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IMPORTANT DATES

FALL CONFERENCE OMAHA

Friday, Nov 13, 7 p.m.
Scott Conference Center
6450 Pine St., Omaha

Saturday, Nov 14, 9 a.m.
Outreach to Teach
Mockingbird Elementary
5100 S. 93rd St., Omaha

SPRING CONFERENCE & SEAN DELEGATE ASSEMBLY HASTINGS COLLEGE

Feb. 26-27, 2016
Details to be announced

NSEA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY LINCOLN, EMBASSY SUITES

April 14-15, 2016
Details to be announced

NEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 29-July 2, 2016

NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 2-7, 2016



Rail Painters: Putting finishing touches on gymnasium railings at Minden's C.L. Jones Middle School last year were University of Nebraska at Kearney's Ashley Hansel, foreground, and Brittany Snider. The Outreach to Teach event drew more than 100 SEAN members.

Fall Conference will be Epic!

*Outreach to Teach, State's Education Commissioner,
60th Anniversary: All in One Weekend!*

The 2015 edition of SEAN's Fall Conference will be fabulous for three reasons:

- ◆ It will offer outstanding professional development.
- ◆ It includes a wonderful public service event.
- ◆ It will be a gathering of historical importance.

Each of those alone would make attendance worthwhile. But combine the three and there is no doubt that the Nov. 13-14 conference will be epic.

"We've got a great lineup of events for the weekend, and we are in hopes that every campus chapter is well-represented at Fall Conference," said SEAN President Joel Schroeder.

The conference is set for Friday night, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, in Omaha.

Friday night's event will kick off with a 7 p.m. sit-down dinner at the Scott

Conference Center. Dinner will be followed by the weekend's keynote speaker and the state's top educator, Dr. Matt Blomstedt, Nebraska's Commissioner of Education.

Blomstedt leads the Nebraska Department of Education in its work; engages with and advises state senators and the governor on education issues; and assists the State Board of Education as it sets all rules and regulations governing K-12 schools in the state.

"It is a big deal to have the commissioner at our conference," said Schroeder. "He's a great speaker, very approachable and has a great vision for Nebraska schools."

Blomstedt will also help SEAN with a milestone celebration: The first conference was held in October 1955, and the Omaha event will observe that 60th anniversary. Blomstedt will present a proclamation, signed by the

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governor, declaring Saturday, Nov. 14, as Student Education Association of Nebraska Day in the state.

Adding to the historical significance, past presidents – including three past presidents who have gone on to chair the NEA Student Program – are being sought and invited to attend the Friday evening dinner.

On Saturday, attendees will get to work with the ninth Outreach to Teach program.

Modeled after an NEA program, Outreach to Teach will bus participants from their mid-town Omaha hotel to Mockingbird Elementary School in Ralston. After a quick breakfast, students and other volunteers will give the school a makeover. The focus will be a reworking of the school's courtyard, which has become overgrown. There are doors to be painted, windows to be caulked and there may be a mural to be painted, as well as other general cleanup.

The goal is to start the project around 9 a.m. and finish work no later than 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the school around the noon hour.

Those chapters sending members should register no later than Tuesday, Nov. 4, at this website:

www.nsea.org/2015Outreach

Chapters in need of hotel rooms must contact Tamra Mick at NSEA at 1-800-742-0047 by Nov. 4. NSEA will make all room reservations, and will pay for the room costs up front. Rooms will be shared, and campus chapters will reimburse NSEA for room costs. Chapters from outside the metro will receive a small stipend to assist with mileage.

Questions? Call Mick or SEAN Advisor Mike Wiesen at 1-800-742-0047.



2015 Fall Conference & Outreach To Teach

Friday Night:

7:00 p.m.: Dinner

7:45 p.m.: Dr. Matt Blomstedt,
Nebraska Commissioner of Education
Scott Conference Center,
6450 Pine St., Omaha

Saturday:

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Outreach to Teach
Mockingbird Elementary
5100 S. 93rd St., Omaha

Previous Outreach to Teach Sites

2007 – Omaha: Indian Hills Elementary

2008 – Norfolk: Jefferson & Lincoln Elementary
Schools

2009 – Omaha: Kellom Elementary

2010 – Lincoln: McPhee & Everett Elementary
Schools

2011 – Grand Island: Howard Elementary

2012 – Cedar Bluffs Public Schools

2013 – Lewiston Public Schools

2014 – Minden: C.L. Jones Middle School

REGISTER ONLINE:
www.nsea.org/2015Outreach

Final touches: A SEAN member stretches to reach a panel in need of paint at Minden's C.L. Jones Middle School during Outreach to Teach in November 2014. More than 100 members from SEAN chapters across the state attended to help spruce up the school and grounds.



