

PERSPECTIVE



Central Valley Education Association

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ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

In February the Central Valley Education Association will be holding elections for next year's officers and for delegates to the Washington Education Association Representative Assembly in May and the National Education Association Representative Assembly in July. The Executive Board positions up for election this year are: Vice-President (2 year term), Secretary, High School, Middle School, Elementary and the newly established Special Services. The new term of office will begin the first week of July (after the NEA-RA) and with the exception of the Vice-President, will last for one year. The President is entering the second year of the two year term as per the 2009 change in By Laws. Any member of the Association is eligible to run for office. The CVEA President is a full time position and the salary is equal to the person's position on the salary schedule. Each of the other positions will be paid a stipend of \$500 for the year.

These officers will be required to attend the CVEA Executive Board, SEAT and Building Representatives meetings, be on the bargaining team and other duties as required by the Constitution and By Laws.

The Washington Education Association Representative Assembly will be held in Tacoma May 12-14. CVEA can send 12 delegates to the assembly. This is a great opportunity to get involved, make new friends and learn more about the WEA.

The National Education Association Representative Assembly will be held in Chicago the first week of July. CVEA will send the President and two elected delegates. The Association will cover the cost of airfare, lodging and will provide a reasonable meal stipend. Please consider representing the CVEA for any of these positions.

If you are interested in running for an Association Office, WEA-RA delegate, or NEA-RA delegate please send a letter of nomination to the Association office by mail, fax or e-mail by Friday, January 29. The letter should include the position(s) you

are running for and some brief biographical information including years in the district, current assignment and any previous pertinent Association experience. All candidates will be listed in the February newsletter and the elections will be held the last week of February.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

There will be a general membership meeting prior to the Representative Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 15 to meet the candidates for Executive Board and to take nominations from the floor. The meeting will be held at Cuppa Joe's 4:00PM at 213 S.University. All members are invited. Members are also welcome to stay for the Rep Council meeting which will follow.

THE BOND

Central Valley School District voters will be asked to consider approval of a \$69.6 million construction bond proposal on February 8, 2011. The bond is the first in a series of five construction bond packages outlined in the district's new 25-year Capital Facilities Plan.

With the bond election just around the corner, CVEA members are urged to get involved in the Vote YES Campaign. The coming weeks will be filled with the need for volunteers to doorbell, wave signs and make phone bank calls. Supplies of yard signs, buttons and car magnets will soon be available in your staff lounge for you and others to campaign for the bond. Visit www.voteyescvschools.com <<http://www.voteyescvschools.com>> .

INCENTIVE FOR ANNOUNCING RETIREMENT

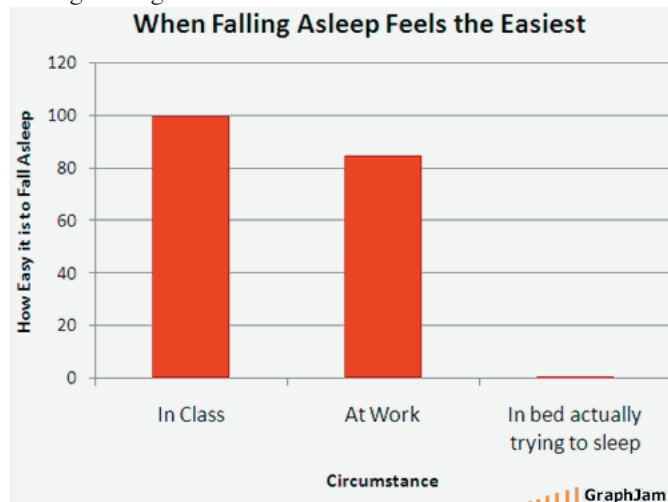
Are you thinking of retiring this year? The CVSD is offering again this year, a financial incentive to announce your retirement early. If you officially notify the District before February 15 of your intent to retire, the District will put \$1000 directly into your VEBA account. If you announce after February 15 but before March 1, it will go down to \$500. Remember that this benefit is tax-free and will be available to help cover medical costs immediately and premiums when you retire.

The CVEA would encourage you to consider this option if retirement is in your immediate future.

COP GRANT WINNERS

Congratulations to Denise Kennedy from Chester and Morgan Jones from Special Services. They were the 2 recipients of the WEA COP Grants awarded this fall to CVSD members. There will be a second round of grants that will go out immediately and are due by February 25. Check with your building rep for an application or find it online at www.wea-eastern.org/.

