



OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

*The OEA will lead the way for continuous improvement of public education while advocating for members and the learners they serve.*

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Re: NEA State At-Large Delegate Declaration of Candidacy Form  
NEA Representative Assembly ~ July 2-6, Portland, OR

Dear Association Member:

Your voice is important, and you have an opportunity to have your voice heard on the national level. The Ohio Education Association will conduct elections early in 2025 to elect state at-large delegates to this year's NEA Representative Assembly. The OEA is allocated one state delegate position for each 1,000 active members and OEA will provide a stipend to state delegates to offset business expenses incurred during the convention, such as travel, hotel, and food.

**In October of 2020 the OEA Board of Directors adopted a strategic priority that clearly states its commitment to “educate and organize OEA and its members to advocate for racial, social and economic justice”. This year the OEA Plan to Achieve Ethnically Diverse Representation has been updated to reflect the values inherent in this fourth strategic priority and OEA’s longstanding commitment to the principle of promoting ethnically diverse participation in all governance activities.**

If you are interested in running for an NEA state at-large delegate position, please complete the NEA State At-Large Declaration of Candidacy form along with a biographical sketch of education or union-related activities/accomplishments. Then return it, no later than January 31, 2025, to William Baird, Elections and Conference Coordinator, at the address indicated at the bottom of the form, or by email to [neara@ohea.org](mailto:neara@ohea.org). You may also use the form to nominate another member for state at-large delegate positions. The form is reproducible.

Please log in to the OEA website at <https://www.ohea.org/NEA-RA/> to review NEA RA information. Also please follow the below links to print and submit the following the documents:

- [OEA’s Plan to Achieve Ethnically Diverse Representation](#)
- [State At-Large Declaration of Candidacy Form \(deadline 1/31/25\)](#)

For more information on the NEA RA, visit the NEA website: <https://ra.nea.org/about/ra-101/>

Please contact the OEA Executive Offices at 800-282-1500, ext. 3169 or email [neara@ohea.org](mailto:neara@ohea.org) with questions related to the NEA Representative Assembly or the election of delegates.

Thank you for your assistance in helping the Ohio Education Association meet its goal to have ethnically diverse representation at the NEA Representative Assembly.

Sincerely,

William Baird, Manager of Elections and Conferences

C: OEA Board of Directors, District Leaders