



NSEA Spring Conferences



Uniting Generations:

NSEA Professional Development Conference

March 23, 2024 • 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM • Crowne Plaza, Kearney

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| 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Registration & Vendor Tables | |
| 10:00 - 10:10 AM | Welcome: NSEA President Jenni Benson | |
| 10:15 - 11:00 AM Breakout Sessions <i>Descriptions inside</i> | Silver Ballroom 6 | NSEA Leadership 101 |
| | Silver Ballroom 5 | The History of American Indian Boarding Schools |
| | Silver Ballroom 4 | NSEA Legislative Update and Political Engagement |
| | Gold Ballroom 7 | NEA Member Benefits |
| | Gold Ballroom 1 | Issue Organizing |
| 11:05 - 11:50 AM Breakout Sessions <i>Descriptions inside</i> | Silver Ballroom 6 | Gerry Brooks: limited breakout <i>Only attendees with a green lanyard will be allowed entry.</i> |
| | Silver Ballroom 5 | What is Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee (EMAC)? |
| | Silver Ballroom 4 | NSEA Legislative Update and Political Engagement |
| | Gold Ballroom 7 | NEA Member Benefits |
| | Gold Ballroom 1 | Issue Organizing |
| 12:00 - 12:45 PM | Lunch & Keynote Speaker: Gerry Brooks | |
| 12:45 - 1:10 PM | Meet and Greet with Gerry Brooks | |
| 1:15 - 2:00 PM | Panel & Facilitated Table Discussions | |
| 2:00 - 2:30 PM | Evaluations, Giveaways & Closing Remarks NSEA President Jenni Benson | |

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: 10:15 - 11 AM

Silver Ballroom 6: NSEA Leadership 101

Presenters: Jenni Benson, NSEA President; Paul Schulte, NSEA Vice President; Renae Noble, NEA Director; Eddie Ventura, NEA Director

Visit with your NSEA Officers. Learn about NSEA leadership structure and opportunities for service.

Silver Ballroom 5: The History of American Indian Boarding Schools

Presenter: Christina Running Hawk-Ellison, NSEA Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee Vice-Chair

American Indian Boarding Schools entered after the failure to the attempted extinction of the bison to rid the “Indian problem”. This session will look at the harsh factors to create Indian Boarding schools through government archives, newspapers, racism in vintage ads and how they have left a mark on our youth today.

Silver Ballroom 4: NSEA Legislative Update and Political Engagement

Presenters: Brian Mikkelsen, NSEA Director of Political Field Operations; Paul Schulte, NSEA Vice President & REPEAL753 Assistant Campaign Manager

NSEA Director of Political Organizing Brian Mikkelsen and NSEA Vice President & REPEAL753 Assistant Campaign Manager Paul Schulte will provide an update on legislative issues and our campaign to REPEAL the LB753 voucher scheme.

Gold Ballroom 7: NEA Member Benefits

Presenter: Susan Estes, NEA Member Benefits Affiliate Relations Specialist

Join Susan Estes from NEA Member Benefits to learn more about how you can get more from your membership! We will be providing a hands-on workshop so bring your laptop or tablet.

Gold Ballroom 1: Issue Organizing

Presenters: Stacy Johnson, NSEA Metro District Executive Committee/ Millard EA; Renae Noble, NEA Director/Chadron City TA; Ben Welsch, NSEA Tri-Valley District President/Hastings EA

Collaborate with NSEA Issue Organizers and discuss individual, local and statewide issues affecting members across the state. Help determine next steps NSEA may take regarding member feedback and identify resources needed in your area. Get ready to brainstorm ideas and events to take your most pressing issues and turn them into actionable organizing movements to empower your local Association now and in the future!

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Silver Ballroom 6: GERRY BROOKS

This is a limited breakout session that required pre-registration. Only attendees with a green lanyard will be allowed entry.

Silver Ballroom 5: What Is Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee (EMAC)?

Presenter: Nora Lenz, NSEA Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee Chair

This session will give you a brief look at the history of NEA EMAC and NSEA EMAC and will introduce you to another opportunity for leadership in the NSEA

Silver Ballroom 4: NSEA Legislative Update and Political Engagement

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Keynote Speaker: Gerry Brooks

Gerry Brooks has been an educator for 25 years, beginning as a third-grade teacher in Palm Bay, FL. He earned his master's in administration and has been an elementary principal for 12 years.

Originally using humorous videos to encourage his staff, Gerry has become a national encourager for teachers through social media and speaking events.



He is a voice for teachers, but his passion is leading others to be responsible for their own personal climate and culture in the workplace. His book, "Go See the Principal," outlines strategies for taking on this responsibility.

Gerry and his wife, Kelly, have three adult children and live in Lexington, Kentucky.

Thank you for attending this conference and for your investment in NEA/NSEA membership! This conference was made possible by a grant from the National Education Association. We also want to thank the presenters and vendors for their time and expertise.

Your feedback is crucial for enhancing our future events. Please take a moment to fill out this brief evaluation. Responses will remain anonymous.

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