

## **Candidates file to run for NEA Director, District Directors and NEA State Delegates**

Biographical information and platform statements are published to identify candidates for various offices of leadership in The SCEA and NEA. Candidates were invited to submit written materials and photographs for publication; what follows are those texts drafted by the candidates themselves, and photographs of candidates who submitted them.

Platforms for NEA Director and District Director were limited to 75 words. Platforms that exceeded the word limits, if any, were cut at the specified number. Platform not required or printed for NEA State Delegate.

Ballots will be **emailed** to each member on February 1, 2012, and completed ballots are due at Voice Retrieval Services by February 23, 2012. The SCEA Elections Committee will certify results February 25, 2012.

### ***Candidates for NEA Director***



**Beverly Diane Frierson** – Teacher of English IV and Writing for Effective Communication at Fairfield Central High School; 27 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: McDaniel College in Westminster, MD-Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction and Clark College, now Clark-Atlanta University-BA in English; Work experience: Fairfield Central High School in Winnsboro, SC-teacher, St. Andrews Middle School in Columbia, SC-teacher and The Country Chronicle in Blythewood, SC-columnist; Member of The SCEA Executive Board, UniServ Director-Prince George’s Co. Educators’ Association and NEA Intern-Stockton, CA.

**Platform:** Members of The SCEA struggle daily to facilitate learning. We tolerate not only a Corridor of Shame, but a State of Shame. We are toys in a political game of “My way or the highway.” Yet, we know that this is not the formula to effect positive change for children and our profession. Trust me to be your voice at the table on the national level. Please vote for Beverly Diane Frierson for NEA Director.



**Ray James** – LD Resource Teacher at Kingstree Senior High School; 34 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Francis Marion College-BA in French & History, Francis Marion University-Masters in Education and Social Studies, University of South Carolina, University of Northern Iowa, Université Catholique de l’Ouest-30 Hours Above the Masters in French; Work experience: Mt. Pleasant High School (Lee County) French and U.S. History, Kingstree Senior High School (Williamsburg

County) LD Resource & French, and Florence School District III/Adult Education (Lake City) all subjects; Member of National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education Board of Examiners, Pi Gamma Mu-the National Social Science Honor Society, and ACTFL, the Association of Classroom Teachers of Foreign Languages.

**Platform:** I want to be your NEA Director for South Carolina. I have served as AR, member and chair of several The SCEA committees, and Vice President of The SCEA. My years of experience with the association have prepared me well for this position. I pledge to represent your views at NEA Board meetings and in the offices of our senators and representatives on Capitol Hill. I am asking for your vote and support. God Bless!



**Peter A. Lauzon** – Science Teacher at Irmo High School; 7 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: North Country Community College, Plattsburgh State, NY and the University of South Carolina; Work Experience: Irmo High School, Midlands Technical College and the University of South Carolina; The SCEA District 3 Director/Budget Chair, Irmo Chapin Education Association/Vice President/President and the National Science Teachers Association.

**Platform:** South Carolina public school employees are dealing with tough challenges. We've been hit with furloughs, salary freezes, health benefit cost increases, and threats to our pensions. As an executive board member, it is my moral imperative to lead the association to growth in size, strength and influence. The SCEA has a long, proud history. I honor that history by advancing The SCEA's mission as the protector of our public schools, their students and their employees.

### ***Candidates for District Directors***

**UniDistrict 2 – Three Year Term** (*Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Darlington, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Marlboro, Union, York*)

**Joyce B. Argo** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at J.J. Clinton Elementary School; 11 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: M.Ed in Education Administration-Winthrop University, M.Ed in Reading-Winthrop University, B.S. in Elementary Education-Winthrop University; Work experience: Lancaster County School District-J.J. Clinton Elementary School; Member of The SCEA, Lancaster County Education Association-President, and South Carolina International Reading Association (Palmetto Reading Council, Secretary).

**Platform:** As a local president, I have had many discussions about the happenings in the state legislature from both members and potential members. During my thirteen years of teaching, I have had the pleasures of hearing the woes of teachers, concerning the lack of adequate resources, lost planning time, and not being compensated for after contract hour activities. Thus, I would serve as an adequate voice as a member of the SCEA Board of Directors.

**UniDistrict 3 – Three Year Term** (*Aiken, Batesburg-Leesville, Edgefield, Gaston-Swansea, Greenwood, Irmo-Chapin, Lexington #1, Lexington #2, McCormick, Newberry, Palmetto Unified, Saluda*)



**Peter A. Lauzon** – Science Teacher at Irmo High School; 7 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: North Country Community College, Plattsburgh State, NY and the University of South Carolina; Work Experience: Irmo High School, Midlands Technical College and the University of South Carolina; The SCEA District 3 Director/Budget Chair, Irmo Chapin Education Association/Vice President/President and the National Science Teachers Association.

