

2017 SCRIBE Election Issue

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County
Education
Association*

SCEA Officers

Steve Beatty
President

Dan Epstein
1st Vice President

Henry Goodhue
2nd Vice President

Laura Bochner
Recording Secretary

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Treasurer

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This year there will be six positions for you to cast your ballots. Elections will be conducted by direct mail or online at njea.org between April 1 and April 14. This issue contains candidate information and job descriptions for each office so that you may better familiarize yourselves with the positions and the candidates vying for each. All candidates are listed alphabetically.

As for NJEA officer positions, the SCEA has endorsed Marie Blistan for President and Steve Beatty for Secretary-Treasurer.

County Officers (elect 1 each for 2 year term)

SCEA President

Steve Beatty, Bridgewater-Raritan
Andrew Coslit, Somerset County Vocational Technical School

SCEA 2nd Vice President

Theresa Fuller, North Plainfield
Henry Goodhue, Hillsborough

SCEA Recording Secretary

Kristina Fallon Tomaino, South Bound Brook
Frances Blabolil, Warren

Delegate Assembly

The Delegate Assembly determines the policies of the Association, approves the Association budget, acts upon reports from the NJEA officers, the Executive Committee, and all standing committees, and elects New Jersey representatives to the NEA Board of Directors. DA members are elected by members of their counties and units of representation.

Delegate Assembly (elect 2 for 2 year term)

Andrew Coslit Dan Epstein Kristina Fallon Tomaino Theresa Fuller

NEA Representative Assembly

Responsibilities: The RA is convened every July during the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, representatives to highest deliberative body debate issues that impact American public education, elect top officers, and set policy for the Association.

NEA RA Representatives (elect 6 for 1 year term)

Andrew Coslit	Gwendoline Duralek	Kim Edwards	Dan Epstein
Kristina Fallon Tomaino	Theresa Fuller	Deborah Green	Virginia Hawkins
Mary MacRae	Gayle Nelson	John Snodgrass	David Yastremski

NEA RA Ethnic Minority Representative (elect 1 for 1 year term)

Kim Edwards Deborah Green Virginia Hawkins Gayle Nelson

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Candidates for President



BREA

- President 2004-present
- 2nd Vice-President
- Grievance Chairperson
- Negotiations team
- Chief Association representative
- Association Representative

NJEA

- Chair, Government Relations Committee 2010-present
- Secretary-Treasurer County Presidents Council
- Gubernatorial screening committee
- NJEA Delegate Assembly
- Pension Fellow
- NJEA Union School Graduate

Awards/Groups

- Rutgers Labor Relations School – Public Sector Labor Relations Certificate
- Cornell Industrial & Labor Relations school – Collective Bargaining Certificate
- Two time Jim George Collective Bargaining recognition certificate
- Fulbright recipient

SCEA

- President 2013-present
- 2nd Vice-President
- Government Relations Committee
- Legislative Action Chairperson

NEA

- NEA Representative Assembly
- NJ Chair for PAC fundraising

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We have the strongest Union in New Jersey because of the resolve and will of our members and the causes we champion. Over these past years, we have been disrespected and bullied and it is time that we move the organization forward into a new era of organizing and advocacy and regain what was lost.

My experience and proven track record of success in organizing on the grass roots level has brought together members and stakeholders and strengthened all of our locals. I have stood shoulder to shoulder with you at your rallies, in your board offices and on the streets – fighting for our rights and for our great public schools. Together, we can!

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Candidates for 2nd Vice President



Theresa Fuller for SCEA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

I have been a Social Studies teacher in North Plainfield for 15 years and have had the honor of serving in a variety of local, county, state, and national roles. I am the co-President of North Plainfield Education Association and have also served as their Membership Chair, Action Team Chair, and VP of Teachers. As an outspoken advocate, I was appointed to serve on the NJEA Congressional Contact Committee and have attended a variety of Winter and Summer Leadership Conferences. I have had the opportunity to attend the NEA Representative Assembly in 2014 and 2016. As a result of these various leadership opportunities, I have developed a firm belief in member-driven advocacy and standing up for the best interests of our collective membership. A union is made of members, like you, with the right to organize and uphold our values. The work before us is great, but I am excited for the future of public education and the prospect of working together to make a positive change. I humbly ask for your vote and the opportunity to continue fighting these battles with you!

I am honored to serve as SCEA 2nd VP. During this time, I have fought privatization, charter expansion, Chapter 78 and bolstered ties with stakeholders. I am proud to have organized events that furthered pro-education issues and strengthened ties with legislators.

The work done on behalf of the members of the SCEA is truly a calling and I humbly ask for your support as I seek re-election as SCEA 2nd VP!

Leadership

- SCEA 2nd VP
- SCEA Webmaster & Data Captain
- Hillsborough Education Association President
- NJEA Union School Graduate
- NJEA UniServ Consultant
- NJEA Government Relations Committee

Advocacy

- Testified at NJBOE against charter expansion in Somerset and lessened accountability
- Media liaison/coordinator for Somerville Pension Rally
- Collaborated on election of pro-education candidate in Somerset(LD16)
- Organized fights against privatization
- Coordinating County-wide Action plans to assist locals
- Organized Legislative Meet & Greet with Somerset/Hunterdon legislators and party chairs
- Continually improving SCEA website/Facebook page to increase member engagement and communication

Henry Goodhue is an outstanding advocate for our members. His initiatives and advocacy have helped our association thrive. He fights for public education by testifying in Trenton and organizing contract rallies. The SCEA needs his leadership skills as 2nd Vice President!

