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OEA-R Delegate Elections



OEA-R delegates will be elected during October by online and mail-in ballot. Please support the candidates listed below from NEOEA-R.

OEA-R members should look for an email and/or a postcard "Vote now in the OEA 2024 Elections" from "Ohio Education Association <help@yeselections.com>".

These communications will provide an explanation and instructions for requesting a paper ballot. The email and postcard will provide an "Election Code" and a "Voting PIN" along with a link to the voting page. Please vote online no later than 5:00 PM on the deadline listed in the elections materials.

✦ A change this year is the shortening of the election time periods. Elections will run 21 days and not 30.

✦ If you are choosing the mailed ballot option, please vote and return your ballot right away.

The move to 3 weeks, has several advantages, including housing preparation for delegates, allowing the delegates to attend all district representative assemblies, and it reduces over all cost of the election.

Please support the following candidates from NEOEA:

Debbie Bernauer

Peg Ham

Bill Lavezzi

Valenta G. Ward-Gravely

Karen Carney

Hank Haynes

Steven D. Mitchell

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Marti Franks

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Candidate biographies are available at [2024OEARARetiredDelegateCandidateBios](#)

Delegates attend both the Fall and Spring OEA Representative Assemblies. On the day before, the OEA-R Delegate Assembly meets at the OEA or STRS building to carry out the business of OEA Retired and for a briefing with the OEA officers and reports from the OEA-R Advisory Council. Delegates from NEOEA also attend the Fall and Spring NEOEA RAs.

NEOEA DAY is Friday, October 11, 2024

The educators who established the North Eastern Ohio Teachers Association in 1869 could not have anticipated many of the changes which have happened in our profession: higher academic standards for teachers, educator unionization, high-stakes testing, and the inclusion of classified staff alongside classroom teachers.

Retirees are welcome to attend programs of interest and selections may be made from the [NEOEA Catalog](#) and additional program offerings are accessed at [NEOEA Day](#)

Educational Decisions are Political Decisions



As retired education employees we know that a plan is important. Whether it is a lesson plan, bus route, lunch menu, schedule we need to know where we are going so, we will know if we got there. All elections matter, but this one is critical.



Important Dates for November 5 General Election



1. **October 10:** Voter Registration Deadline
[Register to vote here](#)
2. **Check your driver’s license.** You cannot vote in person with an expired ID. Whatever you are using must be current. Acceptable IDs are, Unexpired Driver’s License, State ID card or interim document. Passport. Military ID, Ohio National Guard, US Department of Veterans Affairs. Screen shots are not acceptable nor are utility bills, other government documents, paychecks or bank statements
3. [Check here to make sure you are registered](#), and your address is correct. Do not presume anything.
4. **October 11: Early In Person Voting Begins.** [View Early Voting Schedule here](#)
5. **October 29:** October 29: Last Day to **Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot.** Print [Vote-by-Mail Request Form here](#) If you plan to vote by mail apply for a ballot NOW. Use the application sent to you by the Secretary of State, download an application from your county Board of Elections website or use the link above.
6. **Vote-by-Mail Ballots must be received** at the County Board of Elections Drop Box by **7:30 PM on November 5—Election Day.**
7. Remember, if you apply for an absentee ballot, and you attempt to vote at your polling place on Election Day, you will have vote a Provisional Ballot.
8. **Download a sample ballot.** In many counties there may be issues and candidates that you are not familiar with. Do your research. Whether you vote in person or by mail you need to vote the whole ballot. Judges are particularly critical. Levies matter OEA will have lists of endorsed candidates to guide you.
9. **November 4—Last Day to Postmark your Vote-by-Mail Ballot.** Get a postmark from a clerk or use Automated Postal Service Kiosk postage for a valid postmark date.
10. **November 5, 6:30AM—7:30 PM Vote on Election Day.** Plan to stand in line if you are going to the polls, and dress for the weather. Try to go to the polls in the down times. Mid-morning and mid afternoon are usually best. Avoid lunch time and after dinner. If you are in line at closing time you will be allowed to vote but not one minute after.

