

# The Word

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2010



## “Be An Agent for Change! Run for a WAWMEA Leadership Position!

This is a great time to be a union advocate. What’s at stake? It has become apparent that traditional interests around wages, salaries and benefits must **stretch** towards issues that deal with the quality of education which include but are not limited to:

- Getting class sizes to levels that are manageable and productive.
- Meeting the needs of a diverse population.
- Writing curriculum that is vigorous and meets the needs of students.
- Offering a balanced curriculum that addresses **ALL** aspects of the **WHOLE** child.

We must continue to fight for the things we have fought for in the past. More of us need to be directly involved. The West Allis – West Milwaukee Education Association will open nominations in January. Have you thought about running for office? Our leadership has always included people who are committed to great public schools, devoted to the best interests of teachers and clearly possess a vision for education in our community, state and country. The best way to learn about the West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association, West Suburban Council, Wisconsin Education Association Council and the National Education Association is to get involved. Nominate yourself!

The Elections Committee will be taking nominations for: President, Vice President, Treasurer, two Association Directors, one Director of West Suburban, sixteen Delegates to the Representative Assembly of West Suburban Council, thirteen Delegates to the WEAC Representative Assembly, and four Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly. The election will take place in each of our schools March 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The ballot count will take place at FL Wright Intermediate School.



## 2010

Nominations for Association officers are being sought for the upcoming spring elections. Duties of the open offices according to the Constitution are described below. The name(s) of the person(s) presently holding each position are also listed.

### PRESIDENT & AUTOMATIC DELEGATE TO NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

(1 year term)

Current President - Jeff Sikich

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and Representative Council and shall perform such other duties as may be imposed by the provisions of this constitution. The President shall appoint the chairpersons and members of standing committees and special committees subject to the approval of the Executive Board and be ex officio member of all standing committees. The President shall arrange for publication and distribution of internal information concerning Association matters. The President shall represent the Association before the public either personally or through delegates. The President shall represent the West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association as a delegate to the National Education Association Delegate Assembly.

### VICE-PRESIDENT

(1 year term)

Current Vice-President Nancy Nienhuis

The Vice-President shall assist the Executive Committee and the President at the latter's request and shall preside at all meetings in the President's absence.

### TREASURER

(2 year term)

Current Treasurer- Ryan Rutz

The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Association and disburse them upon authorization by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall bill the members for their annual dues per capita tax, collect them through the Membership Committee in each building and transmit accounts due the Wisconsin Education Association Council. The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements, shall report to each meeting of the Representative Council, and shall prepare an annual financial statement for publication to members as directed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep the President and Executive Committee informed of the financial condition of the Association, shall assist the Budget Committee in the initial drafting of the annual budget and shall file such reports with the Internal Revenue Service of the Department of Labor as required by law.

### TWO ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS

(2 year terms)

Current Directors – Christine Morrissey and Angela Bina - (terms end in 2010)

Maureen Marek and Linda Wamboldt - (terms end in 2011)

The Association Director serves on the Executive Board and acts as the President's liaison to the standing committees of the Association

**ONE DIRECTOR TO UNISERV BOARD WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL**

(3 year term)

Current Directors

Kathy Ceel (term ends 2010 appointed) Julie Stringer (term ends in 2011) Jill Miller (term ends in 2012)

The Director will attend the monthly meeting of the West Suburban Council Board of Directors.

**WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY – 16 DELEGATES**

(2 year term)

(We are entitled to a total of 26 delegates)

The delegates will attend three meetings a year to discuss UniServ business.  
Meetings traditionally occur the third Wednesday of October, January and May

Current Delegates (Term ends in 2010)

Julie Stringer, Chad Lehman, Jeff Sikich, Chris Morrissey, Nancy Nienhuis, Nance Hlucknik, Maureen Marek, Chris Mann, Sue Johnson, Nicole Gosser, and Kathy Ceel

Current Delegates (Term ends in 2011)

Tyson Auth, Dana Azzolina, Michelle Daavettilla, Laura Gabriel, Eden Klug, Bob Kuenzi,, Lynn Malloy, Ellen Mazurek , Jessica Thimm, Linda Wamboldt

**DELEGATES TO WEAC REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

(2 year term)

(We are entitled to a total of 13 delegates)

We need to elect 13 delegates and 2 alternates  
2010 WEAC Representative Assembly will be held in Green Bay, WI April 23-25

Current Delegates and Alternates – Term ends 2009

Jeff Sikich, Chris Morrissey, Peggy Oberbeck, Jill Miller, Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein, Lynn Malloy, Kris Franzke, Kathy Ceel, Linda Wamboldt, Michelle Daavettilla , Angela Bina, Colleen Haase, Jesscia Timm, and Kari Kratochwill

**DELEGATES TO NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY 4**

(1 year term)

One delegate will be the elected president

2009 Delegates and Alternates were Jim Korovsky, Lynn Malloy, Maureen Marek, and Linda Wamboldt

The requirement for this position is that the persons elected will attend all the days of the NEA Representative Assembly to be held in New Orleans, LA (July 1st - July 6th, 2010). **The WAWMEA budget includes funding equal to or greater than the stipend offered by WEAC for State Delegates.**

These nominations must be returned to Julie Stringer at West Milwaukee Intermediate School or to the Association office by Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2010. Additional nominations will only be accepted at the February 10, 2010 RA if the nominee is present to accept the nomination or has accepted said nomination in writing.

WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NOMINATIONS

PRESIDENT – 1 Year Term

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VICE-PRESIDENT – 1 Year Term

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TREASURER – 2 Year Term

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ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS – 2 Year Term

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WSC DIRECTOR – 3 Year Term

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WSC REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES  
2 Year Term

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WEAC RA DELEGATES – 2 Year Term

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NEA RA DELEGATES – 1 Year Term

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Name of person making nominations \_\_\_\_\_

Note: the name of any member may be placed in nomination. The Elections Committee will contact those persons nominated.

January 2, 2010