

“Teachers are our nation’s  
‘mind workers’ – the people  
who know best about  
teaching and learning. It is  
they who need to take charge  
of improving education.”

Charles Kerchner, Julia Koppich & Joseph Weeres,  
“Taking Charge of Quality: How Teachers and  
Unions Can Revitalize Schools”

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# You Can Represent MCEA at the NEA Annual Convention

*San Diego, CA  
July 1-6, 2009*

## Here's How...

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## What Happens at the NEA Convention?

The National Education Association Representative Assembly...

- establishes the NEA's general objectives and legislative agenda,
- adopts a budget,
- sets annual dues,
- elects national officers and at-large NEA directors, and
- directs the national association's activities through new business items.

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## How Can I Become a Delegate?

Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly will be elected by the MCEA membership in an all-member vote during February 2009. MCEA is entitled to approximately 75 delegates (based upon membership estimates). It is MCEA's policy to strongly encourage the participation of minorities.

All active MCEA members are eligible for election as delegates to attend the NEA Convention. First-time delegates are especially encouraged to run.

If you would like to represent MCEA at the National Education Association's Representative Assembly July 1-6, 2009, please complete the form at right and return to Kiwana Williams-Hall at the MCEA office, via pony, **no later than February 4, 2009.**

NEA delegates are elected in an all-member vote conducted in February. MCEA will distribute the NEA Ballots with a list of candidates' qualifications, which you supply to MCEA.

We want members to know something about the people for whom they are voting. Please give us no more than two lines (approximately 30 words), which should include your current assignments, association activities, leadership positions, minority status (optional), and reasons for seeking election. For example: "served 3 years as MCEA rep, currently on PALS Comm., contract enforcement training, want to further education reform."

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## Who Pays for Delegates' Expenses?

MCEA provides a stipend which will cover most travel, room, and reasonable food expenses.

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## NEA Convention Delegate NOMINATION FORM

You may nominate yourself or another MCEA member.

**PLEASE PRINT**

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Print Name of Nominee

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School/Office

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Signature of Nominee

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Signature of Nominator

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Home Address/Street

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City

State

Zip

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Employee ID

Ethnic minority Yes [ ] No [ ]

Would this be your first time attending as a delegate? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Qualifications (attach additional sheet if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MCEA  
NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 4, 2009**