

2021 NEA Resolutions Committee
Biographical Information and Platform Statements of Candidates

Chris Weyand – Male; Caucasian; Teacher, Columbus City.

Columbus EA: Building Senior Faculty Representative.

OEA: RA Delegate.

NEA: RA Delegate.

Platform Statement: I am ready to do the work for our state association to improve our nations schools.

Deborah Jackson – Female; Black; Music Education Specialist – 30+ years, Princeton City.

Farmington EA: Past President.

Sycamore EA: Past Vice President.

Princeton ACE: Building Representative.

SWOEA: Vice President; Executive Committee; RA Delegate – 25+ years; Resolutions Committee; Legislative Committee; Peace and Civil Rights Committee; Professional Development Committee; Ad Hoc Committee Past Chair; Past Zone 3 Representative.

OEA: RA Delegate – 25+ years; Board of Directors Member At-Large – 3 years; Resolutions Committee – newly elected Chair.

NEA: Resolutions Committee; Co-Chair Resolutions Elections Committee; RA Delegate – 6 years.

Platform Statement: Educators have been on a long virus filled journey, and during my quarantine time, I continue to know our work more critical now than ever before. The NEA Resolutions Committee makes it OUR business to make sure that the beliefs of our organization are correct as it continues to fight for children and their families. I believe that every student has the right to the best education possible. Dr. Marian Wright Edelman says, "Education is the precondition to survival in America today." For children to make it, they must have access to great public schools. The Ohio Education Association is the leader of that fight, and I, with the help of others on NEA Resolutions, are a part of this team. The cause for obtaining and advancing the highest quality public schools for children will only happen if our unions continue to be a loud voice for educators. Please continue to give me your support through your vote. NEA Resolutions helps to form the very beliefs statements that these organizations are built. I want to help be a part of those influential voices. I want to continue my work on the NEA Resolutions Committee. NEA Resolutions identifies our values and mission; it tells the world Who we are and WHAT we believe. I love this committee, and my work will continue to allow me to serve to work with my fellow members of this fantastic committee. This affiliated membership makes our union voice a strong advocate for the needs of our students. This union fights for social justice advocacy for our students to ensure safe, caring places that allow for our learners to thrive. The Resolutions Committee has worked hard in proposing to the NEA Delegate Assembly that barriers such as race, gender, or gender preference do not have a place in America's classrooms, and I would like to continue helping to form the Resolutions to ensure this for our children.

Rita Chahda-Gonzalez – Female; Hispanic & Middle Eastern; High School Science and ELL Teacher, Lakewood City.

Lakewood TA: Building Representative – 7 years.

NEOEA: Resolutions Committee – 3 years; Environmental Concerns Committee – 2 years.

OEA: Resolutions Committee – 3 years; UniServ Council Chair – 4 years; Resolutions Committee Rep. on Ohio's Screening Committee for NEA Executive Committee Candidates – 2019.

NEA: Resolutions Committee – 2 years + 2019-2020 Special Covid Year; RA Delegate – 7 years; RA Usher Committee – 4 years.

Platform Statement: I believe the Resolutions Committee is a good fit for my skills and experiences. The Resolutions document is a statement of our beliefs as an organization. It contains the language that defines our position and spells out our beliefs. I believe that I am qualified for this position. I currently serve on NEA, OEA, and NEOEA Resolutions and would be honored to continue serving our Association at the national level. I am a very hard-working individual, a proud member, and the Chair of NEOEA Resolutions.

Please re-elect me for NEA Resolutions to serve as your state representative at the NEA level to formulate formal expressions of our belief and state the positions of our Association positively and without ambiguity.

Eugene Mach – Male; Caucasian; Teacher – 7 years; Education Support Professional – 6 years, Warren Local – Trumbull County.

Platform Statement: Support equity in education and protect the right to bargain collectively.

Amy White – Female; Caucasian; Teacher – 24 years, Mad River Local; Currently 7th Grade ELA Remote teacher. Previously, 2nd and 4th grade General Education Elementary Teacher and also Elementary and Middle School Intervention Specialist in both inclusion and resource room settings.

Mad River EA: Elections Chair – 15 years; Board of Directors – 15 years.

WEOA: Area 4 Representative – 2 ½ years; RA Delegate – 15 years.

OEA: Resolutions Committee – 5 years, Vice-Chair – 3 years; RA Delegate – 15 years.

NEA: RA Delegate – 13 years; RA Communications Chair – 2 years, Committee Member – 8 years; Resolutions Committee – 2 years.