**Platform:** I believe we can develop a strong association. To this end the Executive Board has made some changes to improve our organization that I have been a part. Our organization has a vitality that I have not seen in many years. We need to continue to improve and grow our organization to be the premier association that represents all education professionals and fights for Public Education. We cannot go back, we must go forward!

**UniDistrict 4 - Two Year Term** (*Dillon, Florence 1, Florence 2 & 5, Florence 3 & 4, Horry, Marion*)



**Dreama Hunt** – Teacher/Special Education Department Head at North Myrtle Beach High School; 4 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: American College of Education-Educational Leadership, Capital University-BA in Learning Strategies k-12, Learning Disability k-12, Reading Endorsement; Work experience: North Myrtle Beach High School: 1998 to present, Tara High School (Baton Rouge, LA): 1997-98, and Broadmoor Middle School (Baton Rouge, LA): 1996-97; Member of The SCEA Executive Board Member: 2010 to present and SC Coaches Association Member: 1998-2004.

**Platform:** As an executive board member of The SCEA, I plan to collaborate the information from the board to my local organization, as well as, be an active member of The SCEA. I believe every student has a right to learn in a public school setting, as well as, a teacher has the right to teach in a safe learning environment where both have opportunities and support for growth.

**UniDistrict 7 – Three Year Term** (*Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Blackville, Colleton, Denmark-Olar, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg #3, #4, #5, Williston*)



**Hartford E. Wright** – ESP Teacher Assistant at Robert E. Howard Middle School; 8 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech-BA-Criminal Justice and Claflin University-BS-Sociology/Criminal Justice; Work experience: SCSU-Administrative Specialist, Orangeburg-Wilkinson H.S.-AFJROTC Instructor, and Robert E. Howard Middle School-Teacher Assistant; Member of the Orangeburg Area Toast Masters-President, SC State Guard-1Lt. Chaplain and Orangeburg 5 Local-President.

**Platform:** Invest now or pay later. We as members of The SCEA must see the need for investing our time and resources toward advancing the cause of education for all. Who better than The SCEA knows and understands the struggle we face in maintaining the rights for all educators and support staff. I am committed to supporting the purpose of The SCEA, and with that commitment I offer my services as UniDistrict 7 District Director.

***Candidates for NEA State Delegates  
(non-supervisory)***

**Joyce B. Argo** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at J.J. Clinton Elementary School; 11 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: M.Ed in Education Administration-Winthrop University, M.Ed in Reading-Winthrop University, B.S. in Elementary Education-Winthrop University; Work experience: Lancaster County School District-J.J. Clinton Elementary School; Member of The SCEA, Lancaster County Education Association-President, and South Carolina International Reading Association (Palmetto Reading Council, Secretary).



**Sandra R. Davis** – Teacher at Battery Creek High School; 20 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio M.A.-Educational Media, Savannah State College, Savannah, GA-B.S. English, and Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA-Teacher Certification; Work experience: Teacher, Battery Creek High School, Beaufort, SC 20 years, Public Information Officer, MAP International Brunswick, GA, Instructor of Mass Communications and English, Savannah State College 3 years; Member of The BCEA, The SCEA, NEA: Treasurer, Past President, The BCEA, Credentials Committee Chair The SCEA,

Member, The SCEA Board of Directors.

**Patricia A. Drummond** – Counselor at Paul Dorman High School; 11 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Education: Masters in Education-Clemson University (1980), Educational Specialist/Ed Admin.–University of S.C. (1988) and Doctorate in Educational Leadership-S.C. State University (2002); Work experience: Greer Middle School/Counselor (1981), Easley Jr. High School/Counselor (1990), and Paul Dorman High School /Counselor (1995); Member of The South Carolina Education Association (Board member), South Carolina Counseling Association (member) and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (member).



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**Beverly Diane Frierson** – Teacher of English IV and Writing for Effective Communication at Fairfield Central High School; 27 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: McDaniel College in Westminster, MD-Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction and Clark College, now Clark-Atlanta University-BA in English; Work experience: Fairfield Central High School in Winnsboro, SC-teacher, St. Andrews Middle School in Columbia, SC-teacher and The Country Chronicle in Blythewood, SC-columnist; Member of The SCEA Executive Board, UniServ Director-Prince George's Co. Educators' Association and NEA

**Martha L. Graham** – Teacher at Newberry High School; 15 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Argosy University, Sarasota, FL, Lander University, Greenwood, SC, SC State University, Orangeburg, SC; Work experience: Science Teacher and SC State Department on-site Specialist; Past Board Member of The SCEA, and Past President of the Newberry County Education Association.



