

NCOEA Representation at 2008 NEA RA

Fourteen elected NCOEA members represented the NCOEA at the 2008 NEA RA (Representative Assembly) held in Washington, D.C. from July 1-6. This was the 146th NEA RA. Every four years (U. S. Presidential election years) the NEA RA is held in Washington, D.C. The delegates acted on new business items and resolutions designed to provide great public schools for every child.

The delegates voted to recommend Senator Barack Obama for President of the United States.

Throughout the RA FCPE (Fund for Children and public Education) fundraising and Cyber Lobbying activities were offered. \$1,848,591 was raised for the FCPE. This is the only money that may directly be used to help elect pro-education candidates.

The RA delegates began writing the next chapter of NEA's history by voting in elections that completed the new leadership team that will take office on September 1, 2008. President-elect Dennis VanRoekel and Vice-President-elect

Lily Eskelsen will be joined by Becky Pringle, who won the Secretary-Treasurer's position, while Princess Moss of Virginia and Len Paolillo of Massachusetts were elected to the NEA Executive Committee.

Special tributes were given to outgoing NEA President Reg Weaver and Ohio's Mike Billirakis who is leaving the NEA Executive Committee.

Next year the NEA RA will be held in San Diego, California.



Back Row L to R: Tina Adams, Mansfield; Paul Kauffman, Mid-Ohio Service Center; Patti Dice, Mt. Vernon, Holly Patterson, Mansfield. Middle Row L to R: Nancy Noble and Becky Mayer, Ashland; Judy Novak and Perry Brokaw, Mansfield; Joyce Skocic, Mt. Vernon; Diana DeLauder, Shelby; Cynthia Dahler, Mt. Vernon; Front Row L to R: Chris Swank, Retired; Pat Livingston, Madison; Jen Lepard, Mansfield.

NCOEA Locals to Hold Elections---The following locals are announcing their elections as follows:

Ashland City TA will hold their election for OEA/NCOEA Delegates on October 7, 2008. If you are interested, please contact Dan Rueger, President or Theresa Rogers, Secretary.

Galion EA will hold their election for OEA/NCOEA Delegates on October 3, 2008. If you are interested, please notify Shelly Barton, President.

Mansfield School Employees Association will hold their election for OEA/NCOEA (OEA RA is Dec. 6, 2008 and May 8 and 9, 2009; NCOEA RA is Nov. 15, 2008 and April 27, 2009) and NEA Delegates on October 1 and 2, 2008 (NEA RA is in July 2009 in San Diego). Elections will be held in each building. Notify Dot Turner at the high school or SRHIGHCAFE@mansfield.k12.oh.us. BE SURE TO DESIGNATE WHICH POSITION IS BEING SOUGHT (OEA/NCOEA OR NEA). Please include 25 words or less bio. Include building where working and how many years in education. Sept. 22, 2008, is deadline for declaration.

Shelby EA will hold elections the week of Sept. 28, 2008, for OEA/NCOEA delegates for 08-09 and NEA delegates for 08-09. Local SEA Officers will be elected the week of May 4, 2009. Declare for elections 7 days prior to the election date.