



# NEOE -- Retired

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## Vote No in August! Join the One Person One Vote Campaign!

**VOTE NO  
IN AUGUST**  
**ONE PERSON - ONE VOTE**

Certain politicians and their special interest backers put SJR 2 on the August 8, 2023 ballot.

This amendment shreds our Constitution, ending majority rule in Ohio and taking away our right to decide what happens in our state.

It undermines the sacred principle of ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE! Protect our freedom and stand up to this undemocratic, unfair, unpopular and unnecessary amendment! Vote NO in August! We need your voice to win!

Details: <https://www.ohea.org/actions/vote-no-august/>.

## 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.

- May 22 - Bill to Restrict the Voice of Higher Education Employees Passes in Ohio Senate; Bill Requires Social Studies Task Force to Consider Right-Leaning Standards; Write Your Member of Congress and Ask them to Support Federal Legislation to Repeal GPO/WEP
- May 15 - OEA Announces Next Member Lobby Day for June 6, 2023; SJR 2 Narrowly Passes the Ohio House. Campaign Launched to Vote No in August on the Amendment; OEA President DiMauro Testifies on State Budget Bill in Ohio Senate; Ohio House and Ohio Senate Adopt Substitute Bills to Higher Education "Reform" Proposal; New Bill Requires Social Studies Model Curriculum to Include Migration Journeys; Bill to Establish State Regulation of School-Parent Communication and Relationships Receives Opposition Testimony; Single-Sex Sports Bill Passed By Ohio House Higher Education Committee
- May 5 - Constitutional Amendment Proposal Coming Down to Final Days; House-Passed School Funding District .Simulations Released; OEA Testifies in Support of HB 117; Social Studies Standards Bill Gets First Hearing
- April 28 - Ohio House Passes State Budget Bill (HB 33); Advocacy Efforts Continue to Defend the Rights of Ohio Voters; OEA Testifies Against Universal Voucher Bill.

- February 7 — Budget Edition #2 April 21 - House Adopts Substitute Budget Bill; Increases Funding for Public Schools and Raises State Teacher Minimum Salary; Over 500 Individuals Submit Opposition Testimony to Senate Bill 83: The Higher Education "Destruction" Act; Amendment to Weaken Voice of Voters Passes Senate; House Committee Reports out its Version of the Amendment; Share your comments on the Student Interaction with Peace Officers Model Curriculum Draft.
- April 14 - Ohio General Assembly Returns from Spring Break; OEA Opposed Legislation to Receive Hearings.
- March 31 - Take Action Against Proposals to Weaken Voice of Ohio's Voters; Ohio Senate Bill 49: Senate Education Committee Approves Student Religious Expression Days.
- March 24 - OEA President DiMauro Testifies on State Budget Bill; First Hearing Held on Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Weaken Voice of Ohio Voters; Senate Eyes August Special Election; U.S. House GOP Public Education Attack Bill Heads to the U.S.
- March 17 - Draconian Higher Education "Catch-All" Bill Introduced in Ohio Senate; House Joint Resolution (HJR) 1 to Receive Sponsor Testimony on March 22.
- March 3 - Legislature Considering Harmful Voucher Expansion Proposals; Senate Passes Bill Changing Powers and Duties of State Board of Education; School District Funding Spreadsheets Released.

## OEA Member Lobby Day

Senate Lobby Day – June 6, 2023

Details: <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/oea-lobby-day/>.

OEA Member Lobby Days provide an opportunity for OEA members to meet with state legislators to discuss key education policy issues. To broaden support for public education and build partnerships with other public education stakeholders, we encourage you to invite parents, administrators, school board members, and students to join our lobby day efforts.

At the in-person lobby day, members will be briefed by OEA staff on current legislation and will have an opportunity to meet with state lawmakers and staff. The interaction of OEA members with elected officials is critical to improving the policies that impact students, educators, and public education.