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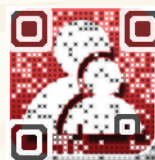
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Joel Schroeder
President

Wayne State College

A native of Akron, IA, Schroeder is a science education major.

He is president of the Wayne State chapter, and managed the chapter's Scholastic Book Fair in the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015. He coordinated the chapter's Student Teaching Workshop Panel, and Teacher Appreciation Event.

He has attended two SEAN Outreach to Teach events, Spring Conferences and SEAN Delegate Assemblies.

He is active in the Northeast Nebraska Teaching Academy (NENTA), which allows Wayne State students to substitute teach while getting an undergraduate degree. He has subbed more than 20 times, including high school ESL, K-5 technology, first grade, high school English, and special education.

He has been a high school, junior high school state and national Science Bowl judge for the past two years. Schroeder's wife, Hailley, is a former SEAN officer and teaches at Wisner-Pilger.



Jeana Rezac
Vice President

Midland University

A native of Crete, NE, Rezac was the president of the Midland University chapter of SEAN during the 2014-15 school year, and was also the secretary of the Cardinal Key National Honor Society during the same school year.

Her major is elementary education K-8, with endorsements in special education K-6, early childhood education and ELL. She is student teaching at Malcolm.



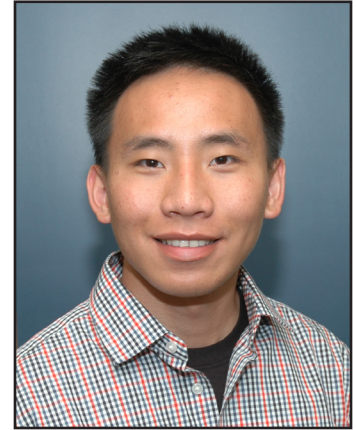
Taylor Ruzicka
Secretary

Doane College

Ruzicka is from Morse Bluff and has been active on her campus in Crete.

She is president of Doane College's Association for the Education of Young Children; serves on the executive board of Doane's Student Education Association chapter; is a member of the Hansen Leadership Advisory Board; is a member of the Cardinal Key Honor Society; and was the fundraising/sponsorship co-chair of the Doane College Relay for Life project. She is also a pole vaulter on the Doane College track team.

Ruzicka is an elementary education and special education major, with an early childhood endorsement and a leadership studies minor. She is student teaching in Seward.



An Nguyen

Metro Region Rep.

Univ. of Neb. at Omaha

Nguyen, a native of Saigon, Vietnam, is the newly elected representative from SEAN's Metro Region. His studies include a goal of attaining double degrees in mathematics and secondary education.

Nguyen is a NOYCE Scholar, for undergraduate students who plan to teach science, technology and mathematics. He is SEAN chapter co-president at UNO, a member of the UNO Honors Program, and a member of the UNO Math Club.

Want to be an officer?

Officers are elected at the SEAN Delegate Assembly in the spring. To find out more, contact a current SEAN officer, or NSEA's Tamra Mick (tamra.mick@nsea.org) or Mike Wiesen (mike.wiesen@nsea.org) at (800) 742-0047. Find more details on page 12 of this newsletter.



Election

SEAN Executive Committee



Emily Wilmes
Northeast Region Rep.
Wayne State College

A senior at Wayne State's campus in South Sioux City, Wilmes says she is excited to be SEAN's Northeast Region Representative.

"I look forward to connecting with the Northeast Region campuses in the upcoming school year, as well as with the NSEA's Elkhorn District," she said.

Wilmes also plans to work with Northeast Community College and Wayne State College's satellite campus at the "College Center" in South Sioux City.

"With the help of the college center dean, I plan to grow SEAN right here in South Sioux City," she said. "I look forward to meeting you all this school year."



Mikayla Nelson
Southeast Region Rep.
Nebraska Wesleyan

Nelson is a native of Lincoln and is a junior at Nebraska Wesleyan University, where she is majoring in elementary education and special education.

She is the publicity and alumni relations co-chair for the Nebraska Wesleyan SEAN chapter.



