



California Delegate Report for the NEA Representative Assembly 2019 by Samantha Weiss & Nicolai Anikouchine



2020 Presidential Candidates Courted Our Support

President Lily Eskelsen Garcia interviewed each of 10 candidates that RSVP'd to the RA. They were asked questions by teachers from all over the country on a wide array of education hot topics. Go to this link if you'd like to watch some of the interview highlights: <https://educationvotes.nea.org/presidential-2020/forum/>

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Rodney Robinson, 2019 Teacher of the Year Reminds Us 'Everyone Benefits From Diversity'

Rodney teaches in a Richmond, Va detention center as a social studies teacher to some of our most vulnerable students. He brought us to our feet for a standing ovation with his words of hope despite our country's struggle to find cultural equity in our education systems.

Community Ally Memberships in NEA Finally Passes This amendment to our Bylaws finally passed. It was voted in that non-members may be dues paying members

with no voting rights. The body chose accepting their dues over some delegates' concerns of potential outside interests' pressure. More info here: <http://ra.nea.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/NEA-Community-Ally-Membership-Booklet.pdf>



Nic and I were among some 800 delegates from California to descend on Houston. Our great state educates one in every 8

students in the United States & our voice is, by far, the loudest at the assembly. It was an incredibly empowering experience and we thank you for sending us to Houston in July to rep for you. The RA is the largest democratic body that meets annually in the world today!



Becky Pringle Announces her candidacy for President of NEA

Rebecca has been VP and Secretary-Treasurer. She has many years of experience in NEA leadership. She is a former 8th grade science teacher from Virginia.



Highlight
RA 2020:
NEA will be in Atlanta, Georgia. One heated debate this year was over whether we should consider host cities in "Right to Work" states. These are states that have broken unions' rights to collectively bargain.

Highlight
ETHNICITY OF NEA
New Business Item 116 will create a better understanding of the ethnicity of our membership.

Highlight
COMMITMENT TO
getting training for suicide alertness classes for delegates at the 2020 RA .

Please have a look at the business resolutions that were before us. There were 160 NBI's, in addition to Constitutional & By Law Amendments. Here is a link to our RA TODAY Issue 6: <https://ra.nea.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Issue6-RAToday-2019.pdf>