NEA Governance

Representative Assembly
The Representative Assembly is the primary legislative and policymaking body of the Association. It derives its powers from and is responsible to the membership. The Representative Assembly adopts the strategic plan and budget, resolutions, the Legislative Program, and other policies of the Association. Delegates vote by secret ballot on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Those delegates with full voting rights elect the executive officers, Executive Committee members, and at-large members of the NEA Board of Directors as appropriate.

The Representative Assembly consists of some 8,000 delegates representing local and state affiliates, Student members, Retired members, and other segments of the united education profession. Further information on the Representative Assembly is contained in Article III of the Constitution and in Bylaw 3.

Executive Officers
The executive officers of the Association are the president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer. They are elected by the Representative Assembly and are subject to the policies established by the Representative Assembly, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee. They derive their authority from Article IV of the Constitution and Bylaw 4. They have offices at NEA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and travel extensively for the Association.

The president is the chief executive officer and official spokesperson of the Association. The president presides at meetings of the Representative Assembly, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee and performs other duties as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws.

The vice president acts for the president when the president is unable to perform the duties of the office. The vice president serves on the Committee on Program and Budget and performs such other duties as are stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws or assigned by the president.

The secretary-treasurer receives all funds and is responsible for their safekeeping and accounting. The secretary-treasurer serves as chairperson of the Committee on Program and Budget and performs such other duties as are stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws or assigned by the president. Information on the qualifications, election, terms, and powers and duties of the executive officers is contained in Article IV of the Constitution and Bylaw 4.

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Governance

Board of Directors and Executive Committee

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee are responsible for the general policies and interests of the Association. The Board and Executive Committee are subject to policies established by the Representative Assembly and derive their authority from the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Board of Directors consists of at least one director from each association affiliated with NEA as a state affiliate plus an additional director for every 20,000 NEA Active members in the state, six directors for the Retired members of the Association, and three directors for the Student members of the Association.

The Board may also include at-large representatives of ethnic minorities, administrators, classroom teachers in higher education, and Active members employed in education support professional positions. The Board meets four times per year, in accordance with NEA Bylaws.

The Executive Committee consists of nine members—the three executive officers and six members elected at large by delegates to the Representative Assembly. The executive officers and other members of the Executive Committee are ex officio members of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee meets approximately seven times a year.

Detailed information on the composition, election, terms, meetings, and powers and duties of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee is contained in Articles V and VI of the Constitution and in Bylaws 5 and 6.

Board of Directors

Alabama


Alaska


Arizona

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California
GILDA BLOOM-LEIVA, Classroom Teacher (higher ed.), Teacher Training-Sociolinguistics, San Francisco State University; Home: San Francisco [berlin72607@gmail.com] 2009–2012, 2012–2015
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Governance

**Colorado**


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**Connecticut**

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**Federal**


**Florida**


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**Hawaii**


**Idaho**

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Governance

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Maine

Maryland


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JENIFER ALMASSY, Classroom Teacher, Reese High School; Home: Flushing [jalmassy@mea.org] 2013–2015


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**Minnesota**

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**Nebraska**

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**New Hampshire**

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**New York**


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Ohio

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UTAH
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Governance

**Review Board**

Subject to the conditions set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws, the Review Board has jurisdiction over alleged violations of the *Code of Ethics of the Education Profession*; censure, suspension, or expulsion of a member; impeachment of an executive officer or a member of the Executive Committee; and review of actions of governing bodies regarding consistent application of the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Review Board consists of nine members appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. Detailed information on qualifications, appointment, terms of office, and powers and duties of the Review Board is contained in Article VII of the Constitution and Bylaw 7.