



Terry's Table Talk

The ending of my term as president is bittersweet. My journey in becoming involved in the teachers' association happened to be my first year as a teacher in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. An association member asked me to run for secretary at the end of my first year. By my fifth year, I was president of the newly Federal court-ordered merger of the Ferguson-Florissant-Berkeley-Kinloch School Districts NEA. I was the Professional Negotiations Chair for our teachers for twenty years.



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 a Missouri State Finalist for 1986-87 Teacher of the Year. I served as a Team Member on NCATE and was Chairperson of the Social Security Retirement Task Force (1985-86) that wrote the bill allowing retirees to enroll in school district's health insurance, which passed the legislature that year.

I spent six years as Vice-President of MNEA-Retired. As Vice-President, I started the two-year membership payment option. I wrote four successful Retired Membership grants from NEA, which helped increase the number of MNEA Retirees. One year, we added 44 new retired members.

While I served as president of MNEA-Retired, MNEA-Retired successfully transitioned from an organization supported by a Director and a secretary to a self-functioning local. The members of the Executive Council made changes to our Bylaws and brought retired documents up-to-date. The *FOCUS* was put together by our MNEA secretary, but presently, our Communications Chair and Executive Council member, Holly Garrett, does the *FOCUS* and *JOLT*. Holly has been my mentor, supporting me throughout my term as president. We have our treasurer, Kassie Payne, doing the work of our former Director. We have Treena Murray who has brought MNEA-R documents up-to-date. Most importantly, I have had two Vice-Presidents, Georgia Brady and Linda Innes, who have supported me, always asking me what they may do to help me. Thanks to all the of the Executive

Council members, present and past, who have always stepped up when I needed their help. I thank everyone on the Executive Council who have worked diligently to make MNEA-Retired a great and new organization.

I also want to thank the Chair and retired members who have served on our important Committees: CHEER, Budget, Bylaws and Rules, Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award, Volunteer of the Year, Elections, Membership and Grants, and Political Advocacy.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president, but it is time to pass the torch to Treena Murray. I wish her every success as the newly elected president of MNEA-Retired.

Terry



Annual Meeting

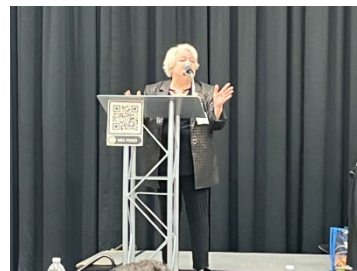
In spite of torrential rain, the Annual Meeting was well attended at the Doubletree in Chesterfield. We started a little later than usual and dessert was served with coffee for attendees. President Reger's last Annual Meeting covered a variety of topics. We were fortunate to have MNEA President Phil Murray, PSRS Executive Director Dearld Snyder, and US Representative Connie Steinmetz as speakers.



President Phil Murray



PSRS Ex. Director Snyder



US Representative Connie Steinmetz

A double auction to raise funds for MNEA PAC started the meeting. Janet Leachman was the auctioneer again for the live auction portion of the meeting. As usual, we had many goodies available in our "bag auction" and we raised \$2545 this year, topping last year by over \$500! Thanks to all who brought items for the auction and to everyone who purchased tickets to win the items.

Auctioneer *extraordinaire*

Thanksgiving table linens



Handmade music quilt

And there was a great crowd looking at all the bag goodies and buying their tickets to hopefully win. This year, we were able to use QR codes for folks to purchase tickets. MNEA-Retired travels into new technology.



Traditional checks



QR codes



Shopping for goodies!



More shopping!

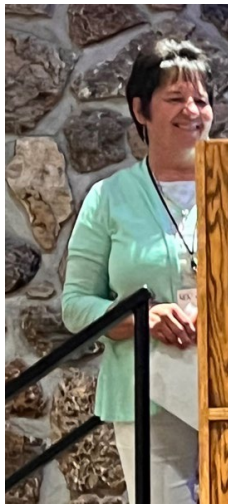
Business and awards

The members in attendance voted unanimously to send a resolution to the Missouri Congressional Delegation regarding the dismantling of the Department of Education.