Platform Statement: It has been an honor and privilege to serve as a member of the NEA Resolutions Committee representing Ohio during the last couple of years, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Ohio membership in this capacity. Resolutions is the foundation of any organization. It is what the organization is built upon. An organization's resolution document is the collection of statements which represent the organization's beliefs, values, and intent. These statements guide the organization and represent what the organization stands for, encourages, and embodies as a collective group. Never before has our teaching profession needed a strong resolution document as during this unprecedented time of education. As educators, we have worked in situations that have never been experienced before this global pandemic, and because of this the Resolutions committee, both state and national, have addressed issues relevant to this crisis and the impact on education, our students, and our colleagues. Resolutions enable others to know what we as an organization believe, value, and will uphold in order to preserve for our students and members the best Public Education possible. I want to continue to serve as a member of the NEA Resolutions Committee and ask for your vote for one of the NEA Resolution Committee members. As a current member of the NEA Resolutions Committee, I have collaborated with my colleagues from throughout Ohio to ensure the views, opinions, beliefs, and intentions of OEA members are represented on a national level. I have worked diligently to make sure the smaller districts in Ohio, such as WEOA, have a voice on the state level. I want Ohio to have a strong voice on the NEA Resolution Committee and know I can be that strong voice for Ohio. Please re-elect myself and the other Ohio Resolution members of the 2020 NEA Resolutions Committee so that we can continue the work you have entrusted to us.

Taraja Shephard Allen – Female; Black; School Counselor – 9 years, Columbus City.

Columbus EA: Faculty Representative.

OEA: RA Delegate; Ohio's New Educators Member Ambassador.

NEA: RA Delegate.

Platform Statement: I want to ensure all students have equitable access to education which means we must have policies in place to support educators.

Cassandra Daniels – Female; Black; K-8 Classroom Teacher for 21 years, currently teaching 6th Grade Social Studies, Columbus City; Mother of six children and two grandchildren; Married to fellow educator and OEA member Clarence Daniels.

Columbus EA: Board of Governors.

Capital: Executive Board.

OEA: Resolutions Committee; OEA Educational Foundation Board of Directors; Representative on Ohio Department of Education Educator Standards Board.

NEA: Resolutions Committee.

Platform Statement: I believe in what we are charged to accomplish as educators. I believe that all students are capable of learning regardless of their location and experiences. Through our resolutions is where we as educators share our beliefs and values. As an educator and advocate for students and families, I believe that our outgoing messages to stakeholders and members through our NEA resolutions make the difference. The resolutions committee has done great work over the past years that could not be accomplished without quality educators being of service. Allow me to continue this great work by continuing to serve as one of OEA's representatives on the NEA resolutions committee.

Keith Emrick – Male; Caucasian; Teacher – 20 years, Columbus City; Currently 6th Grade Math Teacher.

Columbus EA: Senior Building Faculty Representative.

OEA: RA Delegate – 8 years.

NEA: RA Delegate – 5 years.

Platform Statement: I am a new candidate to this platform and feel that I am up and ready for a new challenge. I believe that all students and members matter and want to be a fresh voice for our beliefs. I will contribute my passion and experiences to the committee.

Carol Correthers – Female; Black; Intervention Specialist – 24 years, Lorain City; Oberlin School Board member; Lorain County JVS Board Member; STRS Board member; STRS Board Chair and Vice-Chair; Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Oberlin-Senior Usher.

Lorain EA: Building Representative; Delegate; Special Education Dept. Chair; Special Education Steering Committee; Executive Committee; District Leadership Team; Interim President; Grievance Chair; Constitution and Bylaws Chair.

NEOEA: Board of Directors; RA Delegate; Credentials Committee Member and Vice-Chair; Minority Organizing Committee Member and Chair; Peace, International, & Human Relations Committee; Resolutions Committee.

OEA: Board of Directors; Special Education Cadre; Local Development and Training Committee; Ohio Student Education Association Advisor; Resolutions Committee; Doris L. Allen Minority Caucus member; Ohio Assoc. of Special Needs Professionals member; RA Delegate.

NEA: RA Delegate; Resolutions Committee.

Platform Statement: My name is Carol L. Correthers. For the past 24 years I have worked as an Intervention Specialist for Lorain City Schools.

I will work to ensure that I am a part of a team that listens and develops resolutions that reflect OEA members beliefs, intent, and values. I will take the time to analyze, answer, and develop resolutions that are consistent with NEA goals and values.

My current leadership roles and experience on the NEOEA Board, OEA Board, DLAMC, and OASNP has prepared me to take this step in my journey of service to my fellow educators. My leadership experiences have increased my communication and listening skills, heightened my attention to detail, and enhanced my strong organizational and problem-solving skills. I will bring my strengths in these areas to the NEA Resolutions Committee, along with my motivation, commitment, and responsibility. Vote Carol L. Correthers NEA Resolutions.