



IEA-NEA Region 49

Who are we?

YOU are Region 49 if you are a member of: Antioch Elementary EA (34), Antioch ESP (34), Grass Lake EA (36), Gavin EA/ESP (37), Mundelein Elementary EA (75), Kildeer-Countryside EA (96), Kildeer ESP (96), Fox Lake (114), Antioch HS EA (117), Wauconda EA (118), Wauconda ESP (118), Mundelein HS EA (120), and Mundelein HS ESP (120). Region 49 consists of 13 locals (EA and ESP) in Lake County. Our over 1,800 voices join together with the 135,000 members of IEA and the 3.2 million members in NEA to advocate for our members, and to advocate for what's best for our students.

Who are my Region 49 Council Representatives?

Region Ex. Board:

- o Eugene Skura (75 EA) – Chair
- o Michele Nothdorf (37 GEA) – Vice Chair
- o Andrea Russell (34 EA) – Treasurer
- o Jennifer Rodeghero (75 EA) – Secretary
- o **No One Yet** - Grassroots Political Activist (GPA)
- o Rosalina Esmez (120 ESP) - Ethnic Minority Representative (EMR)
- o **No One Yet** -Early Career Representative (ECR)
- o **No One Yet** (96 ESP)
- o Cathay Jawnyj (114 EA)
- o Jamie Atkinson (117 upper)
- o Haley Garrison (117 lower)
- o Alison Huber (118 EA)
- o **No One Yet** (118 ESP)
- o Todd Skelton (120 EA)
- o Sylvanna Sette (120 ESP)

Non-Voting Members

- o Kevin Bennett - IEA UniServ Director (UD)
- o Adriana Caballero- Ethnic Minority Northern Sectional Rep
- o Bill Farmer- NEA Director
- o Sarah Ludford - UniServ Associate
- o Andrea Russell (unless she is an alternate)

Region Council Representatives:

- o Charlene Bunge (34 EA)
- o Becky Picchietti (34 ESP)
- o Becky Gillengerten (36 EA)
- o Kris Tomalavage (37 GEA)
- o Jennifer Rodeghero (75 EA)
- o Ben Leven (96 EA)

What does Region 49 do?

The Region serves two functions in Lake County – Information and Opportunities.

Conduit of Information between IEA and the 13 locals	Opportunities for Region 49 Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o IEA and NEA trainings o IEA and NEA conferences o Collect and share local information with IEA to inform decisions at the state level o Legislative calls to action and legal updates IEA and NEA o Facebook: @IEA Region 49 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Membership engagements (see your Council Rep.) o Professional Developments by the Region and IEA o Workshops and/or trainings o Funding to attend IEA and NEA Region assemblies o Funding for Grants and awards: IEA and NEA o Funding to attend IEA conferences that cover professional development topics beyond those that the district provides (e.g. social justice issues, self-care, trauma-informed practices/ACEs, restorative practices...).

How do I access these opportunities?

You may hear about IEA and NEA opportunities through your local president(s) and/or IEA representative. Please contact your Region Council representative or Eugene Skura, Region 49 Chair, with any questions you may have or requests for funding (eugene.skura@ieanea.org).

Not sure how to access the **IEA Members Only** section?

1. Go to www.ieanea.org, and click on the Members Only link (above the red banner in the upper right corner.)
2. Login or register on the following page.
3. If you need your IEA number, registration, or login information, use IEA Connect located in the lower right hand corner of every screen.

Ongoing Opportunities

- o **Ongoing Trauma Informed/ACEs training** throughout the year through IEA. Typically training lasts anywhere from 1-3 days. Stay tuned for more information. For more information about ACEs and Trauma Informed Systems: <https://ieanea.org/resources/trauma-informed-practices-and-aces/>
- o Sign up for the **Illinois Educators Action Network (IEAN)** – Are you interested in learning more about what is going on at the state level in regards to educators? Are you interested in taking action on education issues? Join the IEAN today! A brief, online registration found at the link below. <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/join-the-illinois-educators-action-network>
- o IEA Communications is looking for all members interested in becoming **social media activists** and **social media rapid responders!** Help us reach as many people as possible on social media with minimal effort on your part! Sign up at www.ieasocialactivist.org.
- o **SCORE Grants** –The purpose of SCORE is to encourage early career members and a colleague (mid-veteran), and their local associations to collaborate and create opportunities for community service projects for school projects. A list of previous winners and the application can be found at www.ieanea.org/score ***next round will be announced***
- o Check out the **IEA Teaching and Learning Portal** on the IEA website for FREE clock hours on your own time! It is found on the **IEA Members Only** section of www.ieanea.org.
- o **Political updates** available on www.ieanea.org/legislative. IEA is a non-partisan organization that supports legislation and legislators who support public education, the welfare of public educators, and the welfare of our students and community. Stay up to date with the information coming out of Springfield and Washington DC. Additionally, find your voter guide for educationally friendly candidates for the upcoming election!

