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Hi Member,

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Member Spotlight: Bill Dawson Honored at NEA Excellence Awards Gala



Two weeks ago, FEA proudly participated in the NEA Excellence Awards Gala, an event that recognizes outstanding educators from across the country.

We are especially proud to share that Bill Dawson of Lakenheath EA was selected as FEA's nominee for the NEA Excellence Award. Bill's dedication to students and colleagues exemplifies the professionalism and commitment that define FEA members worldwide.

During the ceremony, Bill spoke briefly about his work and the importance of advocacy in supporting educators and students. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to Bill for representing FEA so well.

If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague for a future Member Spotlight, simply reply to this email and include a few photos highlighting the work you or they have been doing this school year. We would love to feature more of the incredible work happening across our schools.

Transition in DoDEA Leadership

As many members are aware, DoDEA is entering a leadership transition.

Dr. Beth Schiavino-Narvaez's final day as DoDEA Director is March 6. We thank her for her service and leadership during her tenure.

Paul Craft, the new DoDEA Director is scheduled to begin on March 9. Once the new Director is officially in place, FEA will be working to schedule introductory meetings to establish open lines of communication and begin building a constructive and professional working relationship. Our goal remains the same: to advocate effectively for our members and to forge a positive partnership that supports educators and students across all areas.

Retiree RA Nominations due TOMORROW

The nomination form for retirees interested in participating in the Representative Assembly (RA) is now available. The form is a fillable PDF, allowing you to complete it electronically and submit it online. To support members who may need additional guidance, we have also included step-by-step instructions on how to attach and submit the completed form by email.

Completed nomination forms are due by **February 28, 2026.**

You can download the nominations form [here](#).

You can download the step-by-step submission guide [here](#).

If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please review the form and follow the included instructions for email submission. Our goal is to make the process as simple and accessible as possible.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to federal.retired@nea.org.

Thank you for your continued engagement and participation.

Pacific Area Director Election Closes March 2

Voting for the Pacific Area Director election officially went live on February 9, 2026 at 9 AM Japan Time and will close on March 2, 2026 at 9 AM Japan Time.

All eligible members are encouraged to cast their vote before the deadline.

You can find out more about your candidates for Pacific Area Director at this [link](#).

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