

***Summary: NEOEA Representative Assembly
November 9, 2024
Brunswick Middle School***

The North Eastern Ohio Education Association held the fall meeting of its Representative Assembly on Saturday, November 9, at Brunswick Middle School.

The Representative Assembly (RA) is the top governing body of NEOEA, following a governance structure similar to the National Education Association and the Ohio Education Association, with which NEOEA is affiliated. Representation is proportional: each local is allotted at least two delegates at NEOEA's RA, and larger locals are allotted more delegates.

Presiding at her first RA, NEOEA President Messinger greeted the 212 delegates and 28 guests present. She acknowledged the service veterans present. She recognized the guests present and thanked the NEOEA Past Presidents, new delegates, all committee members, and the NEOEA Board of Directors. She reflected on the recent general election and her mixed emotions. She then reminded delegates that this is the time to lean into our union, stand up, and move forward to fight the good fight.

Delegates received reports from OEA President Scott DiMauro, who also gave an update from OEA Secretary-Treasurer Rob McFee, as well as OEA Vice President Jeff Wensing.

In a fund-raiser conducted during the Legislative Committee's report at the Representative Assembly, delegates donated \$4,905 to the OEA Fund.

Delegates also received a report from Carol Correthers who spoke as a local member and not as an STRS Board member.

At the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, delegates enacted the NEOEA Resolutions for 2024-25. NEOEA's new resolutions document includes 187 statements setting forth Association principles on topics identified in the organization's Constitution. Delegates approved two new resolutions—new I, Justice and Law Enforcement in Schools and Communities, and J, Minority Participation—and one amended Resolution: A-3, State Board of Education. Proposed changes in B-26, Violence-Free Schools, were referred back to the Resolutions Committee.

Bryan Bain (Willoughby-Eastlake TA) was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy for OEA/NEOEA Unit 6 Representative. Jasmine Monacelli (Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA) for NEOEA Unit 1 Representative and Amanda Fehlbaum (YSU-OEA) for the NEOEA Higher Education unit were also elected by acclamation.

Delegates made early endorsements in three state-wide races: Jeff Wensing for OEA President, Carol Correthers for OEA Vice President, and Ship Collins for OEA Director at-Large.

Andrew Smith, President-elect and Chairperson of the NEOEA Finance Committee, presented a summary of the audit. We received a clean audit.

The Social and Human Concerns Committee sponsored a food drive (birthday in a box, instant stuffing, and instant mashed potatoes).

Delegates honored winners of four categories of NEOEA awards.

- The Legislative Committee recognized locals who are leaders in two categories for contributions to the OEA Fund.

- ✦ Locals with the highest dollar contributions per member:

Unit 1	Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA
Unit 2	Lakewood TA
Unit 3	East Cleveland EA
Unit 4	Brunswick EA
Unit 5	Howland Classroom TA
Unit 6	Cardinal EA
Unit 7	Twinsburg EA
Unit 8	Field Local TA
Unit 9East	L E A D D
Unit 9West	Brunswick ESP Assn.
Higher Ed Unit	Lakeland Faculty Assn.

- ✦ Locals with the most improved dollar contributions per member:

Unit 1	Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA
Unit 2	Parma EA
Unit 3	Orange TA
Unit 4	Copley TA
Unit 5	Trumbull Career & Tech EA
Unit 6	Fairport Harbor TA
Unit 7	Twinsburg EA
Unit 8	Windham TA
Unit 9East	Trumbull Co. Board Prof. S.A.
Unit 9West	Brunswick ESP Assn.
Higher Ed Unit	Lakeland Faculty Assn.

- The Public Relations Committee recognized winning entries in the 2023-24 Communications Contest Awards.

- ✦ Honorable Mention certificates were given to:

- ♦ Brunswick EA for *Did You Know?*
- ♦ Brunswick ESP Assn. for *BESPA Newsletter*
- ♦ Fairview Park EA for *Fairview Park Education Association Newsletter*
- ♦ Highland EA for *HEA Newsletter*
- ♦ Howland Classroom TA for *Tigers' Roar*
- ♦ Niles EA for *NEA Meeting*
- ♦ Sheffield-Sheffield Lake Class. Emp. Assn. for *The SSLCEA Bulletin*

- ✦ Windham TA received a \$50 award as the Small Local winner for *WTA News*.
- ✦ Madison EA received a \$50 award as the Medium Local winner for *MEA Newsletter*.
- ✦ Bedford EA received a \$50 award as the Large Local winner for *BEA Beacon*.
- ✦ The Outstanding Communications for 2023-24 received a \$100 cash award: Mentor Classified Employees for *MCE Quarterly Newsletter*.
- Delegates honored 37 local affiliates as NEOEA's Five Star Locals for 2023-24:

Ashtabula ACSE	Howland Classroom TA
Barberton EA	Lakewood TA
Bay TA	Madison EA
Bedford EA	Maple Hts. TA #
Boardman EA	Medina City TA
Brunswick EA	Mentor Class. Emp.
Brunswick ESP Assn.	Orange TA
Cardinal EA	Painesville City TA #
Champion EA #	Parma EA
Chardon EA	Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA #
Columbia Local EA	Southeast Local District TA #
Copley TA	Streetsboro EA
Cuyahoga Falls EA #	Tallmadge TA
East Cleveland EA #	Trumbull CTC EA
Elyria EA #	Twinsburg EA
Euclid TA	Waterloo EA
Fairview Park EA *	Westlake TA
Field Local TA #	Willoughby-Eastlake TA #
Highland EA *	

indicates local received all six stars available.

* indicates first-time recipient.

Northeastern Ohio delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly met in caucus as preparation for the OEA RA when it meets on December 7.

In a point of personal privilege, Joel Gleason announced his candidacy for the STRS Board and asked for assistance in circulating his petitions for candidacy.

The NEOEA Representative Assembly meets again on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Normandy High School, 2500 West Pleasant Valley Road in Parma.