



## IT IS HERE – SPRING BREAK

You each have made it to Spring Break. Congratulations! As you take time this week to enjoy a little travel, home maintenance, family time, watching college basketball or whatever, do it with gusto. You have earned this time. If you want to sleep until noon, eat cereal for dinner and dessert for breakfast, I encourage you to do so.

Here is some information that I want you to be aware of while on Spring break.

### **Elections**

As noted in an earlier message, the OEA will be redoing the 2023 General Election. The election window will open on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and close on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. The election will be validated by the governance committee and candidates will be notified immediately following. Members will receive a ballot to vote in the election. The ballots are generated based on whether you are an elementary, middle, senior or alternative education level member. You will only be able to vote once with the ballot provided. The candidates, as approved by the Governance Committee, are listed below as well as those who were elected by acclamation.

#### **Candidates Middle Level Board Seat**

Amy Smith  
Andrew Hillmer  
Paula Aguirre

#### **Candidates Alternative Ed / TAC Board Seat**

Kim Gardiner  
Shannon Heng

#### **Candidates for NEA Representative Assembly**

Katie Cameron	Kim Gardiner	Anne King	Diana Casey
Edward Ventura	Paula Aguirre	Kristy Lee	Shannon Heng
Amy Smith	Michelle Richards	Kim Ferris	Tonja Frank
Andrew Hillmer	Stacie Stevens	Faith Johnson	Terri Childers
Meeghan Hartfield	Jim Goetz	Wes Jensen	Kiera Cummings

The following candidates were declared elected by acclamation on March 8<sup>th</sup> filing deadline for the 2023 General Election per Bylaw Article II Section 10.

#### **Vice President of Advocacy**

Kathy Poehling

#### **Elementary Level Board Seats**

Amanda Kloke

### Senior Level Board Seats

Rae Carlson

Jim Goetz

### NSEA Delegate Assembly

Katie Cameron	Michelle Richards	Kim Ferris	Jared Wagenknecht
Edward Ventura	Lori Krebs	Faith Johnson	Eric Opdahl
Amy Smith	Stacie Stevens	Wes Jenson	Rae Carlson
Amy Page	Carrie Pratt	Diana Casey	Micole Harms Brazell
Andrew Hillmer	Amanda Kloke	Shannon Heng	Molly Davies
Meeghan Hartfield	Justin Potts	Tonja Frank	Kim Mefford
Kim Gardiner	Jim Goetz	Terri Childers	Josh McDougall
Paula Aguirre	Kristy Lee	Kiera Cummings	Terrell Matthews
Kathleen Hayden Matthews			

### Retirement Seminar

The OEA has scheduled another presentation for March 28, 2023, beginning at 6:30pm. It will be presented by De Tonack, NSEA-Retired and Faith Johnson. If you would like to sign up, you may do so by using this link [OEA Retirement Seminar - MARCH 28, 2023](#). The presentation will be conducted via ZOOM. Those who sign up will be sent the link.

### Professional Development –

#### ***Protect Your Students: Successful Advocacy in Tough Times***

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the OEA will be hosting professional development workshops presented by the Educational Rights Counsel (ERC). Each workshop will cover a variety of topics in education and how to properly advocate for yourself, the educator, and your students. The event will be at the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center at UNO beginning at 9:00am and concluding at 11:00am. It is open to all OEA members, Aspiring Educators, and non-members. Seating is limited so register early. A light breakfast with juice and coffee will be provided. You may register by emailing me at [michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org](mailto:michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org).

### Tip Off

Here is the link to the latest edition of the [OEA March Tip-Off](#)

Enjoy your break, you all deserve it and more.

In Solidarity,  
Michelle

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