

## NEOEA Committees

Most of the people working for NEOEA do so as volunteers while they continue in their careers as education employees. The following committees do much of the work of NEOEA for its members. Quotation marks below indicate NEOEA policy language providing the charge of each committee. Questions? Please contact us at [committees@neoea.org](mailto:committees@neoea.org).

“The Credentials Committee is responsible for ensuring that all duly-elected delegates, and only duly-elected delegates, receive credentials in the NEOEA Representative Assembly. It will examine the delegate certification forms submitted by each local, prepare a report of certified delegates to the Representative Assemblies, register delegates at the assemblies, and recommend their seating to the Representative Assembly.”

*Lisa Lieben (Lorain EA)*

“The Elections Committee will supervise and conduct all elections held at the Representative Assemblies. The committee will develop recommendations for election and campaign rules, observe compliance with those rules, develop appropriate voting passes, count the votes, and report the election results.”

*Heather Gansler (Bedford EA)*

“The Environmental Concerns Committee will provide environmental lessons, ideas, and resources that can be used by education employees; inform education employees of environmental issues; represent the needs of education employees and students at meetings of environmental organizations; organize and develop workshops and/or training sessions for NEOEA members; and make recommendations to NEOEA on environmental issues.”

*Melisa Norton (Euclid TA)*

“The Internal Political Action Committee will screen candidates running for OEA/NEA statewide elected positions. The committee will present its recommendations concerning endorsements to the delegates of the Representative Assembly. Once the Representative Assembly has endorsed a candidate, the committee will offer to assist endorsed candidates in their campaigns.”

*Julia Papcke-Russell (Bay EA)*

“The Leadership Development Committee will develop and provide leadership training activities for new and current local association leaders that assist them in providing effective leadership to their members. These programs will help local associations in identifying and developing new leaders and provide a forum for the discussion of timely education-related issues.”

*Karen Carney (Campell EA)*

“The Legislative Committee will keep members informed about events in Columbus and Washington needing their support or action and will encourage communication between members and legislators. The Committee will make recommendations to OEA’s Legislative Commission regarding the creation of legislative policy. The Committee will promote activities of the Fund for Children and Public Education and encourage active participation in the OEA FCPE Council. The Committee will sponsor training programs on FCPE fund-raising, screening, and grassroots lobbying.”

*Andrew Smith (Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA)*

“The Personal Welfare and Financial Planning Committee will identify and monitor economic security and retirement concerns and will educate NEOEA members on financial matters and personal well-being. The committee will fulfill this purpose by informing NEOEA members on personal and financial issues. They will develop recommendations regarding economic benefits for members.”

*Dennis Lewis (Parma EA-R)*

“The Professional Development Committee will provide workshops to provide ideas, methods, and materials intended to improve members’ professional efficacy.”

*Marissa Platten (Austintown EA)*

“The Public Relations Committee will promote the Association, its views, services, and activities among our members, and promote local association programs that enhance the image of public education and its employees.”

*Jené Wilson (OEA/individual)*

“The Resolutions Committee will draft the annual Resolutions document, which contains the written formal expressions of the organization’s philosophy, principles, and goals. Consistent with the governing documents of the association, these statements set forth general concepts in clear, concise language and state NEOEA’s positions in an appropriate manner.”

*Suzie Neff (Columbia Local EA)*

“The Social and Human Concerns Committee will advocate for civil and human rights, public education, the dignity of workers, and the value of cooperation through education. The committee will research, develop, and present programs and activities that advance these goals.”

*Kecia Sanders-Stewart (East Cleveland EA)*

“The ESP Organizing Committee will promote the welfare of Education Support Professionals by identifying particular ESP concerns as topics for training workshops, by serving as a link between northeastern Ohio ESPs and those in other districts, and by fostering communication with the OEA ESP Forum.”

*Matthew Hickman (Willoughby-Eastlake Class. Prof.)*

“The Minority Organizing Committee will promote the welfare of minorities by identifying particular minority concerns as topics for training workshops, by serving as a link between northeastern Ohio minorities and those in other districts, and by fostering communication with the OEA Minority Caucus.”

*Carol Correthers (Lorain EA)*

“The NEOEA-R Organizing Committee will promote the welfare of retired members of NEOEA by identifying particular concerns of retired members as topics for training workshops and social opportunities, by serving as a link between northeastern Ohio retired members and those in other districts, and by fostering communication with OEA-R.”

*Nancy Wonson (Lakewood TA-retired)*