Find your polling location [here](#)

One of the most important issues on the Ballot is **Issue One.** The language on the ballot may be confusing and misleading. That is intentional. **If you want to get rid of Gerrymandering you must vote YES.**



OEA Recommended Candidates

U.S. President/Vice President—
Kamala Harris (D)/Tim Walz (D)

U.S. Senate—Sherrrod Brown (D)

Ohio Supreme Court Justice
Melody Stewart Michael Donnelly Lisa Forbes

Issue 1—Anti Gerrymandering Amendment Vote Yes

Ohio House

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| HD 13 Tristan Rader (D) | HD 31 Bill Roemer (R) |
| HD 14 Sean Brennan (D)* | HD 33 Veronica Sims (D) |
| HD 15 Chris Glassburn (D) | HD 34 Derrick Hall (D) |
| HD 16 Bride Rose Sweeney (D)* | HD 35 Mark Curtis (D) |
| HD 18 Juanita Brent (D)* | HD 52 Gayle Manning(R) |
| HD 19 Phil Robinson (D)* | HD 53 Joe Miller (D)* |
| HD 20 Terrence Upchurch (D)* | HD 57 Jamie Callender(R) |
| HD 21 Eric Synenberg (D) | HD 58 Lauren McNally (D) |
| HD 22 Darnell Brewer (D) | HD 64 Lauren Mathews (D) |
| HD 23 Daniel Troy (D)* | |

Ohio Senate

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| SD 2 Paloma De La Fuente (D) | SD 28 Casey Weinstein (D) |
| SD 18 Katie O’Neill (D) | SD 32 Michael Shrodek (D) |
| SD 24 Tom Patton (R) | |

US Congress

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| CD 9 Marcy Kaptur (D) | CD 13 Emilia Sykes (D) |
| CD 11 Shontel Brown (D) | |

State Board of Education

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| Dist. 8 Karen Lloyd | Dist. 11 Delores Ford |
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This listing includes NEOEA areas. See the complete list at [OEA Election Guide](#) * Indicates Friendly Incumbent

2024 NOVEMBER

ELECTION TIMELINE

- September 20** Military/Overseas Absentee Voting Begins
- October 7** Voter Registration Deadline
- October 8** Early Voting Starts
- October 29** Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot
- November 3** Last Day of Early Voting
- November 4** Deadline to Postmark Absentee Ballot
- November 5** **Election Day!**
Polls open 6:30am–7:30pm
Deadline to deliver absentee ballot in person to your Board of Elections

[Non-Partisan Guide to Presidential Candidates](#)

OEA Endorsed Candidate Expanded Information Site
<https://ballot.ohea.org/ballot/>

OEA’s Public Education Matters Podcast



Season 5 of the Ohio Education Association’s award-winning [Public Education Matters podcast](#) is now underway, and we’re excited to bring you our most valuable content yet!

Over the summer, OEA invited members to share their feedback on the Public Education Matters podcast and on podcasts in general to help shape this new season.

We've taken your feedback to heart, and based on your responses, we are moving back to shorter episodes and back to a weekly format. At your request, we're working to bring you more practical content on everything from AI in the classroom to discounts you can't afford to miss.

And those are just a couple of the episodes we have in the works in the next couple of months alone! New episodes drop every Thursday morning this season.

As always, Public Education Matters is designed to be your source for insightful conversations with the people who are shaping Ohio's public education landscape every day. Make sure you subscribe to Public Education Matters on your favorite platform, so you don't miss an episode this season! (For links to the podcast on some of the most popular listening platforms, [click here](#))

You can listen to the first episode of the new season right now, and you can catch up on all of the past episodes anytime here. You can share your thoughts on the podcast anytime, too, by emailing us your feedback and ideas for future episodes at educationmatters@ohea.org

Happy listening!

Moving From Land Acknowledgements to Action in the Buckeye State



Sponsored by OEA-Retired

October 23, 2024
6:30 pm – 8 pm

Shawn Brehm currently serves as the K-12 Music Teacher in the Wellpinit School District on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Eastern Washington.

Many educators are familiar with land acknowledgments. Perhaps you have attended a training, conference or other professional development opportunity where the speaker begins their remarks by acknowledging the land they occupy as once belonging to Indigenous people. While land acknowledgments have become a common practice in educational spaces – as a means of honoring the sovereign people and nations who were forced to cede their ancestral lands – we must consider an important question: How can we move beyond simply acknowledging the land, water, and air, and into greater action and support?

Join us on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30pm** as former Ohioan and Washington Educator, Shawn Brehm, discuss what is a land acknowledgement, why it is important to discuss with students, recognize the contributions of Native Americans, and take action to support and elevate Indigenous people, communities, and nations.

This is an event for OEA members ONLY.

[OEA Member ONLY Registration](#)

[OEA-R-Webinar_Flyer](#)

OEA-R Webinar Schedule



<https://oea-r.ohea.us/events-programs/webinars/>

November 20, 2024—Senior Scams

January 22, 2025—SERS for Actives and Retirees

February 26, 2025—Kickoff for Read Across America

March 30, 2025—Overcoming Barriers Among Immigrants by Empowering Adults with Literacy

May 28, 2025—Listening to Building Understanding

Join the OEA-Retired Racial and Social Justice Committee Book Study



For another year of exciting discussions, all OEA members are invited to join us on this journey. We aim to inspire engaging conversations in books that relate to everyday experiences on the topics of racial and social justice. This will help us learn from each other and grow in understanding.

