



Missouri NEA-Retired Election 2023 Candidate Biographies

Candidates are listed by position in the order they declared candidacy.



Candidates for President

two-year term, 2023-24 & 2024-25



Terry Reger

As we are all well aware, the COVID virus disrupted in-person meetings for the MNEA family. Unfortunately, many of the plans I had for MNEA-Retired were put on "hold." If I am re-elected for the next two years, I will be able to move forward and have retirees help create a new vision , mission , and goals for the future of our organization. Together, we will restart the St. Charles Regional groups and provide all of our regionals with their membership needs. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

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therefore, she is elected by acclamation.*



Candidates for Vice President

two-year term, 2023-24 & 2024-25

Tim Ema

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Linda Innes

Linda Innes resides in Belton, MO, which is part of the Kansas City Metro. She retired in 2019 after teaching 7th grade English and later ELL in the Center School District for 31 years. While an active member, she served as the local's secretary for 7 years and then president for 4 years. While president, Linda's local successfully won a district-wide vote for collective bargaining. Linda also served as the secretary at two national RA's for MNEA. Once retired, Linda became an active member of the Greater Kansas City MNEA-R Regional as their treasurer. For the last two years, she has also served on the MNEA Board of Directors representing the MNEA-Retired as well as serving on the Executive Council for MNEA-Retired.



Candidates for Historian

two-year term, 2023-24 & 2024-25



Janet Leachman

Serving as the Historian of our MNEA-Retired membership would be an honor and a privilege. You may know me in the past as the Historian, CHEER chair, a member of the MNEA-Retired Executive Council, Volunteer of the Year and before that as the Chairperson of the Greater Kansas City NEA-Retired regional, the President and other offices of the Platte County Education Association. I've been fortunate in my association with MNEA to be able to attend RAs and NEA RAs as well as Lobby Days, Summer Leaderships and other Association functions. Promptness and efficiency are what come to mind as I think about the responsibilities of the office of Historian. I pledge to you to do my very best to fulfill the role of your historian and would deeply appreciate your vote for me!

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Candidates for Budget Chair

two-year term, 2023-24 & 2024-25



Jo Wanda Bozeman

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Candidates for Executive Council Member-At-Large

two-year term, 2023-24 & 2024-25, four (4) to be elected



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Treena Murray

My name is Treena Murray and I'd appreciate the opportunity to serve you on the MNEA Retired Executive Council. I began my NEA journey when I did my student teaching in 1982. I joined MNEA in 1984 in Poplar Bluff. I am a second generation MNEA member as I was brought up in the adventurous and challenging fight for Independence by my Mother. I have served as President of PBMNEA and been a delegate to both the NEA RAs MNEA RAs. I was Chair of the MNEA Summer Academy and presently serve on MNEA Credentials. I retired in 2019.



Margery Doss

Margery Doss is running for MNEA-R Executive Board to support MNEA candidates running in local elections. Margery is retired from the Special School District of St Louis County, where she was on the Executive Board of her local - SDNEA. She continues to advocate for educators as an NEA blended learning facilitator, sharing her 40 years of experience with educators looking for practical strategies they can use in their schools while earning professional development credits.



Jane McPartland

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Georgia Brady

I want to serve on the Executive Council because I can make a meaningful contribution. Since my retirement, I have served as Secretary, Historian, Vice-President and RA Delegate for MNEA-Retired. I am open to new ideas and ready to listen. I am asking for your vote and thank you for considering my candidacy.



E. Gail Rock

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Candidates for Delegate to NEA-R and NEA RA

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Judy Hinsley

Being a member of MNEA-R has been so rewarding. I loved my job for 39 years and now I'm still able to continue to be active in our profession. I've been on the Executive Council, attended numerous Lobby Days, been a delegate to the RA's, and am currently secretary of Metro-Retired. Our profession needs us to continue working for them to be able to TEACH-not in scripted lessons-but creatively to meet the needs of their children. This is only one of the reasons I'd be honored to be one of your delegates to the RA in Florida. Thank you

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Martha Karlovetz

This is to declare my candidacy to serve as an MNEA-Retired delegate to the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and the NEA-Representative Assembly in Orlando. As many of you know who have attended these meetings, I do my homework, contribute to the discussions and the decision making and take the responsibility of serving as a delegate seriously. With the current attacks on public education, uniting and standing strong at the 2023 NEA-RA will be more important than ever. I would appreciate your support and your vote to serve as a delegate to the NEA-RA.



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Joyce Bluett

As a member of the NEA Retired Legislative Committee, Secretary of Missouri NEA-Retired, Chair of the MNEA Women's Issues Committee, and an active member of my local, I am involved at every level. As a result, it is very important that I stay informed about issues that relate to our members and profession. The NEA Representative Assembly is the largest deliberative body in our country. The decisions governing our Association are made there. It would be my honor to be your voice and to represent you. I seek and appreciate your support.

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Dorothy Walk

I would like your vote to be able to continue to represent all the retired members at the MNEA-RA. I am currently a member of the MNEA Resolution committee and have been for several years.. I believe strong public schools are vital to our state and nation and that NEA and MNEA are the best organizations to to make that happen. Thank you for your vote.