IEA/NEA Events

<p><u>2021 One Conference</u> This conference is for IEA Education Support Professionals (ESP), Higher Education, and IEA Retired members. The two-day event will offer a variety of elective sessions, and feature a keynote speaker. https://ieanea.org/events/iea-one-conference/</p>	Virtual	October 1-2, 2021
<p><u>GPA Fall Political/Legislative Training</u> training for Grass roots Political Activist, please email Kevin Bennett kevin.bennett@ieanea.org and Eugene Skura eugene.skura@ieanea.org for more information. Only for GPA, Chair or Vice Chair Deadline is October 1, 2021</p>	Virtual	October 16 th 2021 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
<p><u>2021 EMELT</u> This training is planned for Ethnic Minority and Emerging Leaders (EMELT) in our state. A series of workshops is geared to helping you understand IEA structure, the resources at your disposal, the skills you need to increase Association involvement, and assist you in developing a personal plan of action for long term development and participation in the Association. You will also refine your organizational skills, develop your problem solving abilities, broaden your knowledge of education issues, and develop strategies that benefit your local organizations, schools, and communities. https://ieanea.org/events/ethnic-minority-emerging-leadership-training/</p>	Springfield, IL	November 5-7, 2021
<p><u>ESP Empowerment Roundtable</u> Attention ESP Leaders! Please join ESP Council members for the second roundtable of the 2021-22 school year. This will be an open forum to hear from you on the issues/concerns ESPs are facing in your locals. Also, the council will share updates on what they have been working on to advocate for ESPs! Join the Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 867 9380 7125 Passcode: 735004 One tap mobile: +13126266799,,86793807125#,,,,*735004# US Direct dial: 1-312-626-6799</p>	Virtual	Nov. 18 6:30 p.m.
<p><u>The 5th Annual Illinois Teacher Leadership Summit</u> To spotlight & advance teacher leadership & student learning throughout our state. Groups of 5 (4 teachers and an administrator)</p>	Normal, IL	Feb. 11-12

<p>2022 NEA National Leadership Summit NEA's annual National Leadership Summit helps to develop activist leaders and prepare them with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to lead relevant, thriving associations and to lead in their professions. Our unified, strategic, and interdisciplinary approach to leadership development reinforces and supports key leadership competencies in seven strategic areas: https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/leadership-development/national-summit</p>	TBA	March 11-13, 2022
<p>2022 NEA ESP conference The NEA ESP National Conference is the premier professional development opportunity for education support professionals across the nation. The conference offers more than 45 professional learning opportunities over the course of three days. In addition to providing networking and professional development opportunities, the NEA ESP conference is also the national platform for announcing the recipient of the prestigious NEA ESP of the Year Award. Registration for the ESP conference, open to NEA members only, will be free this year. The conference will accommodate up to 2,000 registrants https://www.nea.org/espconference</p>	New Orleans, LA	March 25-26 2021
<p>IEA Representative Assembly The 167th Illinois Education Association Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on March 5, 2020. The debates and decisions made by the assembled delegates set the direction of IEA for the coming year. You must run and be elected as a delegate to attend with the Region: https://ieanea.org/events/iea-representative-assembly/</p>	Rosemont, IL (in person))	Apr. 8-9 2022
<p>NEA Representative Assembly (RA) Usually over 8,000 NEA members attend the annual meeting. While there, RA delegates will propose, debate, and take action on new business items for the Association and other association policies, and vote by secret ballot on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Executive officers, Executive Committee members, and at-large members of the NEA Board of Directors will be elected. You must be an elected delegate to attend. https://ra.nea.org/</p>	Chicago, IL	July 2-6th 2022
<p>IEA Summer Leadership Academy Hundreds of Illinois Education Association leaders (elected, appointed, emerging, and aspiring) will gather for training on leadership skills and abilities that make a difference for our students, our schools, and our communities. In addition, several professional development electives will be available. If you are on the negotiations team, this is a great training opportunity for you! https://ieanea.org/events/summer-leadership-academy/</p>	Bloomington, IL	July 18-21 2022
<p>IEA SCORE Grant The Illinois Education Association announces the availability of grant funds. All IEA members are encouraged to apply. Grants for up to</p>	online application	TBD

\$1,000 are available for IEA members and their local associations to collaborate and create opportunities for community service or school projects.

Please note: Recommended funding in the past for member pairs and trios that demonstrate collaboration between veteran and early career members. Educators with more than 10 years of membership are able to apply with, or without, a partner. Funding of grants resulting from COVID-19 and/or social justice will be a higher priority.

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