-Dan Epstein, SCEA 1st VP

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Candidates for Recording Secretary



Frances Blabolil for SCEA Secretary

For 27 years, I have been worked in Warren Township first as a special education teacher and currently as an LDT-C. I was given the great honor of receiving the Governor's Teacher Award in 2004. I am the current President of the Warren Township Education Association and have also served as their VP and Negotiations Chair. I have served on the SCEA Budget Committee, Constitution/Bylaw Committee, and Presidents' Council Chair. I have served on the NJEA DA, Member Benefits Committee, and UniServ Committee, while regularly attending Winter and Summer Leadership Conferences. Nationally, I have been a delegate to the NEA RA. On numerous occasions, members from across Somerset County have contacted me about their professional concerns and inquire about how they can become more involved. Members like these know that I am educated about the issues that are important to them and that I am a passionate advocate, working to get their issues resolved. I am confident that if we work together, we can move SCEA forward in a positive direction where every member has a voice. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue to serve you!!!

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Kristina Fallon Tomaino

For SCEA Recording Secretary

**Fierce Advocate, Uniter, Hard Worker, Fighter for Public Education
Dedicated to the future of our profession and our schools.**

- Fierce Advocate:** Advocate for better working conditions, salaries and students.
- Hard Worker:** Proven reliable to show up: rallies, support for outside locals, school funding, campaigning. Does the work; committed to doing it right.
- Uniter:** True listener of all our members, (conservative, progressive, democrat, republican, teacher, ESP, veteran or early career members) to champion our common interests.
- Education:** 22 years teaching experience - Media, Technology, Mathematics
- Local Association:** LAT Representative (2006-12), (2006-15) Grievance Chair (2011-14), Negotiations (2011, 14, current), Treasurer (2014-current)
- County Association:** SCEA Executive Committee (2012-current), SCEA Constitution Committee. (2014) D.A. Alternate.(2015-16)
- NJEA Experience:** Committees- Working Conditions (2012-current), Editorial (2013-15), Higher Education (2015-current), NJEA Apprentice (2013)

My 22 years teaching, research librarian and union experience has taught me to get to the facts first, stay informed, work hard, and demand accountability from oneself first.

A vote for Fallon Tomaino is a vote for our profession, our schools
and a commitment to serve you!

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Dan Epstein for Delegate Assembly

I have been a teacher in Franklin Township for 11 years and an association activist for nearly as long. I am currently the 1st VP of the SCEA and serve on the NJEA Government Relation Committee. In just this past year I have led the fight against charter school expansion, worked to elect pro-education legislators, and testified against PARCC and unfair regulations from Trenton. Thank you for your inspiration and support for NEA RA and Delegate Assembly!

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Kristina Fallon Tomaino For NJEA Delegate Assembly

A Representative who demands accountability from herself first, not afraid to stand by her vote and hears the needs of the membership to vote accordingly.

True listener of all our members, (conservative, progressive, democrat, republican, teacher, ESP, veteran or early career members) to champion our common interests.

We are a diverse membership from countless backgrounds. All viewpoints need to be considered. It's not about leadership, politics or egos. It's taking control of our profession, defining our struggles and finding solutions together.

Education: 22 years teaching experience - Media, Technology, Mathematics

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NJEA Experience: Committees- Working Conditions (2012-current), Editorial (2013-2015), Higher Education (2015-current)

NJEA Apprentice (2013)

**A vote for Fallon Tomaino is a vote for a commitment to serve you
And to know how your DA votes for you!!**

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Theresa Fuller for NJEA DA

Our strength lies in our ability to come together from diverse backgrounds and viewpoints to formulate policies that affect all of us. Using the democratic process, we can stand up for the best interests of public education and our members. Despite a long road ahead for our members and our students, the rewards are worth the hard work. I humbly ask for your vote and the opportunity to continue fighting these battles with you!

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Support Kristina Fallon Tomaino for NEA RA state delegate! ·

Published advocate for public education and educators. ·

Active association member: Local Treasurer, Association Rep, Local Negotiations, LAT, County Rep, Working Conditions and Higher Education Committee, NJEA Apprentice Graduate., D. A. Alternate

A proven committed informed candidate ready to represent all members in these challenging times.

**Vote For Kristina Fallon Tomaino
And Our Concerns For Public Education Will Be Heard!**

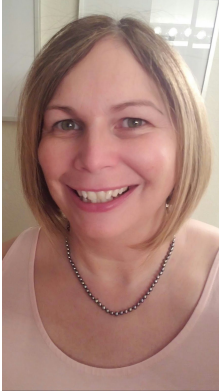


Theresa Fuller for NEA RA

Attending the NEA RA is an opportunity to influence national policy and move our organization forward. All members deserve a voice, an advocate, and someone with a proven record who will dedicate themselves to standing up for the issues impacting our members. I humbly ask for your vote and the opportunity to continue fighting these battles with you!

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Mary J. MacRae

- Bernards Township Education Association Vice President, LAT Chair, Social Chair/Event Planner
- NEA/NJEA Member 23 years, SCEA member 20 years
- Attended NEA-RA in Orlando in 2015 and Washington, D.C in 2016
- Somerset County PAC Captain at NEA-RA 2016
- I'd appreciate your vote to send me to Boston for NEA-RA 2017...third time's a charm!



Vote for Dave Yastremski for SCEA Representative to the 2016 NEA/RA. After serving as your county treasurer and as an NEA delegate for eleven years, I hope to continue bringing the voice and mission of the SCEA to the national arena. So many issues affecting New Jersey Public Education are brought to the RA floor. As your representative, I pledge my goal to you, all SCEA members, that your voice and mission will be heard. We all share the same goal, our passionate support and investment in New Jersey Public Education. Vote for Dave Yastremski.



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