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Terry's Table Talk

This past year has been difficult for everyone. We have sheltered in place, met on Zoom, masked up, and social distanced. Please continue to stay safe and healthy until you are able to receive your vaccination. I received my vaccination on Thursday, February 11. It is so important that we have herd immunity so everyone can begin returning to a *somewhat* normal future.



In the meantime, it is time for you to make a decision to be a candidate for one of MNEA-Retired positions designated below! It is also time for you to register for the virtual ANNUAL meeting!

If you are an MNEA-Retired member and would like to run for office or delegate, you must declare your candidacy **by March 15, 2021**. Click here to declare your candidacy: www.mnea.org/retired. You must complete the online declaration form by March 15. When a candidate declares candidacy, they will be able to upload a photo and 100 words about themselves and why they should be elected to serve!

The offices of President, Vice President, Historian, Budget, Board of Director (if you have served 2 terms on the BOD as a non-retiree, you are **ineligible** to run again), four Executive Council Members-at-Large are up for election. The delegates to the **virtual** NEA-Retired and NEA Representative Assemblies (summer, 2021) and delegates to the MNEA Representative Assemblies (fall 2021, 2022 and spring 2022, 2023) are up for election. The election will take place **online** and will open on **April 7 and close at 5 PM on April 21, 2021**.

MNEA-Retired will have a **virtual** Annual Business Meeting on **April 23, 2021**. To register for the Annual Meeting, you must have a valid email address. MNEA-Retired members in good standing will be considered delegates and receive an electronic ballot to vote in the election for the offices above.

To register, click on www.mnea.org/retired.

Additional information will be available for those who register. Upon registering, you will receive an email receipt with links for the three sessions that will constitute the virtual 2021 MNEA-Retired Annual Meeting. Two of the three sessions will be to hear the speeches of the candidates. The third session will be **MNEA-Retired virtual Annual Meeting Main Business Session. PLEASE REGISTER** so you may participate in this year's annual meeting.

Questions about the MNEA-Retired Annual Meeting should be directed to Olivia Compton (olivia.compton@mnea.org) or (417) 569-1402.



Greg Jung: A Man Who Made a Difference

Greg Jung, Past-MNEA President

On October 23, Missouri NEA-Retired lost one of our most loyal members. Greg Jung will be most remembered for his dedication to Missouri NEA, serving as both Vice-President and President. During those years, the two members who worked most closely with Greg were MNEA Presidents, Donna Collins, and Chris Guinther. Their personal thoughts about Greg are captured as follows:

Donna – “Greg was the kindest and most passionate person I've ever known. He loved his kids and his partner, Chris, more than words can adequately express. Greg worked tirelessly to protect public education, advocated for justice, and promoted LGBTQ equality. He knew the best way to promote the causes he believed in was through political action.”

Chris – “Not only was Greg my mentor in leadership skills, but more than that, he was a good friend and taught me much about life, living well, and love. During our hundreds of hours of “windshield time” we shared laughter and the stories of our lives. One of my greatest joys was knowing the wonderful life he had with Christopher, and one of my greatest sorrows is losing him as a friend.”

Greg Jung's association support did not end with retirement. Although he moved to Florida where his life moved in a new direction, he remained loyal and active in the association he loved. Along with Martha Karlovetz, he helped organize the Suncoast NEA-Retired. Greg returned to Missouri for a number of MNEA-Retired Annual Meetings, and he never failed to send generous PAC donations to our MNEA-Retired RA delegates.

Greg Jung will continue to be an inspiration to all of us who question from time to time what a difference we can make. Greg Jung made a difference!

Focus Points . . .

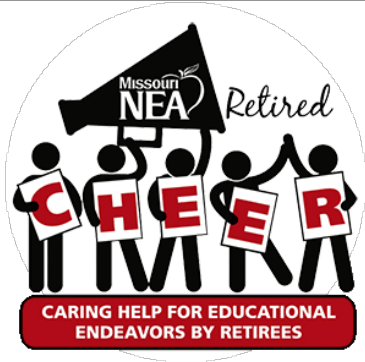
Important Dates for Election Candidates and Retirees Members

1. Now through March 15, 2021: You may declare your election candidacy **by clicking here to declare your candidacy!** www.mnea.org/retired.
 2. Now through April 6, 2021: Time to register for the Annual Meeting and to get a ballot to vote. **To register, click on** www.mnea.org/retired.
 3. Thursday, April 1, 2021: Session 1 via zoom MNEA-Retired officers and NEA-RA delegates will make election speeches.
 4. Tuesday, April 6, 2021: Session 2 via zoom MNEA RA Delegates, Executive Council Members-at-Large and MNEA PAC will make election speeches.
 5. Wednesday, April 7-21, 2021: **Electronic Voting is open**. Check your email for your personalized electronic line to vote.
 6. Friday, April 23, 2021: MNEA-Retired **Annual Business Meeting** (main session)
- ❖ Congratulations go to *Volunteer of the Year*, Susan McClintic, who is President of Mid-MO MNEA-Retired and a member of the Executive Council. The *Jim Coen Silver Citizenship Award* winner is Dorothy Walk who serves as our rep on the MNEA PAC Council.
 - ❖ Steve Yoakum retired from his position as the Executive Director of PSRS/PEERS after 22 years. MNEA-Retired members had the chance to hear his last presentation at the MNEA-Retired Fall Meeting. Steve followed up his personal thanks, with a card expressing his appreciation for all MNEA retirees. He will be missed.



PSRS Meeting Report

Missouri NEA Legislative Director Otto Fajen represents MNEA and MNEA-Retired members at the meetings of the PSRS/PEERS Board. Read the report of the latest meeting at <https://www.mnea.org/Missouri/PSRSMeetingMinutes.aspx>



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