

Middle Level Section Nominating Committee

The Middle Level Section Nominating Committee prepares a slate of candidates for vacancies that occur annually on the Middle Level Section Steering Committee and selects candidates for the succeeding year's Middle Level Section Nominating Committee. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes in the election will chair the Nominating Committee.

All nominating committees attend the Annual Convention in November. Members meet on Saturday and Sunday mornings to discuss the names submitted by mail, to solicit further nominations, and to generate nominations from within the Committee as needed.

2024-2025

Nora Ramirez, Mercedes ISD School District, Mercedes, Texas, CHAIR
Sierra Gilbertson, Fosston High School, Bagley, MN
Katie Sluiter, Wyoming Junior High School, Zeeland, MI

2023-2024

Michelle Yang Kaczmarek, literacy coordinator, diversity, equity and inclusion teacher leader (K-12), Dobbs Ferry, NY, CHAIR
Donna Yvette Herrera, teacher, Mercedes ISD, Mercedes, Texas
Kristie B. Williams, Birmingham City Schools

2022-2023

Anna Osborn, Jefferson Middle School, Missouri, CHAIR
Amy Bouch, Eighth-grade English teacher, Western Pennsylvania
Sierra Gilbertson, Seventh, eighth, and twelfth-grade English teacher, Fosston, MN

2021-2022

Christopher Lehman, The Educator Collaborative, New York, NY, CHAIR
Amy Fleming, Elizabethtown Area School District, Elizabethtown, PA
Julie Wasmund Hoffman, Springfield Public Schools, Springfield, IL

2020-2021

Elena Garcia, Barr Middle School, Grand Island, NE, CHAIR
Sara B. Kajder, University of Georgia, Athens
René M. Rodríguez-Astocia, Penn State University, State College

2019-2020

Haley Shaffer, Poland Middle School, OH, CHAIR
Jason Griffith, Penn State University, State College
Maggie Bettie Roberts, West Hartford, CT

2018-2019

Alex Corbitt, The Bronx School of Young Leaders, NY, CHAIR
Lakisha Odlum, School of the Future, New York, NY
Shelly Shaffer, Eastern Washington University, Cheney

2017-2018

Chad Everett, Horn Lake Middle School, Mississippi, CHAIR
Jill Adams, Metropolitan State University, Denver, Colorado
Sarah Bonner, Heyworth Jr/Sr High School, Illinois

2016-2017

Heidi Branch, Belmont Ridge Middle School, Leesburg, Virginia, CHAIR
Cheryl Golden, Seneca Ridge Middle School, Sterling, Virginia
Robyn Seglem, Illinois State University, Normal

2015-2016

Holly Spinelli, City-As-School High School, New York, New York, Chair

Jason Augustowski, Belmont Ridge Middle School, Lansdowne, Virginia
Laura Pope, Baltimore City Community College, Maryland

2014-2015

Dorothy Fontaine, Wakefield School, The Plains, Virginia, Chair
Juliet Duggins, Motto Middle School, Bronx, New York
Katie Shepherd Dredger, James Madison University, Harrisburg, Virginia

2013-2014

Justin Stygles, Rowe Elementary School, Maine
Elizabeth Dinkins, Bellarmine University, Louisville, Kentucky
Laurie Henry, University of Kentucky, Lexington

2012-2013

Zanetta Robinson, Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School, St. Petersburg, Florida, Chair
Mollie Blackburn, Ohio State University, Columbus
Katrina Gonzales, Eldorado Middle School, Texas

2011-2012

Michael J. Vokoun, Independent Day School, Tampa, Florida, Chair
Jan Graham, William J. Montford III Middle School, Tallahassee, Florida
Marcelle Haddix, Syracuse University, New York

2010-2011

Ruth McKoy Lowery, University of Florida, Gainesville, Chair
Shawn Bird, Spring Forest Middle School, Houston, Texas
Jennifer Joy Campbell, Suwannee Middle School, Live Oak, Florida

2009-2010

Samuel A. Reed III, Beeber Middle School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chair
Elizabeth Netzbund, Waterville Central Schools, New York
Emily Todd, Norman Public Schools, Oklahoma

2008-2009

Cathleen Foster Greenwood, Rippowam Cisqua School, Bedford, New York, Chair
Chris Crowe, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Susan Houser, Pinellas County Schools, St. Petersburg, Florida

2007-2008

Lori Atkins Goodson, Wamego Middle School, Wamego, Kansas, Chair
Joan Jennings, Spring Branch School District, Houston, Texas
Ruth McKoy Lowery, University of Florida, Gainesville

2006-2007

Sheila Newell, Jane Long Middle School, Houston, Texas, Chair
Linda Schink, Windsor Middle School, Imperial, Missouri
Judy Wallis, Spring Branch School District, Houston, Texas

2005-2006

Heidi Huckabee, Mesa Middle School, Roswell, New Mexico, Chair
Mark A. Lewis, Bogle Junior High School, Chandler, Arizona
Karen D. Sails, Indianapolis Public Schools, Indiana

2004-2005

Akiko Morimoto, Washington Middle School, Vista, California, Chair
Nancy Patterson, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Pamela Perkins, Jackson Middle School, Houston, Texas

2003-2004

Susan G. Yates, Bumpus Middle School, Hanover, Alabama, Chair
Deborah E. Barriere, Fort Bent Independent School District, Texas
Kim Ford, Cypress Middle School, Memphis, Tennessee

2002-2003

Kelly Quintero, Huntington Union Free School District, New York, NY, Chair
Jim Johnston, Tolland Middle School, Tolland, CT
Connie S. Zitlow, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH

2001-2002

Maureen Barbieri, New York University, School of Education, New York, NY, Chair
Karen Smith, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Lois T. Stover, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St Mary's City, MD

2000-2001 (appointed)

Elizabeth (Betty) Close, University at Albany, CELA, NY, Chair
Gwendolyn Henry, Frederick Douglass Academy, Detroit, MI
Bill Mollineaux, Central CT State University, New Britain, CT
Lilyanne (Lanny) van Allen, University of Texas, Austin