# **Members take lead in Association work**

Your Association operates as a representative democracy. Every member has an equal voice, and every member has equal representation within the Association.

Every Nebraska school building has an appointed or elected Association/faculty representative. Those representatives work with members in their building and connect to the elected officers of the district-wide local Association. Each local Association is found in one of the six NSEA governance districts (see map, page 7). Each governance district has a board of directors, and each district is represented on the NSEA Board of Directors, with each board member representing a roughly equal number of members. NSEA board members are chosen in online elections in late winter each year. Any Association member in good standing is encouraged to seek election to either their NSEA district board or the statewide board of directors.

NSEA also elects, to three-year terms, two representatives on the National Education Association Board of Directors. Along with NSEA President Jenni Benson and Vice President Robert Miller, Nebraska NEA Directors Linda Freye and Edward Ventura comprise the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

In addition, members from every local association are eligible to seek election to serve as a representative to the NSEA's Delegate Assembly. At that annual April business meeting, more than 300 delegates from across the state elect officers, set the Association's agenda for the coming year, craft the As-



Executive team: NSEA is led by President Jenni Benson (front left), Vice President Robert Miller (front right), and two directors on the National Education Association Board, Edward Ventura (back left) and Linda Freye (back right).

sociation's foundational Resolutions, and review and update the Bylaws, which guide Association operations.

In every effort, members lead and pave the way forward—all on behalf of the children who attend our schools in support of quality public education. For details, email Benson at jenni. benson@nsea.org.



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## **District Officers**

These members have been elected to lead NSEA at the District level:

#### **■**Metro District

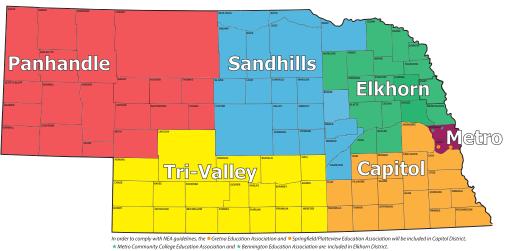
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#### **■Elkhorn District**

President ......Lisa Hanson, Neligh-Oakdale Vice Pres...... Kristi Rastede, Northeast CC Secretary......Pamela Anderson, Hartington Treasurer......Vacancy Exec Comm..Matt McCarthy, Northeast CC Amanda Dennis, Arlington Michele Brand, South Sioux Megan Jacob, Neligh-Oakdale Mackenzie Waltke, Norfolk Sophie Hermelbracht, East Butler

#### Sandhills District

President ...... Mary Gregoski, Palmer Vice Pres......Whitney Hake, Palmer



Treasurer	Emily Tobias, Sargent
Secretary	Becky Meyer, Palmer
Exec Comm	Lynette Svenson, Callaway
	Mandy Evans, Ainsworth
	Sarah Hill, St. Pual
	One vacancy

#### Capitol District

President	Burke Brown, Dist. OR-1
Vice Pres	Jen Yoder, Lincoln
Treasurer	Julie Colby Lincoln
	Vacancy
	Jake Jolliffe, Lincoln
	Gina Bolz, Lincoln
	Two vacancies

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President .....Ben Welsch, Hastings Vice Pres...... Jade Bartunek, Hastings

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