

2017 AEA Primary Election



Votes for the following candidates will be cast during the AEA Primary Election that will be held beginning at 8:00 a.m. on February 6, 2017 and ending on February 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. There are no statewide races in the primary election.



Voting for active members will be online at www.aeaonline.org. The voting site will be available seven days a week, 24 hours a day during the voting period. You must enter your voter id that is printed on your AEA membership card. Contact the AEA Office if you need any assistance with your voter id, 1-501-375-4611, Ext. 100. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

The following candidates are running for NEA Delegates. Delegates will represent the Arkansas Education Association at the NEA RA in Boston, MA on June 30 – July 5, 2017. Not all regions have candidates.

- Region 1 - Benton, Carroll, Madison, Washington Counties
- Region 3 - Clark, Columbia, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike & Sevier
- Region 5 - Conway, Faulkner, Johnson, Perry, Pope, Saline, White & Yell
- Region 7 - Arkansas, Chicot, Crittenden, Desha, Lee, Monroe & Phillips Counties
- Region 8 - Pulaski County
- Region 10 - Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Cleveland, Dallas, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring & Union

NEA Delegate – Region 1

(Vote for One)



Ashley Pledger
Library Media
Specialist
Rogers

I have the proven leadership to represent Region One for the NEA RA in 2017.

- President of my local association (Education

Association of Rogers)

- Board of Directors for the AEA, District 13
- Serve on the Legislative Committee for the AEA
- Representative for my school district's PPC committee
- National Board Certified

Thank you for the chance to represent Northwest Arkansas.



Cody Vest
Classroom Teacher
Rogers

My name is Cody Vest. I am currently teaching English at Rogers Heritage High School and working on my PhD in Leadership

Studies. I am currently studying the best practices for our English Language Learners for my dissertation. I have been teaching for fourteen years, and I would love the opportunity to represent AEA at the NEA Representative Assembly.

NEA Delegate – Region 3

(Vote for One)



Patricia Roberts
Administrative
Assistant
Prescott

I am Patricia Roberts, candidate for NEA RA Delegate. I proudly serve others as a Prescott Elementary Administrative Assistant and through the Prescott District Education Association,

District VII Board of Directors, and the Prescott City Council. My honesty and integrity have earned appointments on our District Leadership Team and AEA ESP of the Year. I appreciate your consideration.



Sue Stuart
Special Education
Teacher
Texarkana

I am Sue Stuart, special education teacher, Texarkana.
•AEA member since tenure of teaching (28 yrs)
•Local - served ALL areas
•State - AEA Board,

AEA state committees

- National - 4 years NEA Resolutions Committee
- NEA RA - represented local since 2002

I would appreciate your vote to be a state representative at the 2017 NEA RA in Boston, MA!

NEA Delegate – Region 5

(Vote for One)



Kathy Howell
Media Specialist
Clarksville

I am a veteran educator from Clarksville. I have experience representing you on the AEA Board, as a local President, as well as representing you at previous NEA RAs. I would like to

bring your voice to the NEA RA this summer. Thank you for your vote.



April Reisma
Special Education
Teacher
Benton

I am asking for your vote to be a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly in 2017 representing Region 5 in Arkansas. I

have previously served as a cluster delegate in 2015. I am currently on the Board of AEA representing District 3 and feel I have a strong grasp on how the members in my district feel about issues.



Cynthia Romeo
Classroom Teacher
Conway

As the Region 5 NEA Delegate for the Representative Assembly in 2017, I would be honored to represent our region, taking our needs and concerns before the RA and aiding us all

in keeping public education the best it can be for students across the nation. Together we can make the difference that will ensure great futures for students everywhere.

NEA Delegate - Region 7

(Vote for One)



Dorothy Hennings
4th Grade Teacher
Helena-West
Helena

Hello fellow educators, my name is Dorothy Hennings. I am a 4th Grade Teacher at Eliza Miller Elementary in Helena-West Helena. I would

love to serve as your representative to the 2017 NEA Representative Assembly in Boston, MA. Having served your region in the past, if given the opportunity it would be my pleasure to represent you again. Thanks.



Mary Knight
Classroom
Teacher
Lee County

As a local leader, I proudly applaud the efforts of AEA as a diligent leader battling troubles on the

home front. Because our professional education agenda is continuously under attack, members must exercise the duty of being abreast of issues affecting the lives of children and educators. Serving as a delegate will facilitate my efforts as a concerned member.

NEA Delegate – Region 8

(Vote for Three)



Lakeitha Austin
Middle School
Teacher
Little Rock

Greetings to All! I am a board member and treasurer for LREA. Educators and support staff are committed to believing in me and

rely on me to help educate others about educational issues regarding our local, state, and federal levels. I am dedicated, committed, and willing to be your VOICE! Please support me.



Kyla Lawrence
Literacy Coach
North Little Rock

“Your level of service determines your level of leadership.” As a proud and dedicated AEA/NEA member, Vice-President of my local

(NLRCTA), Chair of our district’s Licensed Personnel Policy Committee, and advocate for schools our children deserve, I am fully committed to bring a servant leader. I would be honored to represent Arkansas Educators at the 2017 Representative Assembly.



Audrey Nichols
Clerical
PASS

I am a long time NEA/AEA/PASS family member and an active participant in AEA/NEA conferences and Representative Assemblies. My role in our association,

along with my experience as an ESP, has empowered me to serve and lead our members and our students to a better and brighter future. I ask for your vote to be a delegate at the RA.



Michelle Usher
Pre-School Teacher
Little Rock

I have served for the past six years as Representative to the NEA RA. I want to make our voice heard and bring back information. It is imperative that we strive to work toward a better education system and the needs of the Little Rock School District. I want to serve you at the national level.

NEA Delegate – Region 10

(Vote for One)



Evelyn Wilson-Thomas
Academic and
Behavior Intervention
Strong-Huttig

I am running for NEA Delegate. I am President of S.H.E.A., ESP at Large Position 1, ESP Advisory Secretary, Leaders for

Tomorrow, and ESP of the Year 2012. I am dedicated and want to represent YOU, the AEA members at the RA. Please Vote Evelyn Wilson-Thomas – Delegate to Boston, Massachusetts Representative Assembly 2017. Thank you.



Sirl Wright
Classroom Teacher
Crossett

I am Coach Sirl Wright from Crossett, Arkansas. I would love the opportunity to become your Regional NEA Delegate. I am

Crossett's local education association President. I teach special education, Virtual Arkansas facilitator, and coach senior girls track and senior high football. I feel that I have the background in various areas to represent everyone's needs.