship Program at Kent State University for the fourteenth year. We have had a successful program going virtual with the students these past couple of years. We contacted them by email, phone, and some of the facetime ventures. They have been very enthusiastic to have retired members as their professional friends. We are the only Mentorship Program that began in the state years ago that has survived.

You will not need to go to KSU during the year. They just want to have someone to listen to them and give them helpful suggestions. You all have expertise to share with them. Later in the year you will be invited to an online meeting with KSEA. KSEA is the student organization on campus for those majoring in Education. They have shown us how online teaching has been used with students and how to interview for a job. We were just observers, but it sure opened our eyes to how the world is changing.

We have been invited back this fall to continue our Mentorship Program at Kent State University, by their President, Eleni Karakostas. Eleni was elected this April for fall 2022-2023. She has been a Mentee in our program for 3 years. We are very proud of her leadership. She will be signing up those students that would like a Mentor as a professional friend in September. I will match

### Cleveland Guardians Educator Night

Cleveland Guardians Educator Night at Progressive Field!

You Deserve Extra Credit.  
The Cleveland Guardians want to show appreciation for teacher and educational professionals in our community. Join us on June 9th for this special ticket offer including a stainless steel tumbler.

Thursday, June 9  
Oakland A's @ Cleveland Guardians  
First Pitch: 7:10 p.m.  
Gates Open: 6:10 p.m.  
Lower Box Tickets: \$30 per ticket  
Sections 129 & 130

Limited Guardians Tumbler for the first 250 tickets purchased!  
<https://tinyurl.com/Educate22>  
SPECIAL OFFER CODE: Educate22

Amazing deal! – Face Value for the Lower Box is \$42 per ticket!

### OEA-Retired OEA Board of Directors Report

by Carol Kinsey, OEA-R Representative to the OEA Board of Directors—  
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At the Board of Directors meeting on May 6, OEA Executive Director Patricia Collins Murdock reported that finally all OEA Headquarters staff are now working in the OEA Headquarters building again after limiting restrictions the past 2 years due to Covid.

Dan Ramos named as Manager of Government Relations as we enter Campaign 2022 season.

OEA-R member Pam Jones named to the OEA Board of Appeals.

Due to Congressional maps being redrawn, the Board voted to approve recommendations of President DiMauro to restructure Congressional Contact Teams (CCT) through December 31, 2022.

At the OEA Representative Assembly on

May 7, New Business Item 1 was approved setting **Annual and Life Dues for OEA-R ESP** members only at 50% of full dues beginning in the 2023-2024 membership year.

**175th Anniversary Gala/OEA Education Foundation Fundraiser** event scheduled for Saturday June 4, 3:00 pm - 9:45 pm. Individual tickets are \$75. It will take place in the back parking lot near OEA and the refreshed OEA building will be open for tours and dedication of some renamed rooms. Retirees are encouraged to contact their District to see if a table has been purchased and if they might have a seat available for a retiree. <https://www.ohea.org/foundationgala/>

### OEA-R – Read Across America

To celebrate Read Across America, OEA-R members have recorded themselves reading books for school kids. Enjoy! <https://www.ohea.org/resources/all/oear-read-across-america/>

If you are interested in recording a reading, please contact OEA-R Vice Chairperson – Phil A. Long, [palcisv13@roadrunner.com](mailto:palcisv13@roadrunner.com).

More information and ideas at: <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/read-across-america/> and <http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>.

### OEA Action Alerts

Take Action! Every day OEA works to improve public education for our students and our members. Our strength lies in collective action. With over 122,000 members, we can affect policy to improve public education for students and the educators who serve them.

Letters, emails, petitions, and phone calls from you often make the crucial difference.

Go to the OEA website to view sample letters you can edit as you wish before sending to your legislator. <https://www.ohea.org/action/>

### OEA COVID FAQ

<https://www.ohea.org/oea-coronavirus-faq/>

### OEA-Retired on the Web

OEA-R has a new presence on the OEA website at: <https://www.ohea.org/retired/>. If you get lost, pull down the “MEMBER CENTER” tab and click on “OEA Divisions, Affiliated Departments and Associate Organizations”, then “Divisions”, then “OEA-Retired”.

On the page is a link to the original OEA-R website containing all the essential OEA-R information <http://oear.ohea.us/>.

### Retirement System Links

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

OEA Retirement Systems Updates can be found at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/>

### 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/>.

### OEA FCPE is Now The OEA Fund

The name is changing. “The OEA Fund for Children and Public Education” will be simplified to “The OEA Fund”. Some will remember when it started as “Educators Political Action Committee (EPAC)”.

Help raise money to elect pro-senior, pro-union, pro-education candidates. It’s quick and easy to donate electronically. Go to: <https://www.ohea.org/> and click on the DONATE button at the top of the page or click here: <https://www.ohea.org/donate/>.





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**NEA & OEA Discounts**

- **NEA Member Benefits:** For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/>.
- **NEA Student Debt Navigator:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-student-debt-navigator>.
- **NEA Travel Dollars**—Enroll in NEA Travel and receive \$500 Travel Dollars to use like cash when you book a vacation. <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-travel-dollars>.
- **NEA Discount Marketplace:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-discount-marketplace>.
- **OEA ACCESS:** <https://ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>.
- **OEA/NEA Attorney Referral and Discount Information:** <https://neoea.org/files/ARP.pdf>.
- **NEOEA Member Benefits:** <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>.

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Visit <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>.

- **Bedrooms Today:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>.
- **Best Benefits Club:** <https://bestbenefitsclub.com/>. Use activation code **NEOEA0613** and company name **NEOEA**. Benefit flyer <https://bestbenefitsclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/e-news6.3.pdf>.
- **Bright Now! Dental:** <http://www.brightnowdental.com/>. <https://neoea.org/files/BrightNowFlyer.pdf>.
- **Liberty Mutual:** [https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea?src=aff\\_4wpb\\_m\\_0006967\\_neoea](https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea?src=aff_4wpb_m_0006967_neoea).
- **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ohecu-loan.pdf>.
- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking: <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **PlayhouseSquare:** <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp> (promo code NEOEA).
- **Great Lakes Science Center:** <https://greatscience.com/educators>.

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**OEA 2022 Foundation Gala**

June 4 at OEA headquarters, Columbus .  
<https://www.ohea.org/foundationgala/>  
Donate: <https://oea-educational-foundation.square.site/>

**NEOEA Calendar**

- June 15-17** OEA Leadership Academy, Columbus Sheraton at Capital Square
- June 28-30** NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- July 3-6** NEA Representative Assembly, Chicago, IL
- July 20-21** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village, OH
- September 8** OEA-R Fall Conference, TBD