Madison Kinney
Western Region Rep.
York College

Kinney is the newly appointed member of the SEAN Executive Committee, and will serve as the Western Region Representative for the 2015-16 school year.

Kinney is a native of Council Bluffs. In addition to studying education, Kinney is a captain on the York College soccer team.



Blake Williamson
Underclass Rep.
Northeast Comm. College

Williamson was elected last spring to serve as the Underclass Representative, and will represent education majors who are freshmen and sophomore education majors from across the state.

A native of Osceola, Williamson is a K-12 physical education major.

HOW & WHERE WILL YOU #beSEAN?



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VOLUNTEER WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



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Get Your SEAN Glasses On, Start Snapping Photos

Each SEAN campus chapter has had delivered SEAN sunglasses and bookmarks to fit with the 'Be Seen with SEAN!' membership campaign. Chapters should use those sunglasses to recruit members as they see fit, and then snap photos of members with the sunglasses. Submit those photos to any of the SEAN social media accounts, and \$100 prizes will be awarded to the three chapters that submit the best photos in these categories:

-  **Most SEAN Members in pic (per capita)**
-  **Most Entries by School**
-  **Most Original Photo**

Official Rules:

Photos can be posted on any of the SEAN social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and/or Snapchat) to be entered for a chance to win. Post to any one or all accounts; however, each photo will only be counted as one entry. Photos must be posted no later than Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The SEAN sunglasses must be in each photo, chapters must be clearly identified, and the hashtag #beSEAN must be used. Keep it classy.* Lewd or obscene photos and/or language will disqualify the entire chapter. Photos submitted that do not clearly identify the chapter will not be considered. Other rules per network are listed below.

Facebook:

- Post the photo to the SEAN Facebook page (www.fb.com/SEANebraska)
- Identify the school and tag SEAN in the photo
- Use #beSEAN in the caption

Sample posts:

- *Future teachers from Wayne State - #beSEAN!*
- *Doane College students: #beSEAN*



Twitter:

- Tweet** your photo. Identify your school and mention @nebsean
- Use #beSEAN

Sample tweet:

- *@nebsean Look! Educators at Wesleyan #beSEAN*
- *We want to #beSEAN at York College @nebsean*



Instagram:

- Post** your photo. Identify your school and tag nebsean
- Use #beSEAN in the caption or description

Sample post:



- *Rockin' the shades on the Hastings College campus! #beSEAN*
- *Education majors are awesome at Midland University! #beSEAN*



Snapchat:

- Send your photo as a personal message to nebraska_sean
- Include #beSEAN in the text and identify your school
- Set the timer to no less than 6 seconds

Sample post:

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If you have questions, contact NSEA: (800) 742-0047
or email Kristi Capek (kristi.capek@nsea.org), Mike Wiesen (mike.wiesen@nsea.org)
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**Make sure your posts are not set to private or protected, so we can see them!*

2015 LEADERSHIP RETREAT



North Bend Central High School science teacher and former Nebraska Teacher of the Year Bob Feurer, center, poses with participants in SEAN's Leadership Retreat at NSEA Headquarters in August.

Taking the Lead: Retreat Boosts Leadership Skills

Eighteen leaders, eight campuses and a great weekend of work and learning.

Add in a former Nebraska Teacher of the Year, a couple of hours at Nebraska's biggest trampoline center, and you come up with SEAN's Leadership Retreat, held (mostly) at the NSEA Headquarters in Lincoln in mid-August.

A new format this year moved the event back from the usual late-September or early-October date to mid-August. That move was designed to give campus chapter leaders a chance to attend before classes started; get an update on the year's plans; and learn more about the SEAN membership campaign, 'Be Seen with SEAN!'

Attendance at the Retreat is open to campus advisors and

two to four chapter officers or leaders from each campus.

The Friday evening session included dinner, a get-to-know-each-other activity, followed by a 90-minute session at Defy Gravity, a trampoline and fun center in Lincoln.

Saturday's agenda featured North Bend Central High School science teacher Bob Feurer, who served as Nebraska's 2009 Teacher of the Year.

After lunch, members split into small groups to review social media as a membership tool; an overview of SEAN events; and a review of the benefits of SEAN membership.

Leaders and leaders-to-be: watch for details on the 2016 edition of the Leadership Retreat in the April 2016 edition of the SEAN Scene!



