

# More Than Membership:

## Volunteer to serve on an MNEA Committee

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As an MNEA Committee member, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Contribute your expertise and ideas: Share your knowledge and perspective and help MNEA develop and implement goals and activities.
- Collaborate with your MNEA colleagues: Be a part of a group of like-minded individuals committed to making a difference on a collaborative and supportive team.
- Make a real impact: See your work directly influence MNEA, driving positive change for our members.
- Develop your skills and network: Learn more about your union, gain valuable experience, enhance your leadership skills, and expand your professional network.

### No experience necessary!

Whether you are a seasoned professional, an enthusiast, or someone with a passion for a particular subject, there is a place for you on an MNEA Committee. We value diversity of thought and experience, and believe that every voice can contribute to shaping our Association.

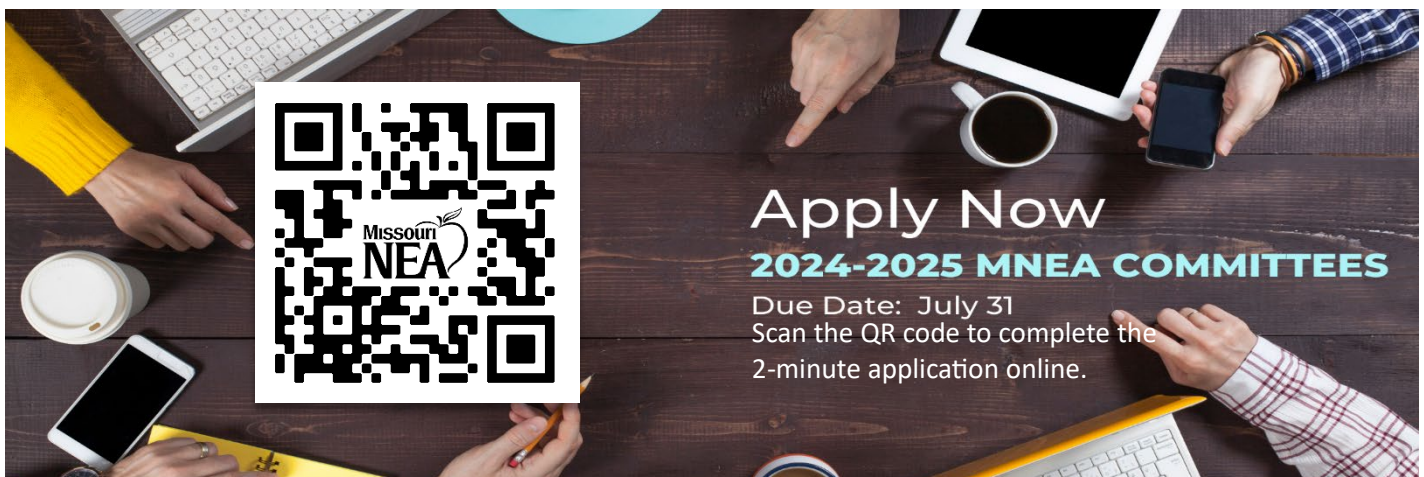
#### Committee details:

- All committee members will participate in an informational training.
- Committee meetings are scheduled by committee chairs and members. Meetings will occur in person and virtually. Some committees meeting more frequently than others.
- Mileage and some expenses are reimbursed for committee members, guided by MNEA policies.
- Committee members are appointed by the MNEA President (unless otherwise specified by C&B) and they make every effort to ensure equity in representation.
- Committee chairpersons are appointed by the MNEA President (unless otherwise specified by C&B) and chairperson responsibilities are guided by MNEA policies.

### Spread the word!

Share this opportunity with your colleagues and friends who might be interested in joining you.

### Committee volunteer forms due by July 31.



# MNEA Committees

## Communications and Research Advisory Committee

- Assist locals develop effective public relations committees and activities.
- Recommend organizing strategies, materials, and opportunities for locals to increase and maintain market share and engage members in MNEA activities.
- Advance local member capacity, involvement, and recruitment through membership materials and communications best practices.

## Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee

- Introduce, present, interpret, and recommend amendments to MNEA governing documents.
- Assist locals with governing documents and best practices.

## Credentials Committee

- Verify, register, and support RA delegates.
- Conduct and certify RA elections reflecting MNEA principles.

