

## **Government Relations Committee Report For Delegate Assembly 2015**

**By Tiffany Heese, Winnebago, Chair**

The NSEA Government Relations Committee and NSEA's Government Relations staff held a WebEx meeting in October. Committee members were actively engaged in the 2014 General Election and have been monitoring public education issues and talking with senators about bills that would affect students, teachers and school districts this year.

Nearly all 49 legislative districts are represented on the committee. Many committee members served as legislative interview committee chairs. This is a great "bridge" to communicating with elected officials.

We urge all members to make a difference by being a part of this active and effective group of education advocates who, with the expert assistance of Jason Hayes, Karen Kilgarin, Brian Mikkelsen and Cathy Schapmann, work to inform and educate policymakers about issues affecting Nebraska students, public schools and public school employees.

If you do not receive the Legislative Update, please contact Cathy Schapmann at NSEA Headquarters ([cathy.schapmann@nsea.org](mailto:cathy.schapmann@nsea.org)) to have your name added to the email list. The information you receive will keep you informed about education-related issues before the Legislature.

Almost every education decision is a political decision – and that is why it is vital that teachers stay active in the political process.