



# NEOEFA -- Retired

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## OEA-Retired Delegate Election OEA-R Higher Education Representative

OEA-R delegates and the OEA-R Higher Education Representative will be elected during October by online and mail-in ballot. If you are interested in serving as a Delegate to the OEA Fall and Spring Representative Assemblies or if you retired as higher education member and are interested in representing OEA-R members on the OEA-R advisory Council, download and return a Declaration of Candidacy form by September 20, 2020. <http://oea-r.ohea.us/page/election-information/>.

In October, look for election information by email and US mail. Please support candidates from NEOEA-R.

The OEA Representative Assembly will be December 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM and will most likely be virtual. Over forty delegates will be elected from across the state. OEA-R delegates may also meet virtually the day before the OEA RA.

Please check for meeting summaries and minutes of the OEA-R Advisory Council, OEA-R Delegate Assembly, and the OEA Board of Directors on the Documents/Reports page of the OEA-R website at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/>.

## 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/oea-coronavirus-faq/>

OEA-FCPE — <https://www.ohea.org/oea-fund/>

## 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 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/>

### Register to Vote or Update Registration

- Have you moved?
- Has your name changed?
- Do you have children who will be 18 by election day?
- Are all your friends or family members registered?
- Not sure? Want to check? Visit: [VoteOhio.Gov](http://VoteOhio.Gov)

### How do you request an absentee ballot?

- Visit [VoteOhio.Gov](http://VoteOhio.Gov) to print a form or call your county board of elections (you can request today!)
- Mail your request form back to your own county board of elections as soon as possible (Fill out completely and SIGN)
- Wait to receive your ballot in the mail (will be sent 30 days before the election, starting October 6)
- Return your voted ballot as soon as possible!
- **Track your ballot at [VoteOhio.Gov](http://VoteOhio.Gov)!**

The 2020 OEA Get Out the Vote program is similar to past Friends and Family outreach programs. This year OEA is using the **OutreachCircle.com** platform. Join with OEA Group code **NAS319**. Feel free to invite your friends and colleagues. Throughout the 2020 General Election, OEA members will use OutreachCircle to engage friends and family members who are active within our organization to make sure they know how to safely and securely vote on or before November 3rd. [Download flyer with QR Code.](#)



**Campaign 2020  
OEA Endorsed Candidates**

Endorsements are made by OEA members serving on screening committees from locals within the district. Decisions are made based on the candidate's position and record in support of OEA educational priorities.

Need to look up your House and Senate District? Enter your Zip code or address at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislators/district-maps>

Donate online now to FCPE at <https://www.ohea.org/donate/>. No dues money can go to candidates, only voluntary FCPE contributions.

\*- Endorsed as friendly incumbent  
**Bold — District within NEOEA boundaries**

**Campaign 2020  
OEA Endorsed Candidates**

**Ohio Supreme Court Justice**

- Judge Jennifer Brunner
- Judge John O'Donnell

**Ohio Senate**

- SD 2 Theresa Gavarone (R)\***
- SD 4 Kathy Wyenandt (D)
- SD 6 Mark Fogel (D)
- SD 8 Louis Blessing (R)
- SD 10 No Position
- SD 12 No Endorsement
- SD 14 Ryan Ottney (D)
- SD 16 Crystal Lett (D)
- SD 18 Betsy Rader (D)**
- SD 20 Christian Johnson (D)
- SD 22 No Position**
- SD 24 Tom Jackson (D)**
- SD 26 Craig Swartz (D)
- SD 28 Vernon Sykes (D)\***
- SD 30 Michael Fletcher (D)
- SD 32 Sean O'Brien (D)**

**Ohio House**

- HD 1 Alison Theiss (D)**
- HD 2 No Position
- HD 3 Haraz Ghanbari (R)
- HD 4 Bob Cupp (R)\*
- HD 5 No Position**
- HD 6 Phil Robinson (D)\***
- HD 7 Tom Patton (R)\***
- HD 8 Kent Smith (D)\***
- HD 9 Janine Boyd (D)\***

- HD 10 Terrence Upchurch (D)\***
- HD 11 Stephanie Howse (D)\***
- HD 12 Juanita Brent (D)\***
- HD 13 Mike Skindell (D)\***
- HD 14 Bride Rose Sweeney (D)\***
- HD 15 Jeffrey Crossman (D)\***
- HD 16 Monique Smith (D)**
- HD 17 Adam Miller (D)\*
- HD 18 Kristin Boggs (D)\*
- HD 19 Mary Lightbody (D)\*
- HD 20 Richard Brown (D)\*
- HD 21 Beth Liston (D)
- HD 22 David Leland (D)\*
- HD 23 Nancy Day-Achauer (D)
- HD 24 Allison Russo (D)
- HD 25 Dontavius Jarrells (D)
- HD 26 Erica Crawley (D)\*
- HD 27 Sara Bitter (D)
- HD 28 Jessica Miranda (D)\*
- HD 29 Cindy Abrams (R)
- HD 30 Bill Seitz (R)\*
- HD 31 Brigid Kelly (D)\*
- HD 32 Catherine Ingram (D)\*
- HD 33 No Position
- HD 34 Emilia Strong Sykes (D)\***
- HD 35 Tavia Galonski (D)\***
- HD 36 Matt Shaughnessy (D)**
- HD 37 Casey Weinstein (D)\***
- HD 38 Bill Roemer (R)**
- HD 39 Willis Blackshear Jr (D)
- HD 40 No Position
- HD 41 Cate Berger (D)
- HD 42 No Position
- HD 43 No Position
- HD 44 Paula Hicks-Hudson (D)\*
- HD 45 Lisa Sobecki (D)\*
- HD 46 Michael Sheehy (D)\*
- HD 47 Nancy Larson (D)
- HD 48 Scott Oelslager (R)
- HD 49 Thomas West (D)\*
- HD 50 No Position
- HD 51 No Position
- HD 52 No Position
- HD 53 Michelle Novak (D)
- HD 54 Morgan Showen (D)
- HD 55 Gayle Manning (R)\***
- HD 56 Joe Miller (D)\***
- HD 57 Dara Adkinson (D)**
- HD 58 Michele Lepore-Hagan (D)\***
- HD 59 Chris Stanley (D)**
- HD 60 Dan Troy (D)**
- HD 61 Adam Dudziak (D)**
- HD 62 Erin Rosiello (D)
- HD 63 Gil Blair (D)**
- HD 64 Michael O'Brien (D)\***
- HD 65 Alan Darnowsky (D)
- HD 66 No Position
- HD 67 Rachael Morocco (D)