All sessions will be virtual on Zoom and will take place the third Monday of each month from 7pm-8pm (unless otherwise stated).

Please contact Makia Burns, OEA-Retired Liaison, burnsm@ohea.org with questions.

Book Reading Schedule:

- Oct 21 & Nov 18 – Caste by Isabel Wilkerson
- Dec 16 & Jan 27 – One of Our Kind by Nicola Yoon
- Feb 24 & Mar 17 – How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith
- Apr 28 & May 19 – The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- Jun 16 & Jul 21 – Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Aug 18 & Sep 15 – Frederick Douglass by David Blight
- Oct 20 & Nov 17 – Four Hundred Souls by Ibram X. Kendi

[Please click here to register](#)

[Program Flyer](#)

NEOEA Discounts at Playhouse Square



NEOEA members have discounts for highly-anticipated shows in the KeyBank Broadway Series.

- ◆ Oct 8 - 27, 2024 | Connor Palace A Beautiful Noise
- ◆ Oct 29 - Nov 3, 2024 | KeyBank State Theatre Mean Girls
- ◆ Nov 5 - 24, 2024 | Connor Palace Some Like It Hot
- ◆ Jan 7 - 26, 2025 | Connor Palace Life of Pi
- ◆ Feb 4 - 23, 2025 | Connor Palace Parade
- ◆ Mar 4 - 23, 2025 | Connor Palace Romeo & Juliet
- ◆ Apr 9 - 13, 2025 | Connor Palace Peter Pan
- ◆ Apr 22 - May 11, 2025 | Connor Palace Shucked
- ◆ June 17 - July 6, 2025 | KeyBank State Theatre Hamilton
- ◆ July 15 - Aug 3, 2025 | Connor Palace Kimberly Akimbo

Use promo code listed in the Playhouse Square area of Announcements at neoea.org, accessible after logging in, and save up to 65% off select performances and seating locations with reduced handling fees! GET TICKETS: <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp>

NEA & OEA Discounts



<https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>

- ◆ **NEA Member Benefits:** For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/>
- ◆ **NEA Student Debt Navigator:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-student-debt-navigator>
- ◆ **NEA Travel Dollars**—Enroll in NEA Travel and receive \$500 Travel Dollars to use like cash when you book a vacation. <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-travel-dollars>
- ◆ **NEA Discount Marketplace:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-discount-marketplace>
- ◆ **OEA ACCESS:** <https://ohea.accessdevelopment.com/>
- ◆ **OEA/NEA Attorney Referral and Discount Information:** <https://neoea.org/files/ARP.pdf>
- ◆ **NEOEA Member Benefits:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/Union/Member-Benefits>
- ◆ **Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse:** <https://www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com/group/detail/fieldhouseplus> Code: OEA22

NEOEA Discounts

Visit <https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>

- ◆ **Bedrooms Today:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>
- ◆ **Best Benefits Club:** <https://bestbenefitsclub.com/>
- ◆ **Bright Now! Dental:** <https://www.brightnow.com/>
<https://neoea.org/files/BrightNowFlyer.pdf>
- ◆ **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ohecu-loan.pdf>
- ◆ **Park Place:** Discount airport parking: <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ParkPlace.pdf>
- ◆ **Great Lakes Science Center:** <https://greatscience.com/educators>



NEOEA-R Calendar

<http://neoea-r.ohea.us/calendar/>

Oct 11	NEOEA Day
Feb 4	NEOEA-R Organizing Committee
Mar 8	MegaConference
Apr 15	NEOEA-R Spring Conference
Apr 15	NEOEA-R Organizing Committee

NEOEA Calendar

<https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>

OEA Information Update



Reminder: should you change your address, phone, or email address, please let the Membership Department at OEA know.

<https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-update-form/>

Additional membership questions? membership@ohea.org or InfoOEA at 1-844-632-4636.

By doing this, it allows OEA-R Advisory Council District Reps to be able to let you know of upcoming events in your District. It also gives the Advisory Council the ability to send you important details via email. If you know of friends that are active members that are retiring this year, please inform Lisa Marshall-Scott at lisascott4850@gmail.com.

Join OEA-R / NEA-R

Life Membership information and forms are available at:

<https://oer.ohea.us/join/how-to-join/>

Join Online: <https://www.mynea360.org/s/join-now>