Clockwise, from top-left: Metro Region Representative An Nyugen, left, of UNO, and UNL's Haley Montgomery ponder a question during a small group discussion at the SEAN Leadership Retreat in August; The College of St. Mary's Larisa Weber explains the list of membership benefits generated by her small group of attendees; A moment's break at Leadership Retreat was filled with a game of 'Heads Up' with these three passing clues to another SEAN attendee. From left are Kira Hess, UNL; Taylor Muehlich, Doane College; and Adrienne Kruger, Northeast Community College.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Chadron State

Chadron State College's chapter is just getting the year under way had while it had no activity to report as yet, Robin Moore will serve as chapter president for the coming year.

College of St. Mary

The College of St. Mary membership got the year off to a bouncing good start – literally!

On Sept. 23, the chapter provided lunch for members, reviewed the benefits of membership and followed with an introduction game using a bouncy ball. That followed with a PowerPoint highlighting upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Members received chapter t-shirt forms and were reminded to sign up for membership before starting practicum hours in classrooms.

In a show of appreciation, chapter officers handed out bookmarks to all and raffled off seven door prizes.

"Overall, this was a very successful event, with more than 30 members attending," said Chapter President Larisa Weber.

On Oct. 2, chapter members will attend the Durham Museum Teachers Night, with 55 vendors, networking and free classroom materials.

On Oct. 28, chapter members will work on an arts and craft project to create their own lanyards to use for practicum hours. SEAN chapter t-shirts will be distributed at that time, and members will be reminded of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

The Outreach to teach event on Nov. 13-14 is on the College of St. Mary calendar, and finally, the chapter will meet again on Dec. 2 for another arts and crafts project and a review of upcoming events.

In addition to Weber as president, Kelli Novak is the chapter vice president.

Creighton University

Creighton University chapter members are working diligently to rebuild that chapter, and are planning an initial meeting in October. Co-President Amanda Alvarado is an elementary education major. Co-President Hannah Wulbert is also an elementary education major.

Doane College

Share the responsibility – that's the theory behind the election of five members to serve as co-presidents of the Doane College chapter.

At the chapter's first meeting in September, members elected Taylor Muehlich, Mackenzie Cooper, Jamie Closner, Kelsey Papa and Ariel Dappen to serve as co-presidents for the coming year.

The first meeting was also an opportunity to become more acquainted with the student program, its benefits and goals.

Nebraska Wesleyan University

The Nebraska Wesleyan University campus chapter has been quite busy the past 10 months.

In late September, the chapter hosted a showing of the documentary film Consider the Alternative, which features the differences between charter and public schools. The film was produced by the organization Nebraska Loves Public Schools.

An April meeting included a panel of student teachers, at both the primary and secondary levels, sharing their experiences and advice, and answering questions. A December event featured a Giving Tree, collecting winter coats and a number of other items for families in need at the Behavioral Skills Program in Lincoln.

Planned for later this month is a drive to collect books for the Lincoln Education Association's Harvest of Books campaign, which puts a new book in the hands of every first- and second-grade student in Lincoln.

Autumn Kunze is president of the NWU chapter. Christine Cullinane is the vice president.

Northeast Community College

Big plans are under way in northeast Nebraska!

The Northeast Community College chapter has four events on the calendar, beginning with a Spooktacular set for Oct. 28. The family fun night for the community will invite parents to bring their children in Halloween costumes to play games and enjoy some fun in a controlled, safe environment.

The chapter also has a reading festival scheduled in December, and Chapter President Bailey Day reports that the chapter has participated in the past, helping another local organization gather books, and then handing the books out to children during the festival at the local mall.

Also on the calendar with dates to be determined are a mini-spinoff of Outreach to Teach, with Northeast students finding and helping a school in need of work on targeted cleanup or refurbishing projects. In March, the chapter will enjoy Read Aloud Day, with members visiting a local school and helping with the Read Aloud program.

In addition to Day, serving as president, MaKenna Kinkade is the chapter vice president.

Peru State College

An aggressive schedule is on the calendar at Peru State, with three meetings already in the books.

Members of the campus SEAN chapter participated in the college's Involvement Fair, which was held just before classes started in August, and gave new and returning students an opportunity to learn more about, and perhaps join, some of the campus organizations.

Two days later, the SEAN chapter held a first meeting, with an opportunity to meet and greet new members, and to reacquaint with old members.

A September barbeque event at sponsor Judith Ruskamp's

home was another get-acquainted session. Member brought side dishes and desserts, played games and enjoyed each other's company.