For those who wish to apply for future COP grants, the "C" in COP stands for Community and this outreach is an important requirement for the grant. Make sure you read the General Guidelines carefully when applying for a grant.



RECIPIENTS OF 2010 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Central Valley continues to demonstrate a commitment to excellence in education. One example is National Board Certification. The following list identifies the newest members joining the ranks of those who have accomplished certification:

Peggy Barker	Bowdish MS	Early Adolescence-Math
Susan Dolan	CVHS	Early Childhood through Young Adult-Library Media
Heather Durkin	Greenacres	Early Childhood through Young Adult-School Counseling
Lindsay Ehlers	Liberty Lake	Middle Childhood-Generalist
Kathleen Neal	South Pines	Early & Middle Childhood-Literacy: Reading/Language Arts
Penny Neste	Broadway	Early & Middle Childhood-Literacy: Reading/Language Arts
John Porter	Greenacres	Early Childhood-Generalist
Sabrina Richardson	Opportunity	Early Childhood-Generalist
Paul Schneider	University HS	Adolescence & Young Adulthood-Social Studies/History
Jennifer Spear	Liberty Lake	Early Childhood-Generalist
Sara Wagenblast	University HS	Adolescence & Young Adulthood-Social Studies/History

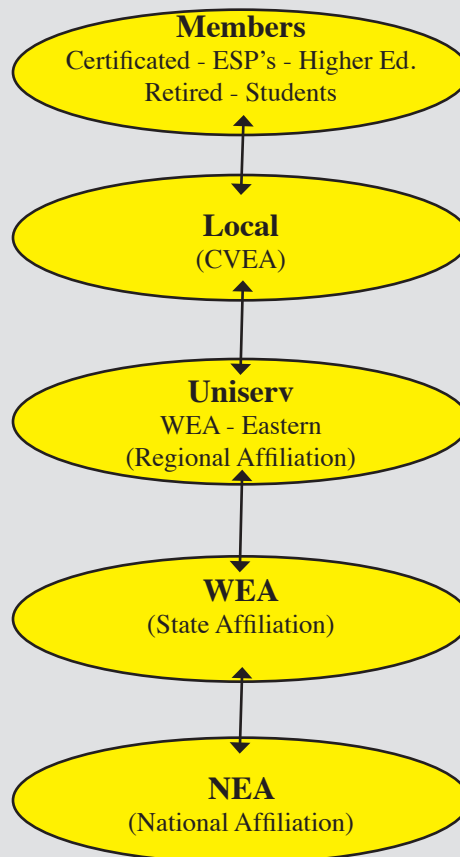
CVEA's AFFILIATION STRUCTURE

Those of us who have been deeply involved with the association sometimes forget that most members may not know how the whole CVEA/WEA/NEA organization is structured. This structure comes into play when members need certain resources, such as legal representation, or training access.

You have probably been aware of such events as WEA Representative Assembly or the NEA Representative Assembly, and many of you have been representatives to these events. Others of you have worked in some support role when the WEA Representative Assembly is in Spokane (which it has been for most of the last decade.)

These Representative Assemblies are the official governing body of the State and National Associations. They meet once a year to debate issues, make regulations, give legislative direction for lobbying efforts, make resolutions and deal with other general business items. Between the annual meetings, there is a Board of Directors of about 70 members (elected by you) that deals with the business of the Association. They meet about 8 times a year. Between those Board meetings there is an Executive Board of 7 members elected by the Board to deal with

time sensitive issues. The chart below shows the structure of the Association from local to national levels.



Association Membership Data

CVEA has 777 members at this time. That makes us the 24th largest association of the 397 in the state. Because we have over 750 members we have to do a full audit every year to meet IRS regulations.

CALENDAR

- **January 28, 1st semester ends**
- **January 31, 2nd semester begins**
- **CVEA Exec Board, February 1, CVEA Office**
- **SEAT meeting, February 8, 3:45, LTC**
- **CVEA Building Rep meeting, February 15, 4:00, Cuppa Joe's (ballots out)**
- **CVEA Ballots counted**

CVEA Executive Board

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Monica Larson
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High School Rep -

Vicky Jensen
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228-5240

SNOW OR NO SNOW DAY

Friday, February 18 is a "snow day" placed in the calendar just in case we have a snow closure day. If we do not have a closure between now and then, Friday will be a NO WORK day for teachers. Enjoy your 4 day weekend.



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