

NOMINATION FORM FOR I.E.A. OFFICE

Name: Mary Lee Ruch

Office sought:

IEA President*

IEA Vice President*

NEA Director from the IEA*

IEA Representative on the NEA Resolutions Committee*

At Large Member of the IEA Board of Directors*

ESP At Large Member of the IEA Board of Directors*

IEA Regional Representative on the IEA Board of Directors

Retired Member on the IEA Board of Directors

**Closing of nominations for these offices is two (2) months prior to the first day of Delegate Assembly.*

RESUME OF CANDIDATE

Resumes of candidates will be available on the IEA Elections Website. Information not requested on this resume will not be posted on the website.

Please list any (3) offices you have held in the local, region or state education association. Also list the dates that the office(s) was held. *(If more than three are listed, only the first three will be printed.)*

1. Retired Member on the IEA Board of Directors: 2015-Current

2. Region 1 Representative on the Board of Directors: 2009-2014

3. Co-Chair of Idaho Education Association Retired Council: 2015-Current

Please list and explain up to three other activities or involvement in your local, region, or state education association. *(If more than three are listed, only the first three will be posted on the website.)*

1. NEA Representative: 2 Years

2. Past Co-Chair of North Idaho Education Association Retired Chapter

3. Delegate for Idaho Education Association Delegate Assembly: Too many years to know!

Signature



Date 02/07/22

Return form to IEA, P.O. Box 2638, Boise ID 83701 or fax to 208-336-6967.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Applies to candidates running for IEA President, Vice President, NEA Director, IEA Representative on the NEA Resolutions Committee, At Large Member(s) on the IEA Board of Directors – this questionnaire is to appear on the reverse of the “Nomination Form for IEA Office” provided to potential candidates.)

1. How long have you been working in education?

I was a fulltime teacher from 1977-2015. I then worked part time in the McKinney/Vento program of my district from 2015-2020 when I fully retired.

2. What positions of leadership have you held (elected, appointed or voluntary) at the local, region, state or national level?

State: Retired Board of Directors, Region Board of Directors, Budget Comm., Awards Comm., Elections Comm., Negotiations Comm.

Local: Negotiations, Negotiation Support Chair, Building Rep., Delegate to IEA and Rep. to NEA

3. What do you believe are the three primary responsibilities of this office?

1. To support the mission, vision and core values of the IEA.
2. To keep informed and involved with the current issues in education at the state, region and local levels.
3. To continue to grow the membership of active and retired IEA.

4. What do you see as the greatest challenge IEA members will face in the next five years?
What ideas do you have to address that challenge?

The greatest issue we will have to deal with in the next 5 years is the issue of not only maintaining current membership, but in growing our membership to increase our strength in fighting issues such as charter schools, alternative teacher credentials, living wages for all and myriads of other issues! IEA is as only strong as our membership.

5. What is your plan for increasing membership and member engagement?

I would like to see us concentrating on purposely planned one to one personal contacts with prospective members. We need to do more networking of these contacts. Utilizing folk from outside of the building such as retired members, same content or coaching area people, fellow church/club members etc. can make a huge difference in the conversations!

6. How do you intend to communicate with members in order to keep them informed and to find out their concerns?

As a Co-Chair of the State Retired Comm., I plan on utilizing our twice yearly newsletter, twice yearly state comm. meetings, Zooming with local chapter presidents and remaining active in NIEARC leadership.

7. Provide other information you would like members to know:

I have truly enjoyed my experiences over the years as a Regional Representative and a Retired Representative on the Idaho Education Association's Board of Directors. I have served under Presidents Sherri Wood, Penni Cyr, Kari Overall and currently Layne McInelly. I continue to remain very active in the North Idaho Education Association Retired Chapter and Region 1. I am especially excited and ready, willing and able to help any other region get a retired chapter going. As a mother of an Idaho teacher and grandmother of 3 Idaho students, I continue to fight for what we believe is best practice for teachers, students and families at the local and state level.

I have the experience, dedication and leadership skills needed for the Retired Position on the Idaho Education Association Board of Directors. I would appreciate your vote!