

Ski Country EduCator

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Ski Country UniServ Signs 1,200th Member

Congratulations to **Shannon White** of the Eagle County Education Association. On March 23rd Shannon became Ski County's 1,200th member. Shannon was recruited by **Meredith Deem**. Meredith and other ECEA officers were honored at CEA Delegate Assembly in April for their efforts in signing the 1,200th member.

Also at Delegate Assembly the following locals were honored for 4% membership growth from the previous year: Eagle County Education Association, Lake County Education Association, South Routt Education Association, Steamboat Springs Education Association, and the West Grand Education Association. The Aspen Education Association, East Grand Education Association, Jackson County Education Association, and the Moffat County Education Association were honored for Continued Growth in Membership.

News of the 1,200th member was also reported in the April May edition of the CEA Journal. Ski Country UniServ congratulates all of you on your membership efforts and deeply appreciates the hard work our local leaders do in recruiting members and promoting the efforts of the Association.

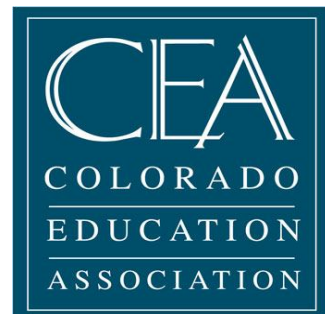
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Ski Country well represented at Delegate Assembly

The following members represented Ski Country UniServ and their locals at the 2009 CEA Delegate Assembly in Denver on April 23rd – 25th.

Aspen EA – Kirk Gregory, Sara Mercanti, Caroline Hansen, and Audrey Leonhardt

Eagle County EA – Matt McGough, Meredith Deem, Todd Huck, and Tanya Caruso

Moffat County EA – Willemina Babb, Tiffany Trevenen, Charlotte Mason, Julie Sperl, and Michele Conroy

Roaring Fork CEA – Kaet Snyder and Noel Gannett

Summit County EA – Mark Clark, Beth Flaherty, and Jamie Sherman

Meredith Deem was elected for a second term representing Ski Country and Region 6 on the CEA Fund for Children and Public Education.

Vote for CEA-recommended PERA Candidates: May 1-31

CEA recommends three educators who are running for seats on the PERA Board of Trustees: **Carole Wright** in the Retired Division and **Scott Noller** and **Marcus Pennell** in the School Division. Balloting takes place by U.S. mail during May.

The three CEA-recommended candidates deserve educators' votes because they are qualified and experienced in all the matters that come before the PERA Board. Wright and Noller have CEA's "continuing recommendations" as they are incumbents running for re-election to their current seats.

Wright is a retired Aurora elementary school teacher with long-time Association leadership experience. She has been on the PERA Board in the Retired Division since 2005. Wright is a Denver Classroom Teachers Association Retired-CEA-NEA member.

Noller, a former teacher and current middle school assistant principal in Colorado Springs District 11, has served on the PERA Board since 2001. Noller has active in our Association as board member and treasurer of the Colorado Springs Education Association where he is a member.

Marcus Pennell, a high school physics teacher in Jefferson County, served previously on the PERA Board of Trustees for four years. Like Wright and Noller, Pennell has an excellent grasp of retirement issues that affect public school employees and will serve Association members well.

Members in PERA's Retired Division can vote for Carole Wright.

Members in the PERA School Division can vote for both Scott Noller and Marcus Pennell as there are two open seats (one is Noller's seat as an incumbent and the other seat is being vacated by Susan Beeman, Pueblo EA member).

**Ballots must be postmarked by May
31, 2009.**

Note: Two State Division seats, including a Higher Education trustee seat, are also open. CEA has not recommended candidates for these seats.

National Teacher Day



May 5, 2009

Great teachers Make Great Public Schools

On National Teacher Day, thousands of communities take time to honor their local educators and acknowledge the crucial role teachers play in making sure every student receives a quality education. This year's event takes place on **May 5, 2009**.

History of National Teacher Day

The origins of National Teacher Day are murky. Around 1944 Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. Woodridge wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953 persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day.

NEA, along with its Kansas and Indiana state affiliates and the Dodge City (Kan.) Local, lobbied Congress to create a national day to celebrate teachers. Congress declared March 7, 1980, as National Teacher Day for that year only.

NEA and its affiliates continued to observe National Teacher Day in March until 1985, when the NEA Representative Assembly voted to change the event to Tuesday of the first full week of May. The actual date, therefore, varies from year to year.