## Ethnic Minority Advisory Committee- EMAC

*EMAC membership includes representation of Native People, Asian, Black, Latin(o/a/x), Middle Eastern and North African, Multiracial, and Pacific Islander MNEA members. EMAC supports greater racial equity, inclusion, and ethnic minority involvement:*

- Provide input into programs and services that increase ethnic-minority membership and participation.
- Recognize local association efforts to involve Native People and People of Color members.
- Support the leadership development of MNEA members of color.
- Recommend and assist with Association trainings focused on ethnic-minority issues.
- Assist with Leadership Development and Professional Development trainings.

## Government Relations Advisory Committee

- Recommend organizing strategies, materials, and opportunities for locals to increase and maintain member engagement in MNEA political activities and activism.
- Assist with Leadership Development and Political Advocacy trainings.

## Membership and Organizing Advisory Committee

- Recommend membership strategies for local recruitment and retention.
- Recommend organizing strategies, materials, and opportunities for locals to increase and maintain market share and engage members in MNEA activities.
- Develop membership recognition and incentive programs.
- Review programs, products, and services available to members.
- Offer recommendations on strategies to enhance member awareness of MNEA benefits.
- Assist locals with best practices for local recruitment and retention.
- Assist with Organizing and Leadership Development trainings.

## Professional Practice Advisory Committee

- Design and coordinate programs to address current instructional and professional development issues.
- Engage and inform members of the actions of the State Board of Education, DESE, and state advisory councils.

- Promote participation in MNEA's NBCT, Beginning Teacher Assistance programs.
- Develop member engagement around all aspects of professional development and educator recruitment and retention.
- Assist with Leadership Development and Professional Development trainings.

## Resolutions Committee

- Ensure the Resolutions accurately reflect the Association position and priorities on issues of public education and public sector unions.
- Review/revise MNEA Resolutions to ensure relevance and reflect current terminology, research, and best practices.

## Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity Committee - SOGI

*The SOGI Committee works to raise awareness of issues relevant to students and members of the LGBTQ+ community:*

- Curate resources, training, and best practices available to members focusing on fostering a culture of respect and appreciation for diverse gender identities and expressions.
- Support the leadership development of MNEA LGBTQ+ members.
- Share best practices for educators as allies to students and members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Recommend and assist with Association trainings focused on LGBTQ+ issues.
- Assist with Leadership Development and Professional Development trainings.

## Special Education and Mental Health Committee- SEAM

*The Special Education and Mental Health Committee supports creating safe, inclusive, and fair public schools and workplaces for all students and members:*

- Curate resources, training, and best practices available to members regarding special education and mental health that promote academic success, safety, and social and emotional wellness for students and educators in public schools.
- Recommend and assist with Association trainings focused on special education and mental health issues.
- Advocate for developmentally appropriate special education and mental health inclusive curricula.
- Advocate for the fair administration of student discipline policies that treat all students with dignity and respect.
- Assist with Leadership Development and Professional Development trainings.

## Women's Issues Committee- WIC

*The Women's Issues Committee promotes gender equity in public education:*

- Curate resources, training, and best practices available to members that address the unique challenges faced by female students and educators.
- Share resources, training, and best practices available to members focusing on strategies to close gender gaps in academic achievement, enrollment in STEM fields, and leadership positions.
- Recommending and assist with Association trainings focused on women's issues.
- Support the leadership development of women MNEA members.
- Assist with Leadership Development and Professional Development trainings.

# MNEA State Committees

## 2024-2025 Volunteer Application Form

Due Date: July 31, 2024



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Email (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education Position:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood/PreK | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Subject Area: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary           | <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School        | <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School          | <input type="checkbox"/> ESP Position: _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                |

### Ethnic Group:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-ethnic                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian (not of Spanish origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                             |   |

Please check the box to indicate your first, second or third preferences for consideration of committee appointment:

- | 1 <sup>st</sup>          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>          | 3 <sup>rd</sup>          |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Communications and Research Advisory Committee      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Women's Issues Committee- WIC                       |

What are your interests, expertise, or enthusiasm for your committee preferences?

### **Thank you for volunteering to serve.**

The expertise and contributions of MNEA's committees help the Association strengthen its advocacy on behalf of students and educators. Scan the QR code above to complete online or return your completed form to Missouri NEA, 1810 E Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101. All applications must be received by July 31 to be considered.