The lobby day briefing will include the Fair School Funding Plan, proposed voucher expansion, other items in House Bill 33 (the state operating budget bill for FY 2024 and 2025), and proposals to address educator recruitment and retention.

### William A. Dorsey

William Allister Dorsey, age 78, of Columbus, Ohio passed away on Friday, April 7, 2023.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our lifelong member and leader Bill Dorsey. Bill served as an outstanding leader, both as an active member, and as a retired member. Bill's knowledge of OEA and NEA organizational history will truly be missed.

We were all impacted by Bill Dorsey's advocacy in one way or another over the years. This is a major loss for our organization. We certainly mourn the history and stories that we will not get a chance to hear from Bill. We will cherish the recent interactions we had. What an advocate and what a historian of NEOEA/OEA! Thank you, Bill.

A memorial service for William will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Painesville United Methodist Church, 71 North Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077 . Obituary at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/worthington-oh/william-dorsey-11259352>.

Mary Alice Conkey,  
NEOEA Executive Director

### OEA Retirement Systems Update

OEA Retirement Systems Updates at <https://www.ohea.org/resources/affiliate-resources/>

- May 2023:
  - \* Davidson Elected to STRS Board;
  - \* STRS Board Weighs Possible Benefit Enhancement;
  - \* Russell Elected to SERS Board.

### OEA Endorsed Candidate Arthur Lard Loses Seat on STRS Board

Retirement Board Election Results: On Saturday, May 6, 2023, 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 one contributing member seat on the Retirement Board are as follows:

Pat Davidson,	20,410 votes
Arthur Lard,	8,853 votes
Write-Ins,	62 votes

The term of office for Pat Davidson will begin on Sept. 1, 2023, and will end on Aug. 31, 2027.

See the statement from OEA President Scott DiMauro: <https://www.ohea.org/press-releases/2023/oea-to-continue-fighting-for-pension-security-in-wake-of-strs-election/>.

### OEA-R Spring Conference

June 7, 2023, Malabar Farm, Lucas OH – \$25. Sponsored by NCOEA and NWOEA. Registration Deadline is May 24. <http://oea-r.ohea.us/events/spring-conference/>

OEA-R SPRING CONFERENCE AGENDA  
 9:30-9:50 REGISTRATION—Breakfast will not be served  
 10:00-1:00 MALABAR TOUR—Will begin promptly at the Big House. Please note that only the first floor will be handicap accessible. After the house tour, there will be a wagon tour of the farm.  
 1:00 -3:00 LUNCH AT THE MALABAR INN—\*Limited seating at the restaurant. Opening remarks by Mary Binegar. Guy Kendall-Freas will be available.

SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS  
Mohican Lodge - Perrysville  
Wishmaker Bed & Breakfast - Bellville  
Hotels at Exit 165 and 169

### 2023 OEA Summer Leadership Academy

Respect, Recharge, and Reconnect

The 2023 OEA Summer Leadership Academy will convene Wednesday, June 21, 2023, through Friday, June 23, 2023, at the DoubleTree Columbus-Worthington Hotel, 175 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus, OH 43235.

Registration is now open: <https://www.ohea.org/summer-leadership-academy/>

### NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference

Register now. The NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference is July 19-20. This year we will return to the Hilton Garden Inn, Mayfield. Choose four of twenty-seven sessions, Wednesday 2:30—Thursday 2:30. Details: <https://neoea.org/MemberData/SLC2023.pdf>.

### Cleveland Guardians Educator Appreciation Night

In appreciation of teachers and education professionals, the Cleveland Guardians are sponsoring an Educator's Night on Thursday, June 8.

Special ticket offer includes a limited-edition Guardians corduroy hat (limited to first 500 tickets sold).

Download the Flyer at <https://neoea.org/files/EducatorsNight2023.pdf>.

