



A new year equals a new exciting opportunity to make a difference!

Ohio Education Association members have the opportunity to represent OEA's voice on the national level. Each year the National Education Association (NEA) hosts a Representative Assembly (RA) with delegates from all of its affiliates. Ohio delegates attend the NEA RA and get to cast their vote to help NEA in its mission for justice and excellence in public education.

Elections: The Time is Now

Local presidents are highly encouraged conduct their local elections to elect NEA RA delegates. Local presidents of affiliates with 76 or more members were emailed an allocation letter directly from NEA alerting them to the number of delegates they may elect to attend the NEA RA. Those locals should hold a nominations period for interested delegates, and then if necessary, hold an election to determine the delegate(s) that will represent their local. Local affiliates with 75 or fewer members may still get representation by having interested members complete and return a Cluster Delegate declaration form (found at www.ohea.org/NEA-RA) by April 10, 2021. OEA encourages all interested members to run for one of the delegate opportunities.

The 2021 NEA RA will be held virtually over June 30 – July 3, and an added bonus of a virtual RA is that there are NO COSTS associated with being a delegate this year!

Dates to keep in mind:

April 10, 2021: Local Election results are due back to OEA via email or mail:

- Email to: neara@ohea.org
- Mail to: Ohio Education Association
Elections & Conference Coordinator
225 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

April 10, 2021: Cluster Delegate declaration of candidacy forms are due back to OEA

June 30 – July 3, 2021: National Education Association RA (Held virtually)

Questions?

More information on the NEA RA, including the Cluster Delegate declaration form, can be found online at: www.ohea.org/NEA-RA

If you have any questions related to conducting elections, please contact William Baird, OEA Elections and Conference Coordinator: bairdw@ohea.org or by phone (614) 227-3169.