

# The Organization of NUEA

“I’m an inventor. I became interested in long-term trends because an invention has to make sense in the world in which it is finished, not the world in which it is started.”

-Ray Kurzweil

# NEEA Structure

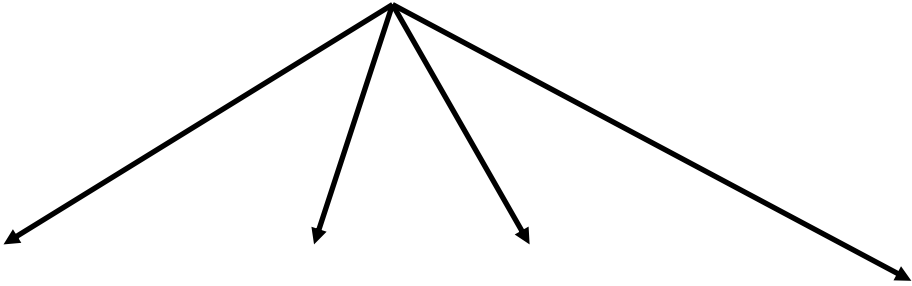
NEA consists of 3 million members, making it the largest professional employee organization in the country. The NEA Convention is the first week of July.  
*Becky Pringle, President*



The IEA (Illinois Education Association) has 133,000 members. It consists of 67 Regions, each with voting rights at the state conference in March or April.  
*Al Llorens, President*



Region 39 represents the four local unions employed by Naperville District 203. Region representatives meet once a month, and are composed of the executive boards from all four locals.  
*Rob Hunt, Region 39 Chair*  
*Julie Resh-Jelliff, UniServ Director (liaison between Region 39 and the IEA)*



**NESPA**

Naperville Education Support Professionals Association

*Sharon Kurolenko, President*



**Naperville Unit Education Association**

*Ross Berkley, President*

**NTA**

Naperville Transportation Association

*Mark Hanson, President*

**NUMA**

Naperville Unit Maintenance Association

*Nicole Weaver, President*

## NUEA Committee Membership

### **Grievance Committee**

Jen Smith (North)  
Exec Board

### **Stipend Committee**

Dan Iverson, Co-chair (HS)  
Ross Berkley (NUEA President)  
Geoffrey Schmit (HS)  
Jay Havenaar (MS)  
Nathan Bornancin (EL)  
TBA (HS)

### **Elections Chair**

TBA

### **Calendar Committee**

Ross Berkley (NUEA President)  
Anne Marie Tomek (Madison)  
TBA

### **Career 203 Review Committee**

Dan Iverson (North)  
Vicky Curless (Kennedy)  
Lisa Wisinski (Highlands)  
Merissa Rakes (Central)  
Lynn Henz (Elmwood)

### **Insurance Review Committee**

Ross Berkley (NUEA President)  
Vicky Curless (Kennedy)  
Christine Bell (Central)  
Kate Boyens (Scott)

### **PERA Joint Committee**

Ross Berkley (NUEA President)  
Jen Smith (North)  
Carol Higgins (Lincoln)

### **Contract Negotiations Team (2025)**

Kyle Adams, Chair (Central)  
Ross Berkley (NUEA President)  
Stacy Cunningham (Central)  
Vicky Curless (Kennedy)  
Eric Dahn (Mill Street)  
Erica Eysturlid (Central)  
Jason Kowalkowski (Washington)  
Ann Robertson (Kingsley)  
Mary Zarembski (ARECC)  
Mallory Hashiguchi (Lincoln) - Non-voting secretary

## NUEA Executive Board 2024-2025

The **NUEA Executive Board** is elected by the general NUEA membership, consisting of about 1500 teachers and certified staff in District 203. Between them, the Executive Board has over 171 years of experience teaching within our district, with an average career of 20 years.



Ross Berkley, President – IEA Diehl Road Office - Before being elected as President of NUEA, Ross taught vocal music at Lincoln Junior High for 17 years. He was a building representative for over 10 years. Additionally, Ross has been a Negotiations Team member for several contracts, serving as co-lead negotiator in 2021. He is a member of the District 203 Insurance Committee and has served as an NUEA member at large for IEA Region 39. He has a BA in Music Performance with a minor in education from North Central College and a M. Ed in Educational Leadership from Lewis University and an LBS1 endorsement from the University of St. Francis. Ross is also a SHRM-CP (**Certified Human Resources Professional**). **Ross lives within 203's boundaries** with his wife and daughter and is an avid North Central College Football fan; go Cards!