### New York City on a Budget NEOEA Day Weekend October 13-15, 2023

Although NEOEA Day (October 13, 2023) seems like a long way off, it will be here before you know it. If you want to be guaranteed a seat on the bus for our returning annual tour to "New York City on a Budget," now is the time to make your reservation.

The New York City tour includes deluxe motor coach transportation, two nights at the Courtyard New York Manhattan/Times Square/West in New York City, baggage handling for one bag, a guided city tour, breakfast at our hotel each morning, dinner on the way home in Pennsylvania, and an escort from 20th Century Tours.

The cost per person based on double occupancy is \$750 two beds, \$725 king bed (single occupancy is \$1,038, triple occupancy is \$650, and quad occupancy is \$585). More details and the reservation form are available at [neoea.org/files/NYC2023.pdf](https://neoea.org/files/NYC2023.pdf).

### Join us at Playhouse Square with NEOEA Discounts

NEOEA members have discounts for highly-anticipated shows in the KeyBank Broadway Series:

- **Moulin Rouge! The Musical**, June 7 - July 2, 2023 at KeyBank State Theatre;
- **Come From Away**, July 25-30, 2023 at Connor Palace;
- **SIX**, Aug. 8-Sept. 10, 2023 at Connor Palace;
- **Nurse Blake: Shock Advised Tour**, October 25 at Connor Palace.

Use promo code NEOEA and save up to 65% off select performances and seating locations with reduced handling fees! GET TICKETS: <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/q04/Online/default.asp>

### Read Across America

By Beryl Burkle  
The students at the Kent Student Education Association (KSEA) sponsored a Read Across America program for 76 students and 130 parents from West Park Elementary School at Ravenna High School. There were reading games, door prizes, and new scholastic books to take home, including a brochure for parents to teach sight words and phonics.

Many NEOEA-R members, some with costumes, went into schools, churches and libraries to read to children. Some will return to read during the year.

### Mentoring at KSEA

By Beryl Burkle  
The NEOEA-R Mentoring Program with students in education at Kent State is finishing its 14th year this May. We have been invited back for fall of 2023. Mentors become a student's professional friend in education, meeting by phone, facetime, email, or on campus. Please contact me if you want to become a mentor. I will try to match you with students that are in your teaching area.

Thank you and good luck to Eleni Karakostas, KSEA President, who has been a mentee and will start teaching in Northeast this fall.

### NEOEA-Retired Organizing Committee

By Donna Smoot Walters, NEOEA-R Rep  
OEA-R Advisory Council

On behalf of OEA-R Advisory Council I want to offer you a way to become more engaged with the active members of NEOEA. You have the opportunity to be a retired representative who will be invited to your area Leadership Council meetings (near home or where you retired from.). Email Mary Alice Conkey and she will add you to the list.

Follow STRS at <https://www.strsoh.org/social/>. STRS will be speaking out against misinformation about STRS on Social Media.

If you know an active teacher who is retiring this year (or soon) encourage them to consider joining OEA-R/NEA-R. Members can access the form at <https://oea-r.ohea.us/>

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

The **OEA-Retired Election for Spring 2023** was conducted by Election America. Online voting opened on March 1, 2022, and closed on March 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. There were a total of 1555 votes cast (885 by paper ballot).

Elected by Acclamation:  
**OEA-R ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
ECOEA Advisory Council – Kathleen Purdy  
ESP Representative – Becky Cashell

**OEA-R Advisory Council:**  
**OEA Board of Directors Representative**  
Carol Kinsey 571—elected  
Jeff Corbin 371  
Becky Mayer-Radel 306  
Chuck Steinbower 156

### NEA Representative Assembly Delegates and Alternates (7)

**NEA RETIRED DELEGATES**  
Mary Binegar By Virtue of Office  
**William A. Dorsey 723**  
Carol Kinsey 597  
Jeff Corbin 503  
Phil Long 396

