

AEA Viewpoint

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Take the lead.



Everyday Heroes



"I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom."

Bob Dylan

We have heroes among us, they are the building representatives at each work site who have given their service on behalf of the members at each building. The Auburn Education Association would not be effective without the skilled work of every Building Representative.

Your building representatives attend monthly Representative Council meetings, continually stay trained on the language within the Negotiated Agreement, conduct building meetings for members, serve on committees, inform members of their rights, and problem solve issues with building administrators.

Please take a moment to thank the reps at your building for everything they do on behalf of all members.

Auburn High School

Sheryl Harmon

Elaine Hogg

Aleta Johnson

Pat Martin

Tom McDermott

Auburn Mountainview

Patria Baumstark

Dorin Meinhart

Stephanie Keagle

Molly Serna

Nancy Tapp

Auburn Riverside

Susan James

Patty Larson

Laine Lenihan

Sue Neu

GinaSandland

Jacque Smith

Kaisa Swenddal-White

Mike Van Eaton

Tim Wright

West Auburn

Steven Payne

Cascade

Jim Abraham

Venda Adams

Lisa Sanders

Quynh Taylor

Dave Trout

Mt. Baker

Diane Abraham

Becky Marcotte

Carolyn Hubbell

Marianne Parr

Olympic

Robyn Knudtson

Scott Millican

Tracy Sherin

Jennifer Willson

Rainier

Katy Smargiassi

John Woody

Annex

Michael Blackburn

Kandice Llera

Beth Mills

Alpac

Suzie Chipps-Freeman

Tanya Cicero

Chinook

Sharon Gilbert

Lisa Mason

Stephanie Monroe

Dick Scobee

Tim Pfab

Linda Harmaning

Evergreen Heights

Kay Gomez

Arliene Zeigler

Gildo Rey

Kathy Garrido

Hazelwood

Amber Carter

Darlene Swanson

Erin Wickstrom

Scott Wickstrom

Halko

Christa Jeffries

Cheryl Nielson

Carolyn Olson

Kathie Price

Kari Priest

Lakeland Hills

Shannon Hyde

Vickie Leaf

Dorothy Luke

Melissa Scheer

Lakeview

Angie Rossman

Jamie Lee

Chris Wilcox

Lea Hill

Steve Goliff

Joann Spear

Pioneer

Dave Hoskin

Beth Johnson

Dani Rowe

Terminal Park

Lynnea Brooks

Jeanette Brunelle

Washington

Katie Anderson

Heather Bulawa

News You Can Use: Reflections from Rep Assembly

★ Attending Rep Assembly in Spokane this year was a great experience. After reflecting on the three day event
★ I would put it in the following succinct manner:
★ Top 5 Reasons for Attending Rep Assembly:
★ 5. You get to see over 1200 people participating in Parliamentary Procedure at its finest.
★ 4. You get to hear from other people involved in education from across the state and from different types of
★ communities and understand more how they are being impacted by different situations in their schools, from
★ funding to environmental indoor air quality.
★ 3. You get to hear inspirational speakers.
★ 2. You come to understand the importance of WEA-PAC
★ 1. You get to know the delegates from your own local better and spend time with our outstanding president!
★ **2008 Rep Assembly most certainly did not lack of excitement.**
★ Top 5 Most Memorable Moments of 2008 Rep Assembly:
★ 5. Chris Gregoire's pump-up speech for her re-election campaign.
★ 4. Andrea Peterson sharing her surreal experiences as National Teacher of the Year.
★ 3. Mike Van Eaton winning a \$200 gas card!
★ 2. Witnessing the convoluted debate over working through dinner and not taking a break.
★ 1. Running with the bulls!
★ Thank you so much for electing me and letting me be part of this amazing process. -**Laine Lenihan**
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*This year's representative assembly in Spokane was memorable for several reasons. I enjoyed Christine Gregoire's speech to the assembly. She truly is committed to making public education in Washington the best it can be. The recipients of Teacher of the Year, and Classified Employee of the year, address the assembly and are always enlightening and never fail to inspire me to keep making important connections with my students. Finally, the democratic process we follow in conducting our business is awesome to experience. It's hard to comprehend the broad scope of our organization and its commitment to public education until you've attended a representative assembly. The other aspect making RA memorable is getting to know the other delegates from Auburn. RA is a worthwhile opportunity!- **Dianne Jordan***

★ The WEA-RA at Spokane, Washington gave teachers throughout the state an opportunity to celebrate the
★ accomplishments from the last state legislature. Can you believe it that we (yes, the WEA) changed the
★ constitution? The state legislature took notice as the WEA membership did phone calling, doorbelling and
★ got out the vote to pass , the Simple Majority. The state legislature gave us a cost of living raise and a small
★ increase to make up the "Dino cutbacks" when Dino Rossi was in the Senate. Also, the WEA-RA gave
★ educators a chance to establish new goals that will help our students. Thank you for giving me the chance to
★ represent Auburn.- **Paul Cooper**
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