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Nancy Copenhaver

During my career as a business teacher at Moberly I served my local as president and other offices, on the MNEA Board, attended RAs regularly, both state and national. I love the camaraderie and involvement in the action of representing teachers/retirees to effect change in our profession, for educators, students, and retirees. As a retiree I've served on the MNEA-R Board and represented retirees on the MNEA Board. Please send this former Missouri legislator and political junkie from outstate Missouri to the MNEA RA to advocate for YOU and our profession, we still have work to do!



Kay Coen

Hi, I am Kay Coen from Blue Springs. I have been a member of MNEA and MNEA - Ret for many years. I have served as Secretary and member at large on the MNEA - Retired Executive Council. Currently I am co-chair of the Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award committee and have served as such for about 10 years. I am also a Blue Springs R-IV School Board Member. I would like to continue to serve also as a delegate to the MNEA RA. I would appreciate your vote for this position.



Peggy Cochran

I am retired from the position of Executive Director of MNEA and taught school in Missouri for 21 years. I am active in Mid-MO Retired and MNEA Retired. I train IBB for Missouri school districts and do temporary assignments for NEA. I am chair of the Morgan County Democrats and serve as VP of the Lake Area Dems. I am parliamentarian for both the state and national boards of the National Women's Political Caucus. If re-elected, I will represent your interests well.

Candidates for Delegate to MNEA RA

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Carol Weatherford

Since being elected to the MNEA-Retired Executive Council in 2006, I have been actively involved in support for both our active and retired members. The highlight of my retired activity was the opportunity to serve as MNEA-Retired State President. During those six years, I gained many new friends from Regional groups around the state and I faithfully attended both MNEA and NEA RA's as a voting delegate. I will appreciate your vote for another 2-year term as a delegate to the MNEA Representative Assembly.



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Pat McPartland

As a former local president (Parkway NEA) and MNEA Board of Directors member, I would like to continue to serve our association and members as a delegate to MNEA Representative Assembly. It is vital that we are a proactive force for public schools and all those connected to them.



Joe DeLuca

I, Joseph DeLuca, am asking for your vote to be elected a MNEAR delegate to our Regional Assemblies. I taught for 30 years students in middle schools, junior highs, high schools, community colleges and universities in rural, suburban and urban area, I have been an active member in local, state, and national association affairs since the early 1970's. My interest in education is still very strong and I would like to continue to be involved - EDUCATION MATTERS!



Don Schulte

I believe that together we make a difference for our students and our profession! I want to continue to fight for public education in these troubled times!

Candidates for Delegate to MNEA RA

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Sharon Giesler

Hi! My name is Sharon Giesler. I retired from the Ste. Genevieve School District where I was involved in SGNEA. I am a Lifetime Member of MNEA-Retired and the Southeast MNEA-Retired Regional - where I serve as President and Liaison for SGNEA active teachers and ESP. I have also been a delegate to represent all retired members at the MNEA Representative Assembly (RA) for several years. I need your help so that I can continue to represent you! Please vote for Sharon Giesler for delegate to the MNEA-RA!



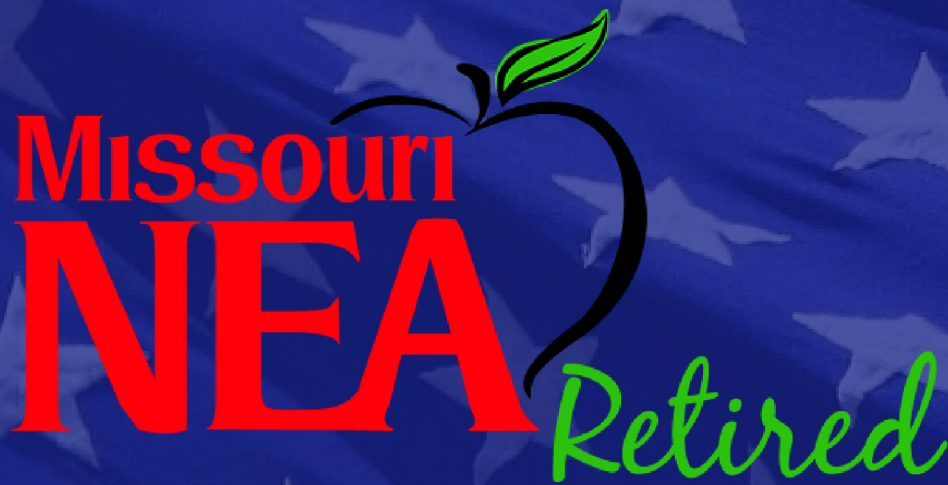
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Lisa Kickbusch

I have been an active member of MNEA-R since my retirement in 2019, serving on the elections committee, MNEA-R Ex. Council and the MNEA-R Vision and Mission Committee. I have attended the MNEA RA's as a retired member since the fall of 2021. Before retiring I attended MNEA-RA's for over 25 years and was active in the association in numerous ways at the local, state and national levels. I would like to continue to serve the MNEA-R members by continuing to attend the MNEA-RA's. Thank you in advance for your support.



Thank you for voting!