



Special Election Edition of the *GEA Observer*

GEA Board of Directors Candidates

At Large Seat:

Carol Ferguson – At Large



You may have heard that the NEA Representative Assembly (RA) is America's largest deliberative body. It is! Going to the RA, and seeing your fellow educators working for the good of public education across the nation, is quite an experience. I have attended these meetings several times and know what is involved in committing to represent our members.

With the number of issues facing education growing all the time, this year could be a year of real change in our nation and in our state. The unity of our NEA family will help us be a voice in that change. We should send dedicated, involved educators who represent our views. I have served the educators of Granite in many different capacities from my first year of teaching until today. Please vote for Carol Ferguson for the At Large seat on the GEA Board of Directors and to serve again at this year's Representative Assembly.

Heidi Jensen – At Large



As a teacher, I believe my role is an advocate for my students. As an Association Representative, I am an advocate for my colleagues and the positive image of public education. As an AR the last three to four years, I have come to understand the legislative/state expectations of an educator. It has become a passion of mine to be well informed.

Being able to experience important changes in public education is exciting! As an AR, my passion about educational change has been ignited, and I am motivated to be part of the solution! I am a proud member of an excellent Association that believes in the profession and quality of equitable public education. This has piqued my desire to expand my involvement and advocacy for teachers and education.

Currently, I am in the last semester of my Masters Cohort program, and am ready to take my leadership involvement to the next level, for the coming school year. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE FOR THE AT LARGE SEAT ON GEA's BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

David Torres – At Large



About a month ago, I was reflecting on how happy I was with my return to education after having retired three and a half years ago from the Jordan School District. I recall the service I had rendered on the UEA Board of Directors and prior to that with the Jordan Education Association and the many wonderful people I have been able to work with over the years.

For the past three years I have been serving an LDS mission which involved a different type of service. Now as I reenter the teaching profession I would like to again serve and share my skills and time. I am pleased to be able to offer of myself in this great endeavor with the Granite Education Association as a member of the Board of Director

Elementary Seat:

Cinda Allen – Elementary



My name is Cinda Allen, and I am running for the Elementary seat on the GEA Board of Directors and also as a delegate for the NEA Representative Assemble. I have been teaching ten years and enjoy the teaching profession. I am amazed at all the changes that have happened in that short amount of time. I do not want to be someone who sits on the sidelines waiting for the changes to occur; I want to be involved with helping to shape those changes, and now is the time for me to be involved. I have represented South Kearns Elementary as their Association Representative, and I attended the NEA Representative Assemble two years ago and felt like part of the most amazing group of people on the planet. We are all educators in this fight together. I am relatively young in this profession, and I think that it's time for the younger people to step up and take the lead. Please give me this chance to represent you.

NEA Representative Assembly Candidates:

Cinda Allen – NEA RA Delegate



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Chalese Craig – NEA RA Delegate



My name is Chalese Craig. I am a third grade teacher at South Kearns Elementary and have started pursuing a Masters degree in Reading. Over the past nine years of teaching, I have met incredible educators who know what it takes to instruct this great nation's future leaders and innovators. I have also been involved with politics as a poll worker, delegate, and as a campaign worker both nationally and locally. I find myself very frustrated with the discrepancies between the perceptions of the politicians, and what the actual state of education is. I want to do my part to improve the educational climate for students and teachers. I am running for the NEA Representative Assembly delegate for this reason, to do my part and gain knowledge and experience within the Association. I would be honored to have this opportunity and hope to get your vote.

Heidi Jensen – NEA RA Delegate



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I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE

Gayle Hoffman – NEA RA Delegate



Education is under increasing attack on both the national and state levels. We need to do everything we can to take back our profession and to help the politicians learn how to really improve our schools. I would like to be a part of that process by attending the NEA RA and supporting measures that will call on our legislators to end unsuccessful programs and unnecessary testing, and just let us teach. I have been building representative for sixteen years, a delegate to the NEA RA on six occasions, and a member of GEA for my entire teaching career. Please vote for me this year.

Carol Ferguson – NEA RA Delegate



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