Kyle Adams, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Negotiations Chair – Naperville Central, Physical Education - Kyle has been teaching Physical Education at NCHS since 2007 and coaches football at LJHS for the 7th grade team. He has a bachelor degree in Kinesiology from the University of Illinois and a masters degree in leadership from Concordia University. On the most recent contract, Kyle served on the negotiations team focusing on the financials. Kyle resides within 203 boundaries with his 3 children and wife. Eric furthered his advocacy for elementary school and the elementary school membership by joining and serving on the executive board since the 2021-2022 school year.



Dan Iverson, 2nd Vice President - Naperville North, Social Studies—Dan is a social studies teacher, cross country and track and field coach at NNHS. He has taught in District 203 since 1994. He is married to Laura, who also teaches at NNHS. Dan and Laura have two children in the district – Colin and Lucy. Dan is passionate about helping the district provide the highest quality of education to the students of District 203.



Dr. Vicky Curless, Treasurer and Membership Chair— Kennedy Junior High, Learning Support Coach - Vicky has been in education for since 1993, with the last 20 years working in District 203. She has a Masters in Public Health from Northern Illinois University and completed her Doctorate in Curriculum Leadership in 2005 from NIU. Her dissertation was entitled "A Case Study about the Perceptions of Effective Building-**Based Professional Development.**" **When she was in the classroom her teaching focus was in the area of 6-8 Health Education** but has also taught Physical Education, World Cultures, American History, and Reading at the 6-8 level.



Christel Mauloff, Recording Secretary – River Woods, 3rd Grade -- Christel has been teaching at River Woods Elementary School since 2014. She has a BA from Eureka College, an MAT from National Louis University, and she is working toward her gifted endorsement from the University of St. Francis. This past school year, Christel served on the District Morale Committee, and the District Portrait of a Learner Design Team. She has been a building representative since 2019, and is honored to join the executive board. Christel is a 203 alumna herself, and is married with two fur-babies.



Kevin Farrell, Corresponding Secretary – Central High School, Business Education – Kevin Farrell has taught AP Physics for Naperville North High-school for the past twenty years. He sponsors the Science Bowl and Table Tennis clubs where his teams each have won five consecutive State titles. He also sponsors the GEMS (Girls Engineering and Science) Club. Kevin now serves as the corresponding Secretary of the NUEA executive Board. Kevin has been a Union Representative for Naperville North for four years and has attended several Regional Assemblies.



Eric Dahn, Elementary Executive – Mill Street, 5th Grade - Teaching is a second career for Eric as he originally worked in the corporate world. Since making the transition to education, Eric has been at Mill Street since the fall of 2007, spending time in 4th grade and 5th grade. After serving as a building representative for several years, Eric joined the contract negotiations team during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 years. Eric furthered his advocacy for elementary school and the elementary school membership by joining and serving on the executive board since the 2021-2022 school year



Rob Hunt, Junior High School Executive – Lincoln Jr. High, Language Arts – Rob has been teaching at Lincoln Junior High since 1998, and taught in Roberts, Montana the four years prior. He holds bachelor's degrees in English Teaching and in English Literature from Montana State University, a master's degree from North Central College in Curriculum and Instruction, and has earned his National Board Certification. An active contributor to the District 203 community, Rob has served on numerous committees, including the Evaluations Committee and the ELA Curriculum Team. He has been a building representative since 2011 and the Junior High Executive since 2016. He has two adult children.



Christine Bell, High School Executive – Central High School, Business Education – Christine Bell started her teaching career in 1993 as a Special Education teacher. Since then, she has taught English, FACS, and **Business classes. She earned her BA in Marketing and a Master's degree in Education Leadership from Southeastern Louisiana University.** She has been a National Board Certified teacher since 2006. Additionally, she was Teacher of the Year (1999), High School Advocate of the Year, DuPage Area Partnership for College & Career Success (2009), and Illinois Marketing Educator of the Year (2012). During her early years in education, she learned the importance of being active in her union. Since 2010, she has been an NUEA Building Rep, Elections Chair, Region 39 Vice-Chair, member of the PERA Joint/Evaluation Committee and currently sits on the Insurance Committee. She is excited about being the Recording Secretary for the NUEA, which provides important information to all NUEA members. In her spare time, Christine is a marathoner, and she shares her love for running by volunteering with Team NEF and coaching runners both young and old in her community.

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