

2017 AEA BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

AEA ESP At-Large Director - *open position*

AEA ESP Alternate At-Large Director

Cesar Cota

My name is Cesar Cota I been member of Cartwright Education Association for the past two years. I was part of the ESP Organizing Task Force Committee member of AEA it will be an honor to represent you at the AEA board of directors I myself is an ESP worker it takes honor courage commitment I was selected by the Cartwright Education Association to the Assembly Delegate of 2015 I am involved with the Cartwright Education Association by representatives them on the Advocacy Cohort Training. I deserve you vote. Because I have the experience and the knowledge to become your next ESP Alternate At-Large Director

Name: Cesar Cota

Address: 7546 W. Montecito Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85033

Work Phone: Home Phone: 623-999-2316

Local Association: Cartwright EA

Education Position: Years Employed:

Total Years of Educational Employment:

Total Years as AEA Member: As NEA member:

Higher Education Degrees Held:

Region 2 Alternate Director - *open position*

Region 3 Alternate Director

Petra Schmid-Riggins

Over the years I have gained profound knowledge in public policy, legislation, and union business which will enable me to acquire and fulfill the duties as Region 3-Alternate Director while helping the union to achieve its overall mission. As member of the CTA Political Action Committee, I have helped efforts to pass several bond and capital override elections to fund public education. I completed the NEA Teacher Leadership Institute and collaboratively composed a report influencing education policy <http://vivateachers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/VIVA-NEA-3602.pdf> which was shared with the NEA Accountability Task Force and disseminated at NEA-RA. As panelist I promoted teacher voice at the Network for Public Education (NPE) Conference in Chicago. I have worked on several projects with NEA to assure that decisions are made by educators for educators and to support teachers new to the profession. I serve on the AEA Social Justice Task Force, AZ ASCD Advocacy Committee, and as CTA Secretary. Through AEA and NPE I work on campaigns to thwart any attempts to privatize schools and to adequately fund and democratically-govern public schools. As English Second Language speaker and immigrant, I represent a vast number of students and I belief empowering educators leads to empowering students.

Please kindly consider voting for me so I can grow as union leader, public education and social-justice advocate while paving, alongside others, a renewed way for education and union empowerment. It will be an honor to serve as your Region 3 Alternate Director.

Name: Petra Schmid-Riggins

Address: 13820 S. 44th Street, #1005, Phoenix, AZ 85044

Work Phone: 480-334-9771 Home Phone: 480-706-6192

Local Association: Phoenix Union High School District CTA

Education Position: Educator, 9th – 12th grade Years Employed: 10

Total Years of Educational Employment:

Total Years as AEA Member: 16 As NEA member: 16

Higher Education Degrees Held: Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

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Region 6 Alternate Director

Jennifer Dwosh

Region 6 delegates, I would be honored to serve as the next Region 6 Alternate Director. AEA has provided me with many opportunities to grow my association knowledge and leadership. I would like to serve as your alternate director in order to give back to the association. In this position I hope to keep our region informed of local and state issues and to represent our region's concerns and needs at leadership and Board of Directors meetings. As an active local and state member, I have served on the Madison CTA executive board for three years, served as a legislative representative for the PAC fund council, and actively participated as a member of the eSWAG board. Thank you for your consideration!

Name: Jennifer Dwosh

Address: 2929 N. 70th Street, #2061, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Work Phone: Home Phone: 480-467-7206

Local Association: Madison District CTA

Education Position: Teacher, 5th – 8th grade Social Studies Years Employed: 5

Total Years of Educational Employment: 5

Total Years as AEA Member: 4 As NEA member: 4

Higher Education Degrees Held: BA Elementary Education, Gifted Endorsement

Elective positions held:

Member-At-Large, MDCTA

PAC Council Legislative District Representative

Communications Officer, MDCTA

Appointive positions held:

eSWAG Representative

TLI Class of 2017

Non-Education Positions held:

ASU Young Alumni Chapter Secretary

ASU Young Alumni Chapter Member

Region 10 Alternate Director - *open position*