Business gets more serious next week, when SEAN chapter members volunteer for Feeding 44, a mobile food pantry created to end food insecurity in Nemaha County. Volunteers will help set up tables, upload food, carry groceries and interact with clients during food distribution.

Pamela Riffle is president of the SEAN chapter at Peru State. Caitlin Cassell is vice president.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus did double duty on Sept. 10, meeting as a chapter, and then working at a campus club fair to promote membership.

At the chapter's first meeting, officers and advisors were introduced, and members talked about the association and benefits of membership. College of Education Dean Marjorie Kostilnek spoke about the importance of membership, and told her story as it relates to membership.

Officers also relayed information about the chapter's schedule and statewide events, and handed out copies of the calendar. Members also signed up to participate in the mentor/mentee program, and details for the October meeting was reviewed. The chapter provided free pizza to celebrate the start of a new year.

UNL chapter officers are Anna Fichtl, president; and Anna Regan, vice president.

University of Nebraska-Omaha

Members at the University of Nebraska-Omaha have had a busy September.

An initial chapter meeting was held on Sept. 3, followed by a Sept. 10 meeting with guest speaker and chapter advisor Dr. Sandra Shillingstad, who led a discussion of current issues in education. On Sept. 17, members held a bake sale.

Chapter president is An Nguyen, who also serves as Metro Region Representative on the SEAN statewide Executive Committee. Vice president is Becca Burkhardt.

Wayne State College

Members at the Wayne State chapter are off to an ambitious start this semester, with two events completed and two more scheduled.

SEAN members participated in an Activity Fair on Aug. 23, aimed at recruiting members. On Sept. 23, the chapter met to provide members with the basic details needed to set up an electronic portfolio.

On the upcoming agenda for the Wayne State members are an Oct. 14 Resume Workshop and a Nov. 9 Scholastic Book Fair.

Officers for 2015-16 are Denton Beacom, president; and Klarissa Johnson, vice president.

Consider the Alternative

Nebraska Loves Public Schools – a nonprofit organization dedicated to sharing stories about our schools – produced a documentary movie about public and charter schools entitled "Consider the Alternative." If your SEAN Chapter is interested in hosting a screening and discussion of the film, please send an email to team@nelovesps.org or call (877) 521-3786 or visit www.nelovesps.org



Current recipients: NSEA President Nancy Fulton presented scholarships to two SEAN members at the SEAN Delegate Assembly in Lincoln last spring. From left are Amanda Volksten, Peru State College; Fulton; and Brittany Snider, the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Can You Use \$1,000?

Apply for NSEA-Retired Student Teaching Stipend

If you are a SEAN member who will soon enter your student teaching semester, keep this in mind: The NSEA-Retired Board of Directors has available three \$1,000 scholarships for use during your student teaching semester.

Applicants shall be college juniors or seniors who have been SEAN members for at least two years, including the current year. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and answers to essay questions.

Each application shall also require three letters of recommendation: one from a faculty or staff member of the college or university; one from a local SEAN chapter officer; and one from the local SEAN chapter advisor.

Scholarships shall be effective for the student teaching semester. Checks will be issued jointly to the student and his or her college or university.

Mail applications to Tamra Mick, NSEA, 605 South 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. They must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2016. Download the current application from this website: www.nsea.org/SEAN

For details, contact Mick at 1-800-742-0047 or via e-mail at: tamra.mick@nsea.org



Nebraska's 2015 Teacher of the Year Shelby Aaberg spoke at the SEAN Delegate Assembly in Lincoln in April. Aaberg, a math teacher at Scottsbluff High School, is the latest in a long line of Nebraska Teachers of the Year to speak at SEAN events.

ORLANDO

Five SEAN Members at Orlando for Service, Leadership and Learning

Five SEAN representatives traveled to Orlando, FL, in late June to attend the NEA Student Program Summer Leadership Conference.

The annual event draws more than 300 teachers-to-be from across the country to learn more about teaching; about their association; about leadership; and to elect leadership each year.

The event also allows for a day-long public service event at a public school in the area of the conference. This past June, the Legacy Project focused on a middle school and an elementary school in the Orlando area.

More than 400 elementary-aged students gathered at the middle school, where NEA student program members led them through learning stations, play areas and reading events. At a nearby elementary school, a contingent of student leaders refurbished a school garden area with a clean-up and new plantings.

