

# YOUR LOCAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Although each of NJEA's 900+ local associations can be very different, all have a basic structure. You have an important place within this structure, *giving you a voice.*

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## Committee Chairpersons:

In addition to these elected positions, most local associations have committee chairs, which are appointed by the president. These committee chairs, in addition to the association officers listed, make up the local association executive board.

**Various - SEE WEBSITE!**  
Your Committee Chairpersons

## The Association Vice President(s):

The position of vice president is not an easy one to describe with a "one size fits all" definition. Vice presidents are expected to do... well... anything and everything that supports the president. Your local association has already designated specific tasks to the vice president, and you can find them in your association bylaws. Ask for a copy if you don't have one.

**Jenn McLaughlin - WM**  
Your Association VP(s)

## The Association Membership Chairperson

The membership chairperson keeps members' records up to date and is a liaison with the payroll office, the county association, NJEA, and NEA. Changes in employment status are tracked, and new members should be welcomed. The membership chairperson also works with association officers to develop and implement a member engagement plan that motivates members to become more involved.

**James Queen - MTHS**  
Your Association Membership Chair

## The Association President:

Frankly, the president is the biggest indicator of success for any local association. The president must be willing to give time and effort to duties of the office, have a passion for education, and possess a cooperative spirit to work with all school employees, administrators, board of education members, and the public. Any good local president has lots of members behind him or her, stepping up and helping out.

**Scott Riotta - MTHS**  
Your Association President

## The Association Secretary:

Probably the secretary's most important job is to properly interpret the discussions that occur at local association meetings. Failure to clearly record the proceedings of a meeting could confuse everyone involved.

**Max Dorsey-Gordon - MTHS**  
Your Association Secretary

## Association Representatives:

Each local association has an AR (or Association Representative) structure. ARs should be members of the local association representative council or representative assembly, which is the policy-making body for the local association. With few exceptions, each school or worksite should have at least one AR for every 10 to 15 members. In large schools, one AR serves as head AR.

**Various - SEE WEBSITE!**  
Your Association Rep

## The Association Treasurer:

Responsibilities of the local association treasurer can steadily grow as association members realize the advantages of keeping adequate finances, maintaining a planned budget, being incorporated, and following appropriate Internal Revenue Service classifications.

**Sandy Weber - HILLDALE**  
Your Association Treasurer

## Your COUNTY Education Association

County association leadership is usually very similar to that of the local. They have a President, Vice President(s), Treasurer, and a Secretary.

In addition to the officers, each county has an executive board, which includes members of the NJEA Delegate Assembly.

County associations have representative councils, too. They include members from each local association. Delegates to the council are proportionate to the size of each local association.

You can find your county association's website at [njea.org/about/county-local](http://njea.org/about/county-local).

## Your STATE Education Association

The New Jersey Education Association is the state's largest professional education organization, representing 200,000 elementary and secondary teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty, retired educators, and students preparing to become teachers.

You have direct representation to the NJEA Delegate Assembly (DA) and NJEA Executive Committee.

NJEA members elect three officers to serve the members on a state level – the NJEA President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Learn more at [njea.org/about/who-we-are/governance](http://njea.org/about/who-we-are/governance).

## Your NATIONAL Education Association

The National Education Association (NEA) is the nation's largest professional employee organization. NEA has 3 million members that work at every level of education—from pre-school to university graduate programs. NEA has affiliate organizations in every state and in more than 14,000 communities across the United States.

New Jersey has 11 elected representatives on NEA's Board of Directors. NEA policy is set at its annual Representative Assembly (RA) each summer.

Learn more about NEA at [nea.org](http://nea.org).



## Elections MATTER:

- ✓ Your local, county, state, and national associations are not "top down" organizations.
- ✓ You have a democratic voice. As a member, you are a big part of what happens, and you have a right to vote.
- ✓ Consider running for a local, county, state, or even a national position to make more of an impact.