



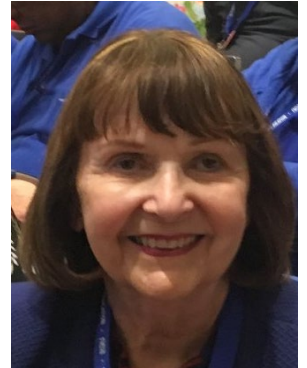
Focus

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Terry's Table Talk

We had our Virtual Annual Meeting and our candidate elections on April 23. We hope that this is our **last** Virtual Annual meeting since virtual meetings are so impersonal. The Bylaws Committee proposed a change for elections that are held at the Annual Meeting. The changes are to have elections by **secret** electronic ballot sent to all **pre-registered** MNEA-Retired members prior to the Annual meeting. At the Annual meeting, election results will be shared with the attendees and via the *FOCUS*. Below you will find the election results.



We had many retirees asking how to contribute to CHEER, MNEA PAC, the Greg Jung Scholarship fund, and most importantly, the NEA Fund. As we prepare for the 2022 Congressional races, we must increase our NEA Funding support to not only make sure we keep our Senators and Representatives who are running for reelection, but also to gain more Congressional seats. We need to elect candidates who believe in vaccinations, racial justice, employment in energy saving jobs, health care, public education, Social Security, unions, and public pensions. Every one of these issues affects retirees, our families, and our friends. We will be sending out an email and/or letter to our retirees asking for their support for the NEA PAC fund. There will be a link to click so we can contribute electronically, and it is very easy to use.

Focus Points . . .

- ❖ Congratulations go to the *Horace Mann Award for Legislation* winner, Paula Brown, who is the Missouri Representative for District 70. Paula is retired from the Hazelwood School District and served many years as the president of the Hazelwood NEA.
- ❖ Congratulations to all those who have been vaccinated! 75 % of those above the age of 65 have had their shots.
- ❖ CHEER grants were given to 7 active teachers for a variety of needs this year.

Meet PSRS/PEERS Executive Director Dearld Snider

We have scheduled a webinar on May 12th at 10:30 a.m. with Dearld Snider, the new PSRS/PEERS Executive Director. Please register to attend. He will be discussing the following issues:

1. Inflation updates and what that means for PSRS/PEERS COLAs. (something dear to all of us as retirees)
2. Investment markets and the impact on PSRS/PEERS.
3. Reopening PSRS/PEERS for in person counseling sessions, member education events, etc.
4. Legislative Update.

Click the link to register for the Webinar: <https://mnea-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdeGsrT4rHNOHTIaVhuwNop7kz9x4fqnB>

2021 Election Results

A total of 88 ballots were submitted out of the 120 ballots issued.

MNEA-Retired President

Terry Reger - 84

Tim Ema - 3

MNEA-Retired Vice President

Georgia Brady - 83

Tim Ema - 4

MNEA-Retired Historian

Janet Leachman - Uncontested, elected by acclamation.

MNEA-R Budget

JoWanda Bozeman -Uncontested, elected by acclamation.

PAC Delegate

Nancy Copenhaver - Uncontested, elected by acclamation.

MNEA Board of Directors

Linda Innes - 78

Tim Ema - 8

Executive Council Members-At-Large (4 positions)

Susan McClintic -58

Linda Innes - 49

Lisa Kickbush - 55

Gail Rock - 43

Beth Ann Roland - 52

Tim Ema - 16

Kassie Payne - 51



Delegates to NEA-Retired and NEA RA

(5 positions: Those that are not elected as delegates will serve as alternates.)

Nancy Copenhaver - 73

Terry Reger* - 71

Georgia Brady - 64

Joyce Bluett - 63

Martha Karlovetz - 59

Judy Hinsley - 42

Gail Rock – 1st alternate - 24

Tim Ema – 2nd alternate - 16

**automatically a delegate as President*

Delegates to MNEA RA

(12 positions: Those that are not elected as delegates will serve as alternates.)

Carol Weatherford - 77

Georgia Brady - 71**

Peggy Cochran - 71

Terry Reger* - 71

JoWanda Bozeman - 66

Linda Innes* - 59**

Kay Coen - 58

Lisa Kickbush - 57

Kassie Payne - 57

Frank Rogan - 57

Don Schulte - 55

Dorothy Walk - 54

Beth Ann Roland - 50

Sharon Geisler - 49

Gail Rock - 43

Joe DeLuca – 1st alternate - 35

Tim Ema – 2nd alternate - 27

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CHEER Grant Recipients

Alexandria Libby, Lindbergh School District

Francine Hill, Francis Howell School District

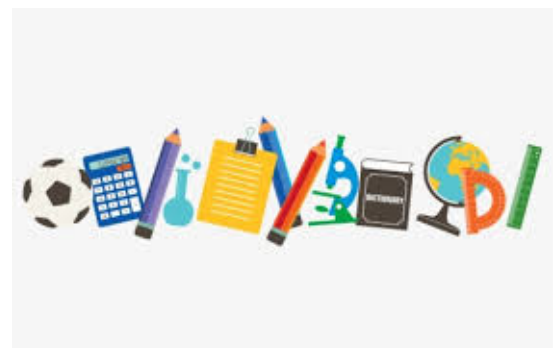
Jess Crawford, North Calloway School District

Amy Larrington, Camdenton School District

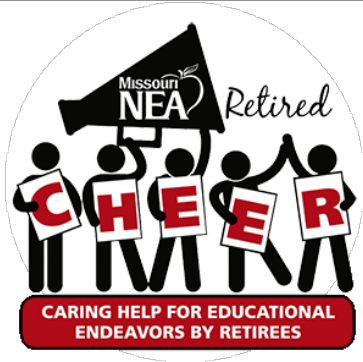
Beth Stegall, St. Charles School District

Rainah Pray, Francis Howell School District

Whitney Moore and Teresa Gooch, Columbia School District



Thanks to MNEA-Retired members Kathleen Libby, Grace Clifford, Trenea Murray, Carol Weatherford, Cindy Witzel, Judy Hinsley, and Rhonda Moore for sponsoring these classroom teachers and helping to fulfill their “wish lists.” Teachers were able to provide such varied items as mini trampolines for kindergarteners to replacement classroom library books to science research materials (Green Thumb Greenhouse!) for middle schoolers. All of this was made possible by your contributions to **CHEER**.



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 Watch

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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