During the conference, a highlight for the Nebraska contingent was an award for membership growth in the SEAN program during the 2014-15 Association year.

Doane College's Taylor Ruzicka and Midland University's Jeana Rezac attended the Summer Leadership Conference. Attending the SLC, and staying longer to attend the NEA Representative Assembly as delegates, were Joel Schroeder of Wayne State College and Rae Carbaugh and L.A. Adams of Peru State College.

Any eligible member of SEAN may apply to attend Summer Leadership Conference, or to serve as delegates to NEA Representative Assembly. Watch future editions of the SEAN Scene for details.



Midland University's Jeana Rezac spent time during the NEA Student Program's Legacy Project working in the hot sun planting a garden and shrubbery at an elementary school near Orlando. Here, she poses with a planting and one of her elementary school helpers.

Attention Graduates!

Have you been and officer, active in your chapter or at the state level in the Student Education Association of Nebraska?

Are you about to graduate? Consider that graduates-to-be with records of participation are eligible to wear graduation cords or sashes over their graduation gowns. If you're interested in recognizing your participation in SEAN during your graduation ceremonies, visit with your campus advisor for details.





Peru State College's Rae Carbaugh and her team of students posed for a photo at the NEA Student Program's Legacy Project in June.



The SEAN team lines up, sort of, for a selfie before heading out to an Orlando-area school and the NEA Student Program's Legacy Project. From left are Taylor Ruzicka, Doane College; Rae Carbaugh and L.A. Adams, Peru State College; Joel Schroeder, Wayne State College; and Jeana Rezac, Midland University.



The SEAN team had an opportunity to spend some time at Disney World and dined at Fulton's Crab House on the Disney property. From left are Jeana Rezac, Midland University; Joel Schroeder, Wayne State College; Taylor Ruzicka, Doane College; and L.A. Adams and Rae Carbaugh, Peru State College.



SEAN members accepted an award at the NEA Student Program Summer Leadership Conference from the NEA for membership increase for the 2014-15 Association year. From left are Jeana Rezac, Midland University; L.A. Adams, Peru State; Joel Schroeder, Wayne State; Rae Carbaugh, Peru State; and Taylor Ruzicka, Doane College.



SEAN President Joel Schroder, Wayne State College, hoisted one of his Legacy Project students up to meet eye-to-eye with a sheriff deputy's horse.



SEAN's Executive Committee: From left are An Nguyen, UNO; Mikayla Nelson, Nebraska Wesleyan University; Jeana Rezac, Midland University; Joel Schroeder, Wayne State College; Taylor Ruzicka, Doane College; Emily Wilmes, Wayne State College; and Blake Williamson, Northeast Community College.

You Can Be a Leader in SEAN!

All eight positions on the SEAN Executive Committee will be open for election at the Association's Delegate Assembly and Spring Conference Feb. 26-27 at Hastings.

To be eligible for office, a candidate must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited institution; must be preparing for a career related to education; must be a member of SEAN by Feb. 15, 2016; and must be in good standing with their college or university.

The new members of the Executive Committee will take office for a one-year term on Aug. 1, 2016.

"Serving as an officer opens many doors," said SEAN President Joel Schroeder. "Officers get great leadership opportunities, travel, networking opportunities and personal development programs."

The Executive Committee includes the Association president, secretary and four region representatives, plus an underclass representative. This year, delegates will, for the first time, choose a president-elect, rather than a vice president. That officer will then ascend to the presidency on Aug. 1, 2017. Candidates for president-elect shall be a student with at least four semesters of study remaining at the time of his or her election.

The underclass representative must be a freshman or sophomore at the time of election.

Regional representatives are elected by area:

- The **Metro Region Representative** must come from Creighton University, the College of St. Mary, the University of Nebraska-Omaha or Grace University.
- The **Southeast Region Representative** must come from Peru State College, Doane College, Nebraska Wesleyan University or the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- The **Northeast Region Representative** must come from Wayne State College, Northeast Community College or Midland University.
- The **Western Region Representative** must come from Chadron State College, the University of Nebraska-Kearney, Hastings College, York College or Central Community College (all campuses).

The deadline to file for office is Monday, Feb. 1, 2016. To file, candidates must complete a candidate intent form by that date. That form will be posted to the SEAN pages of the NSEA website after Dec. 1. The form will include space for a brief biography, which will be shared with all SEAN members prior to the election.

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