

# Election 2026

## MNEA-Retired Candidates

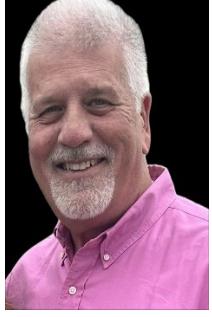
### SECRETARY

**Vote for 1 candidate.** (two-year term June 1, 2026-Aug. 31, 2028)

	<p><b>Kate Kraybill</b></p> <p>This is my first year as an MNEA-Retired member, and I'm grateful to continue serving an organization that has shaped my 35-year career in public education. I've taught at every level—elementary, middle, and high school, and in rural, suburban, and urban communities. Throughout my years in MNEA, I was honored to serve as Blue Springs NEA president, vice president, and secretary, as well as an MNEA RA and NEA RA representative. At the state level, I served on the Women's Issues and Resolutions committees and the MNEA PAC Board. I'm excited to stay actively involved in MNEA-Retired. Thank you for your support.</p>
	<p><b>Patrick McPartland</b></p> <p>I am currently serving as the Secretary of the MNEA Retired Executive Council. I am proud of the work that we have done as MNEA Retired has moved towards being an impactful local and want to continue to help with that work. As a lifelong MNEA member, I know the value of our organization and the power we have to advocate for our profession and the students, families and communities that educators serve. I look forward to the chance to continue that multi-faceted work and ask for your vote.</p>

### DELEGATES TO NEA-RETIREED AND NEA RA

**Vote for 5 delegates.** NEA RA is Summer 2026 (One-year term). Those who are not elected as delegates will serve as alternates. **Treena Murray, 1st Delegate as President per Policy**

	<p><b>Phillip Murray</b></p> <p>I am asking for your vote to serve as a delegate to the NEA-R Annual Meeting and 2026 NEA RA—a pivotal moment in our union's history, with contested elections for NEA Executive Officers and critical decisions that will shape our future. With 18 years of leadership at NEA and MNEA, I bring experience, insight, and a deep understanding of the challenges we face. Though I recently retired, my commitment to public education and our union's mission remains unwavering. I am ready to continue the work, join our MNEA-R delegation, and fight passionately to ensure our voice is heard.</p>
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	<p><b>Terry (Theresa) Reger</b>  I have been the vice-president and past president of MNEA-Retired. I am a member of the Metro Advocacy Committee and serve as past-president of MNEA-Retired. I was the first MNEA member to serve on the PSRS/PEERS Board of Directors. The Missouri Council for the Social Studies awarded me the High School Teacher of the Year in 1985. I was one of the Missouri State Finalists for Teacher of the Year in 1986-87. I was chairperson of the Social Security Retirement Task Force that wrote the bill allowing Retirees to enroll in school district's health insurance. I would appreciate your vote.</p>
	<p><b>Kate Kraybill</b>  This is my first year as an MNEA-Retired member, and I'm grateful to continue serving an organization that has shaped my 35-year career in public education. I've taught at every level—elementary, middle, and high school, and in rural, suburban, and urban communities. Throughout my years in MNEA, I was honored to serve as Blue Springs NEA president, vice president, and secretary, as well as an MNEA RA and NEA RA representative. At the state level, I served on the Women's Issues and Resolutions committees and the MNEA PAC Board. I'm excited to stay actively involved in MNEA-Retired. Thank you for your support.</p>
	<p><b>Timothy Ema</b>  My name is Tim Ema, and I would appreciate your vote. I've served as a member of the MNEA retired RA for many years and have tried unsuccessfully to attend the National RA. I would like to serve as an executive counsel at large. My name is Tim Ema and I would appreciate your vote.</p>
	<p><b>Judith Hinsley</b>  It is rewarding to stay connected to our profession as a MNEA-Retired member. Current public school teachers face ongoing, unique challenges and our group advocates for educational climate improvements. More voices help address challenges like less funding even when there is more student need, push for more charter schools with different accountability, and general disrespect for public education at state and federal levels. Currently I'm on Metro-Retired Executive Council, Advocacy and CHEER Grant selection committees. I've participated in numerous Lobby Days and state/national RAs as a delegate. I would be honored with your vote to attend the NEA Annual Meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Kassie Payne</b>  My name is Kassie Payne, and I am asking for your vote for me for one of the delegates to the NEA RA. I am currently serving as the treasurer for MNEA-Retired, as a member of NEA-Retired PAC fundraiser committee, and as the president of the Greater Kansas City area retired MNEA group. I was a representative to the NEA Representative Assembly back in the early 90s as an active, and I haven't been back since. I would love to represent you and the MNEA retirees at both the retired annual meeting and the RA. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

**Doug Hurst**

My name is Doug Hurst. I am declaring my candidacy for the NEA-R Annual meeting/NEA RA and MNEA Representative Assembly.

I retired from St. Louis Community College. I was a Professor of Communications and Legal Studies.

I was a member of the MNEA State Board of Directors-representing Higher Education. I was also a member of the MNEA State Constitution, Bylaws and Rules Committee.

I am currently an At-Large Member of the MNEA-R Executive Council.

I am committed to advocating for retired members. I ask for your support in representing MNEA-Retired and public education. Thank you.

**Joyce Bluett**

Serving as a local leader has caused me to always stay informed on all matters regarding education.

Our field is in crisis. Due to the attacks of those who would like to take public money and give it to private schools, homeschools, and charter schools. It is important that when decisions are being made that we are a part of the decision making process.

I am Joyce Bluett. I would like to be your voice as an advocate for and protector of our great public schools. I seek and sincerely appreciate your support.