



Voice For Greater Minnesota Education

**ELECTION BALLOT: NORTH CENTRAL ZONE**

**2019 MREA Board of Directors**

**District # \_\_\_\_\_ District/Org. Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Group Vote (check which):** \_\_\_ Administrator \_\_\_ School Board \_\_\_ Teacher

To vote for a candidate whose name appears on this ballot, mark an (X) in the square to the LEFT of the candidate's name. To vote for an individual whose name does not appear on the ballot, PRINT the individual's name and district/organization on the blank line.

*District numbers and names must be completed above.*

**\*\*\* VOTE FOR 1 OPEN POSITION \*\*\***

**1. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE -- VOTE FOR 1 (ONE) ONLY  
4-year term 2019-2022**

- Sarah Bauck, Band Teacher, Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools
- Janice Oakley, High School Math Teacher, Pine River-Backus Schools
- Michelle Rinke-Koch, 2nd Grade Teacher, Menahga Schools
- Write-in Candidate/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* SEE REVERSE FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS \*\*\***

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Ballots MUST be postmarked by December 31, 2018.**



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**CANDIDATES** for the MREA Board of Directors, representing the North Central Zone:

### **SARAH BAUCK, WAUBUN-OGEMA-WHITE EARTH SCHOOLS**

I would be honored to be a part of MREA. When administration, school board, and teachers collaborate, great things can happen. I have been an educator (band director) for 20+ years. Throughout this time, I have worked with teachers from districts across the state, been involved in building leadership, our local union, and city government, as well as attending almost every school board meeting in our district. MREA sees the importance of listening, collaborating, compromising, and cooperating in order to make progress in the issues that affect our rural districts. I value these same ideals and would embrace the opportunity to work with an organization that is making such a difference for rural education.

### **JANICE OAKLEY, PINE RIVER-BACKUS SCHOOLS**

I am a veteran mathematics teacher and have been teaching at Pine River-Backus High School for the past 18 years. I currently teach 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade math and advanced algebra. I earned a BS from Bemidji State University in Mathematics Education (9-12), and a master's degree from St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Educational Leadership. In addition, I am an online teacher for MNInfinity. MNInfinity serves many rural communities in Minnesota. I am committed to student success both inside the classroom and in life. I believe that student success is created through meaningful relationships. I grew up in Grand Rapids and currently live in Brainerd. As both a professional and former student in rural Minnesota, I believe I understand the issues that rural students encounter, and I would be able to advocate on their behalf.

### **MICHELLE RINKE-KOCH, MENAHGA SCHOOLS**

I would be deeply honored with the opportunity to serve and participate with the MREA Board of Directors. I have spent my entire life living in "outstate" Minnesota and believe that our rural areas have many unique challenges and gifts. MREA brings together school boards, administration, educators, and community members with the goal of improving our students' educational opportunities in rural Minnesota. I look forward to having the opportunity to offer my experiences, passion and rural foundation to work toward building 21st Century opportunities for our greatest resource; our children.