Becky Mayer-Radel 358  
Kathleen Purdy 333

### NEA RETIRED ALTERNATES

Willie A. Terrell, Jr 332  
Chuck Steinbower 327  
Deloris Rome Hudson 305  
**Peg Ham 284**  
Judy Buschle 280  
**Marsh Buckley 265**  
Becky Brown 260  
**Steven Mitchell 256**  
**Marti Franks 253**  
**Jené Wilson 244**  
Joni Watson 235  
Barry Alcock 215  
Gretchen Washington 210  
Doris L. Moore 160  
Clarice Thomas 158  
Lori Moodie 146  
Damian Dagenbach 105  
Marty Flood, Jr. 102  
**Diallas York 76**

### Voting by District

District Name	Votes	Electorate	Turnout %
CAPITAL	82	269	30.48%
ECOEA	133	532	25.00%
NCOEA	75	331	22.66%
<b>NEOEA</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>2227</b>	<b>22.18%</b>
WEOA	147	682	21.55%
SWOEA	161	753	21.38%
EOEA	63	323	19.50%
NWEOA	120	617	19.45%
CENTRAL	214	1131	18.92%
SEOEA	62	390	15.90%
UNASSIGNED	4	35	11.43%

### NEOEA Discounts

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>.
- **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ohecu-loan.pdf>.



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**NEOEA-R Organizing Committee:**

Nancy Wonson, Lakewood TA-R; Chairperson  
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Sherri Konicija, Painesville City TA-R; Secretary  
Gary Hollow, Bristol-R; Past Chair  
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Liaison & OEA-R NEOEA Representative  
Barbara Catalano, Mayfield EA-R; OEA-R ESP  
Representative  
Hank Haynes, ACCESS-R; web/newsletter editor  
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Rhonda Braylock, East Cleveland EA-R  
Marsh Buckley, Mentor TA-R  
Beryl Burkle, Bedford EA-R  
Dave Ciborek, Twinsburg EA-R  
Nanci DiBianca, Cuyahoga Hts. TA-R  
Carol Dolgosh, Lakewood TA-R  
Martha Dunford, Perry EA-R  
Sue Fatica, Painesville City TA-R  
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Peg Ham, Lorain EA-R  
Martha Harper, Ashtabula ACSE-R  
Norman Hillstrom, Mentor TA-R  
Joyce Hives, East Cleveland EA-R  
Mary Keefe, Maple Hts. TA-R  
Teri Mackey, Wadsworth EA-R  
Adele Matias, Mayfield EA-R  
Steven Mitchell, East Cleveland EA-R  
Pat Wagar, Mayfield EA-R  
Jenè Wilson, ACCESS-R  
Beverly Woolridge, Akron ACP-R

- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking: <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **Playhouse Square:** <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp> (promo code NEOEA).
- **Great Lakes Science Center:** <https://greatscience.com/educators>.

**NEA & OEA Discounts**  
<https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>

- **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.accessdevelopment.com/>.

- **OEA/NEA Attorney Referral and Discount Information:** <https://neoea.org/files/ARP.pdf>.
- **NEOEA Member Benefits:** <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>.

**STRS Ohio Reflections Series**

Watch videos of STRS members reflecting on teaching and their careers: <https://www.strsoh.org/resources/newsroom/2023/member-reflections-series.html>.

**STRS Ohio's eUPDATE**

Does STRS Ohio have your email address? If not, you are missing eUPDATES. Register for eUPDATES: <https://www.strsoh.org/resources/personal-acct/email-registration.html>



**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/>.

Active educators at any stage of their career are encouraged to join pre-retired OEA-R. Members can access the forms at <http://oear.ohea.us/join/how-to-join/>

**NEOEA Calendar**  
<http://neoea-r.ohea.us/calendar/>

- June 21-23** OEA Summer Leadership Academy, DoubleTree Columbus-Worthington
- June 29-30** NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- July 2-6** NEA Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- July 19-20** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, Mayfield Village