Vice President Linda Innes reported on the successful NEA Organizing grant application. The plan is to have retirement seminars statewide for the fall of 2025 and the spring of 2026. Part of the funding went to the creation of a commercial advertising MNEA-Retired. It was shown to the delegates at the RA and is on the website and the MNEA-Retired Facebook page.

Traditionally, MNEA-Retired gives out two awards each year: the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award. This year, Sharon Giesler's committee did not receive any nominations for the Volunteer of the Year. Sharon spoke to the members and explained how to submit a nomination in the future.

The Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award was presented by Kassie Payne to Martha Karlovetz for her on-going dedication to getting the Social Security Fairness Act (GPO/WEP) passed.



Sharon updates the members.



Kassie presents Martha with her award.



MNEA-Retired Votes!



Ballots cast: 219

President – Treena Murray	Uncontested, elected by acclamation.
Vice President – Linda Innes – 178	Tim Ema – 36
Historian – Lisa Kickbush	Uncontested, elected by acclamation
Treasurer – Kassie Payne	Uncontested, elected by acclamation
Budget Chair – Brent Fullington	Uncontested, elected by acclamation

Executive Council Members at Large: (4 positions, two year terms)

Jane McPartland – 173	Tim Ema 119
Sabrina Button – 167	
Doug Hurst – 158	
Susan Whitehead Clark – 152	

Delegates to NEA-Retired and NEA RA (4 positions - Those that are not elected as delegates will serve as alternates.)

Terry Reger – 173	Netty Doyle – 109	First alternate
Judy Hinsley – 172	Doug Hurst – 108	Second alternate
Joyce Bluett – 179	Tim Ema – 83	Third alternate
Martha Karlovetz – 171		

Delegates to MNEA RA (12 positions - Those that are not elected as delegates will serve as alternates.)

Carol Weatherford – 171	Joe DeLuca – 123	First alternate
Terry Reger – 165	Doug Hurst – 116	Second alternate
Martha Karlovetz – 164	Tim Ema – 113	Third alternate
Lisa Kickbush – 158	Joe O’Neal – 103	Fourth alternate
JoWanda Bozeman – 153		
Kassie Payne – 152		
Sharon Giesler – 150		
Don Schulte – 146		
Kay Coen – 137		
Susan Whitehead Clark – 135		
Sabrina Button – 127		
Jennifer Clossum – 126		



Lisa Kickbush, Linda Innes, Treena Murray, Brent Fullington, and Kassie Payne are the newly elected Executive Council Officers.



President Reger congratulates the newly elected Executive Council members.

And the winners are . . .

CHEER Grant Recipients – spring 2025

12 grants were funded for a total of \$3976.90!



Jillian Anslow
Elizabeth Benson
Emily Collop
Kurt Edwards

Shannon Feldewerth
Shelby Fick
Karen King
Alison Loosmore

Lisa Pace
Heather Slate
Isabelle Smith
Leigh Ann Unterreiner



Congratulations!

Reminders . . .

MNEA-Retired Capitol Action Day is **May 7**. Plan on attending so our voice may be heard by our legislators.

Make sure that MNEA has a current HOME email address so that you receive information about the things your regional group is doing.

Check the MNEA-Retired Facebook page for more information about upcoming events.

Enjoy some fun in the sun before folks begin gathering for the “Not Back to School” picnics.



Contribute to CHEER

Lend a hand to our colleagues working in the classroom and virtually by making a contribution to help fund future grants.

www.mnea.org/CHEER.



Retirement PSRS/PEERS Meeting Report

Missouri NEA Legislative Director Otto Fajen represents MNEA and MNEA-Retired members at the meetings of the PSRS/PEERS Board. Read the report of the latest meeting at www.mnea.org/PSRS.



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