

For the first time in history, Wentzville NEA will send a delegate to the NEA National Representative Assembly. As our membership has nearly doubled in size over the past 6 years, our local legislative body (building representatives) approved one delegate to go to the RA. Below is information about the RA and following that is an application to be considered as Wentzville NEA's delegate. All who complete the application will be placed on a ballot to be voted on by our membership at large.

Wentzville NEA has a grant to cover the airfare and lodging for the elected delegate. In addition, a per diem will be provided for meals, ground transportation, etc.

### **Who goes to NEA's Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly?**

The Representative Assembly (RA) consists of roughly 9,000 delegates representing state and local affiliates. These delegates are elected by their local and state Associations and represent preK-16 educators, including education support professionals, student members, retired members, and other segments of the united education profession.

### **What is the RA?**

The RA is the primary legislative and policymaking body of the National Education Association (NEA) and derives its powers from, and is responsible to, the membership. Various committees, constituencies, caucuses, leadership groups, and delegates from state and local affiliates gather to set policy and chart the direction of NEA business. The RA is the largest democratic deliberative assembly in the world and adheres to Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise specified in NEA governing documents.

### **When and where is the RA?**

The RA will be held in Chicago, IL at the McCormick Place Convention Center. The RA will run from July 1-5, 2011.

### **Why does the RA meet every year?**

The RA adopts the strategic plan and budget, resolutions, the legislative program, and other policies of NEA. Delegates propose, debate, and take action on new business items for the Association and vote by secret ballot on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Those delegates with full voting rights elect the executive officers, Executive Committee members, and at-large members of the NEA Board of Directors, as appropriate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Building \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why you want to go to the NEA RA?

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Explain what you hope to gain by attending the NEA RA?

Making the Best

Even Better

Explain how your attending the NEA RA will benefit Wentzville NEA?

**Please return this application to Scott Kiehl at WMS no later than March 1, 2011.**