- HD 68 Rick Carfagna (R)\*
- HD 69 Donna Beheydt (D)**
- HD 70 Kevin Barnett (D)**
- HD 71 Mark Fraizer (R)
- HD 72
- HD 73 Kim McCarthy (D)
- HD 74 No Position
- HD 75 Randi Clites (D)\***
- HD 76 Garrett Westhoven (D)**
- HD 77 Melissa Wilde (D)
- HD 78 Charlotte Owens (D)
- HD 79 Cindy Richards (D)
- HD 80 No Position
- HD 81 No Position
- HD 82 No Position
- HD 83 John Cross (R)
- HD 84 Susan Manchester (R)
- HD 85 No Position
- HD 86 Tracy Richardson (R)
- HD 87 No Position
- HD 88 Chris Liebold (D)
- HD 89 Alexis Miller (D)**
- HD 90 No Position
- HD 91 Scott Dailey (D)
- HD 92 Beth Workman (D)
- HD 93 No Position
- HD 94 Jay Edwards (R)\*
- HD 95 Don Jones (R)
- HD 96 No Position
- HD 97 Alaina Swope (D)
- HD 98 Brett Hillyer (R)
- HD 99 Richard Dana (D)**

**Retired POP5  
Protect Our Pensions  
OEA Report**

Many members have again received a solicitation from an organization called Protect Our Pensions, also known as POP5. OEA and OEA Retired want you to know that while there does not appear to be any inherent conflict between the stated goals of POP5 and OEA, it is important to note that there is nothing that POP5 is seeking to accomplish that OEA and our allies are not already working on.

Download the POP5 - OEA Report: <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/files/2017/09/POP5-OEA-Report.pdf>.



## Congratulations!

We are so fortunate to have TWO ESP of the Year!

- NEA ESP of the Year—**Andrea Beeman**. Andrea is an NEA Director and President of Maple Org. Support Team.
- OEA ESP of the Year—**Barb Armour** is from Brunswick ESP Assn.
- Both are on the NEOEA Board of Directors.

## NEOEA Day

NEOEA Day is Friday, October 9, 2020. NEOEA Day represents your dues dollars at work. NEOEA Day programs provide growth opportunities and are an excellent way to get some of your NEOEA dues dollars back! Download the NEOEA Day Catalog on the NEOEA website: [https://neoea.org/neoea\\_day/neoea-day/](https://neoea.org/neoea_day/neoea-day/)

## 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:** NEOEA's group buying power makes discounts possible for our members through Best Benefits Club (BBC). As an NEOEA member, you already belong to Best Benefits Club; you do not pay any dues to take advantage of BBC membership benefits.
- \* **How will I learn about BBC discounts?**
  - Best Benefits Club does not contact individual members directly; it contacts them through their organizations. You can learn about BBC deals in several ways:
  - You'll hear about some BBC deals

through News and Views.

- The best way to learn about BBC offers is through the Best Benefits Club website, [bestbenefitsclub.com](http://bestbenefitsclub.com). The BBC website contains all of the BBC deals, BBC activities, and the most up-to-date information on them. Each discount has its own unique way of obtaining the discount, so please read the discount description carefully.
- You can sign up for the BBC weekly e-newsletter by clicking in the E-NEWS tab on the top of the BBC homepage.
- \* **How do I access Best Benefits Club discounts?**
  - Each person must register individually with the website to access the discounts. Go to [www.bestbenefitsclub.com](http://www.bestbenefitsclub.com), click on the Login tab near the top of the homepage. 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 to avoid delay of account activation.
  - Due to the COVID-19 issue, most waterpark/theme parks/zoos are not offering a discount through BBC at this time. Please check the BBC website to determine if the offer you seek is still valid. If you don't see something that was previously on their website, it may have been taken down because there is no discount available right now. There are still many great offers to be had, so please check them out!
  - For answers to BBC questions, you can call BBC at 330.273.5756. Their 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/>.

- **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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- Nancy Wonson, Lakewood TA-R; Chairperson
- Dennis Lewis, Parma EA-R; Vice Chair
- Sherri Koncilija, 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
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- Beryl Burkle, Bedford EA-R
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- 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/>

**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**

- Sept 15** NEOEA Retired Organizing Committee, Zoom
- Sept 21** NEOEA Chat with the Candidates, Zoom
- Oct 6** Absentee Mail-In Ballots sent—Vote and return ASAP
- Nov 3** Election Day
- Nov 7** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Zoom
- Dec 5** OEA Representative Assembly, Zoom—TBD
- Jan 26** NEOEA Leadership Summit
- Feb 9** NEOEA Retired Organizing Committee, Zoom
- Feb 22** NEOEA Legislative Receptions
- Mar 6** NEOEA Megaconference
- Mar 30** NEOEA Retired Spring Conference

**OEA Campaign 2020 Outreach Circle**

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