**Bernadette R. Hampton** – Educator-Mathematics Department Chair at Battery Creek High School; 17 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Morris College-Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Cambridge College-Master of Education and the University of South Carolina; Work experience: Mathematics teacher in Beaufort County School District; Member of the Beaufort County Education Association-President, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics.



**Lisa G. Hawkins** – Resource Teacher at Carver Elementary School; 10+ years membership in the UEP; Education: Post Graduate work: Francis Marion University, College of Charleston, MEd Cambridge College and BS Winston Salem State University; Work experience: Florence School District One: Resource Teacher Carver Elementary, Florence School District One: Special Ed Curriculum Coordinator Lester Elementary and Florence School District One: Resource Teacher: Delmae Elementary, Wilson High School, Carver Elementary; Member of The SCEA: District Director (District 4), Elections and Budget Committees, Florence One Education Association (F1EA): President, Secretary, Building AR, Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).



**Ray James** – LD Resource Teacher at Kingstree Senior High School; 34 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Francis Marion College-BA in French & History, Francis Marion University-Masters in Education and Social Studies, University of South Carolina, University of Northern Iowa, Université Catholique de l'Quest-30 Hours Above the Masters in French; Work experience: Mt. Pleasant High School (Lee County) French and U.S. History, Kingstree Senior High School (Williamsburg County) LD Resource & French, and Florence School District III/Adult Education (Lake City) all subjects; Member of National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education Board of Examiners, Pi Gamma Mu-the National Social Science Honor Society, and ACTFL, the Association of Classroom Teachers of Foreign Languages.



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**Cassandra D. Pressley** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science & Social Studies Teacher at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School; Education: South Carolina State College-Master's Plus 30; Work experience: Teacher-27 years, Reading Recovery Teacher and Academic Assistance; Past President for Williamsburg County Education Association, Vice President for Williamsburg County Education Association and Secretary for Williamsburg County Education Association.



**Jeanetta A. Robinson** – Teacher at Lake Marion High School; 26 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: SC State University and Cambridge College; Work experience: Orangeburg School District Three and Orangeburg School District Seven; Member of The SCEA/NEA and Council for Exceptional Children.



**Patricia A. Salley** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Hendersonville Elementary School; 11 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: SC State University-Elementary Education and Cambridge College-Masters in Education. Work experience: Hendersonville Elementary and Ivenia Brown Elementary; Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Order of the Eastern Star and NAACP.



**Debra Hilton Wallace** – Family & Consumer Science Teacher at Hemingway High School; 31 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: South Carolina State University-B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences, South Carolina State University-M. Ed plus 30, Clemson University, Francis Marion University & Costal Carolina University; Work experience: Teacher Assistant-Hemingway Middle School in Williamsburg County School District (1979-1980), Family and Consumer Science Teacher-Choppee Middle School in Georgetown County School District (1980-1985), Family and Consumer Teacher-Hemingway High School in Williamsburg County School District (1985-present); Member of the Georgetown County Education Association 1980-1985, Williamsburg County Education Association 1985-present, Past Vice President and President of the Williamsburg County Education Association and Past Member of The SCEA Executive Board.



**Hartford E. Wright** – ESP Teacher Assistant at Robert E. Howard Middle School; 8 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech-BA-Criminal Justice and Claflin University-BS-Sociology/Criminal Justice; Work experience: SCSU-Administrative Specialist, Orangeburg-Wilkinson H.S.-AFJROTC Instructor, and Robert E. Howard Middle School-Teacher Assistant; Member of the Orangeburg Area Toast Masters-President, SC State Guard-1Lt. Chaplain and Orangeburg 5 Local-President.

***Candidates for NEA State Delegates  
(supervisory)***



**Dena Renee Sharper** - Curriculum Facilitator at West Lee Elementary School; 9 consecutive years membership in the UEP; Education: Walden University Master of Education Elementary Literacy, Francis Marion University BS Elementary Education and Francis Marion University BA English; Work experience: Curriculum Facilitator West Lee Elementary School-Rembert, SC, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts & Social Studies Teacher-Lower Lee Elementary Mayesville, SC & Dennis Intermediate-Bishopville, SC and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade FJ Delaine Elementary School-Wedgefield, SC; Member of The South Carolina Education Association Executive Board-District #6, Chairperson of The Elections Committee, The Lee County Teacher Forum Secretary and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Local Treasurer, State Trainer.