

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Applies to candidates running for IEA President, Vice President, NEA Director, IEA Representative on the NEA Resolutions Committee, At Large Member(s) on the IEA Board of Directors – this questionnaire is to appear on the reverse of the “Nomination Form for IEA Office” provided to potential candidates.)

1. How long have you been working in education?

I have been teaching for 9 years at Morley Nelson Elementary School in Boise.

2. What positions of leadership have you held (elected, appointed or voluntary) at the local, region, state or national level?

Building Rep

SPARKs Facilitator

Boise Education Association Executive Board

Delegate Assembly Delegate

IEA Board Member

IEA Budget Committee Member

IEA Resolutions Chair

IEA Budget Committee Chair

IEA Vice President

NEA Representative Assembly Representative

3. What do you believe are the three primary responsibilities of this office?

The IEA Vice President’s three primary responsibilities are to be the chair of the IEA budget committee, help build the association through our mission, vision and strategic goals, and to help lead the governance of the IEA.

4. What do you see as the greatest challenge IEA members will face in the next five years? What ideas do you have to address that challenge?

The greatest challenge IEA faces in the next five years is the privatization of public education/school choice. To address the issue of privatization/school choice the IEA needs to grow our membership and stand together when the attacks come. We also need to build strong relationships with community members, school boards, local governance leaders, State Legislators and our members of Congress.

5. What is your plan for increasing membership and member engagement?

To increase membership we need to have strong members in each building taking the roles of building reps. Having a voice in each building educating potential members about the benefits of being a member will help increase our membership. We will engage our members through relevant professional development and training.

6. How do you intend to communicate with members in order to keep them informed and to find out their concerns?

I will communicate with members through one on one conversations at trainings and meetings, and through local and regional leaders.

7. Provide other information you would like members to know:

The past three years as your IEA Vice President have been an amazing experience. I look forward to serving the next three years with members from across the state to help advocate for our members, children in public education and the education profession.