



STATE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

What is the AE Board of Directors?

The OEA Aspiring Educators Board of Directors helps facilitate all functions of the state program and serve as the member organizers of OEA-AE. They are the primary contact for programs to be delivered throughout the state from OEA and NEA. The Board of Director members are elected each year and collaborate through their different roles and responsibilities that focus on the four core values of the NEA Aspiring Educators.

Why Choose Leadership with AE?

When you choose leadership within the Aspiring Educators, you are saying YES! to helping empower our undergraduate and graduate students in Ohio. You are saying YES! to networking with professionals all over Ohio, to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to grow as a leader and to join a team of aspiring educators using their voices to make positive change for our members.



What Opportunities Are Available?

Opportunities available in state leadership include: networking with OEA Board Members, staff, and educators all around Ohio, advocating for issues that impact AE members at a state and national level, professional development, weekend retreats for team building, the ability to provide state-wide chapter support, travel to State and National Representative Assemblies, creating and implementing state programs and projects, working with Ohio New Educators, and leadership training.

What state leadership positions can I run for?

- Chairperson-Elect
- Secretary/Communications Coordinator
- State Program Coordinator
- Regional Representatives (5)
- Minority Member-At-Large
- Underclass Member At-Large

Interested in running for office? Visit us at <https://ohea.org/aspiringed/> or email aspiringed@ohea.org for the AE Declaration of Candidacy form.



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OEA-AE State Officers (Summary of Roles and Responsibilities)

(The terms of the officers shall be for one year beginning May 15 and ending May 14 the following year unless otherwise specified.)

Chairperson-Elect

- Serves a two-year position: one year as Chair-elect and the second year as State Chairperson.
- Spends the entire term of office learning the duties of the Chairperson.
- Assists the Chairperson with their duties.
- Act as a liaison to non-affiliates seeking affiliation.
- Assumes the position of the Chairperson in the event of the Chairperson's absence.
- Automatically serves as first delegate to NEA Representative Assembly (first week of July), by virtue of office, the summer in which the chairperson-elect assumes the Chairperson position.
- Automatically serves as the second delegate to the biannual OEA Representative Assembly.

Secretary/Communications Coordinator

- Coordinate the keeping of accurate records of all meetings of the Association and shall have such records e-mailed to all members of the Board of Directors no later than ten (10) days following the meeting.
- Coordinate with the Staff Liaison and the Chairperson the publication and distribution of print and electronic communications, newsletters, and articles for OEA-AE..
- Write articles for local, state, and national newsletters.
- Coordinates, in conjunction with the Staff Liaison and the Chairperson, work on the AE Social Media Accounts.

State Program Coordinator

- Coordinate, in conjunction with the State Staff Liaison and Chairperson, the planning of conferences with the approval of the Board of Directors prior to each event;
- Assume the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and Chairperson Elect;
- Coordinate, in conjunction with the Staff Liaison and the Chairperson, project(s) and awards programs of the OEA-AE; and
- Act as a liaison, in conjunction with the Staff Liaison and the Chairperson, to all online Educational Prep Programs at colleges and universities.

Regional Representatives

- Five positions that represent the five regions of OEA-AE: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest.
- Represents their region at Executive Committee meetings.
- Meets and communicates with colleges in their region about matters that are of interest to the local chapters, including membership recruitment and attending state level functions.
- Assist with holding a regional meeting, if one is held in their region; and
- Serve as a member of committees, as appointed.

Minority Member-At-Large

- Assists the executive committee with minority issues.
- Creates programs to actively recruit minority members.
- Meets and communicates and is responsible for planning, communicating, and coordinating with Minority Serving Institutions (MSI's).
- Assist the OEA-AE Board of Directors in identifying opportunities for OEA-AE member engagement regarding issues of racial and social justice in education; and
- Assist with identifying opportunities to actively recruit members with respect to gender equity and culturally and ethnically diverse backgrounds.

Underclassman Member-At-Large

- Will assist the Board of Directors with underclassman issues and serve as an At-Large Regional Representative.
- Will create programs that actively recruit underclass members.

All Officers are required to attend all meetings of the OEA-AE Executive Board unless there is a written excuse received by the staff liaison and Chairperson prior to any meeting from which they are absent.