



Who Drives the Association?



...Marlene Irons, WEA President

How often do you try to learn about the NEA or the UEA and what drives their actions? I, along with five other Weber Education Association members, attended the Representative Assembly (RA) when the NEA's Vision, Mission and Values were adopted by this body in July of 2006.

Three tiers of membership—

The NEA Representative Assembly meets the week of July 4 every year with 9,000 to 10,000 members to discuss policy, legislative agendas and other business of the organization. It is the most democratic process I have participated in. It is here at this meeting where NEA's business is voted on and adopted. Members rule.

The UEA meets each April for the House of Delegates meeting, Weber sends 26 members to discuss policy, and give direction to the UEA elected officials and staff.

The WEA meets the second Monday of each month with a representative from each school to discuss the happenings in the association and receive direction from our building representatives. We are a member driven organization.

Those representing you at these meetings are elected by you. You need to be involved and let them know what you think needs to happen.

We are entering the legislative session and the time of year for negotiations. Please become involved with the business of the legislature. Be prepared to participate in any actions YOUR ASSOCIATION needs you to be involved in.

Please read NEA's Vision, Mission, and Values and learn what we are all about—

We, the members of the National Education Association of the United States, are the voice of education professionals. Our work is fundamental to the nation, and we accept the profound trust placed in us.

Our Vision

Our vision is a great public school for every student.

Our Mission

Our mission is to advocate for education professionals and to unite our members and the nation to fulfill the promise of public education to prepare every student to succeed in a diverse and interdependent world.

Our Core Values

These principles guide our work and define our mission:

Equal Opportunity

We believe public education is the gateway to opportunity. All students have the human and civil right to a quality public education that develops their potential, independence, and character.

A Just Society

We believe public education is vital to building respect for the worth, dignity, and equality of every individual in our diverse society.

Democracy

We believe public education is the cornerstone of our republic. Public education provides individuals with the skills to be involved, informed, and engaged in our representative democracy.

Professionalism

We believe that the expertise and judgment of education professionals are critical to student success. We maintain the highest professional standards, and we expect the status, compensation, and respect due all professionals.

Partnership

We believe partnerships with parents, families, communities, and other stakeholders are essential to quality public education and student success.

Collective Action

We believe individuals are strengthened when they work together for the common good. As education professionals, we improve both our professional status and the quality of public education when we unite and advocate collectively.

NEA also believes every student in America, regardless of family income or place of residence, deserves a quality education. In pursuing its mission, NEA has determined that we will focus the energy and resources of our 3.2 million members on improving the quality of teaching, increasing student achievement and making schools safer, better places to learn.

