

Reports to the Assembly

Report of the NEA Directors Committee

Submitted by Edward Ventura and Renae Noble

As elected members of the NEA Board of Directors, we have been focusing on representing the members of Nebraska at national meetings and conferences throughout the 2023-2024 year. To do this, we have met as an NEA Board virtually and in person. Your NEA Directors have attended the NEA Representative Assembly in Orlando, the NEA Leadership Summit in Chicago, and NSEA Board and District meetings, the NSEA Delegate Assembly, and Aspiring Educators events. During our Superweek visits to Washington, DC, NEA Directors meet with our elected representatives and/or designated staff.

Senior Director Edward T. Ventura Jr. is on the Board Leadership Development Committee. The committee reviews, assesses, and updates as needed the Board curriculum, training model, and schedule to ensure all Board members receive appropriate training throughout their NEA Board service. He was also appointed to serve on the UniServ Program Committee. The program is designed to help establish and maintain effective local associations by making professional staff available to provide direct support and assistance to local affiliates on an ongoing basis. Ventura also serves as secretary on the Board Forum. The Board Forum is an informal meeting of NEA Directors held the evening before the first day of a Board meeting to share background information on agenda items and emerging issues. The Board Forum also meets at the end of each day of business during the Representative Assembly as needed.

Junior Director Renae Noble has attended new director training. The first training was in August for one week. There have also been trainings prior to each Superweek in September and February as well as before the Leadership Summit in March. Renae is a member of the NEA ThinkTank: Enterprise-Wide for Leadership Development System. The committee has researched professional development in the last year through the end of the conference evaluations submitted. In the future, professional development and leadership development will be in line with the competencies and strategic priorities established by the NEA.

Unfortunately, NSEA received notice that one position will be eliminated at the end of the fiscal year (August 31). The junior director will be eliminated.