



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

December 21, 2020

Re: NEA State At-Large Delegate Declaration of Candidacy Form

NEA Representative Assembly, Denver, CO ~ July 2-July 6, 2021

**Dear Association Member:** 

You 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 2021 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.

The OEA is committed to the principle of promoting ethnically diverse participation in all governance activities, as outlined in the OEA Plan to Achieve Ethnically Diverse Representation, which was approved by the OEA Board of Directors at its October 2020 meeting.

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 and return it no later than January 31, 2021 to William Baird, Elections and Conference Coordinator, at the address indicated at the bottom of the form, or by email to <a href="mailto:neara@ohea.org">neara@ohea.org</a>. 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 <a href="www.ohea.org">www.ohea.org</a> to review and print the following the documents:

- OEA's Proposed Plan to Achieve Ethnic Diverse Representation
- State At-Large Declaration of Candidacy Form (deadline 1/31/21)

Please contact the OEA Executive Offices at 800-282-1500, ext. 3169 or email <a href="mailto:neara@ohea.org">neara@ohea.org</a> with questions relative 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 Elections and Conference Coordinator

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