

**Report on NEA RA
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I attended the NEA Representative Assembly as a state delegate from July 1st to July 7th, 2016 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington DC.

The RA elected new board members and passed many Bylaw Amendments, Legislative Amendments, and important New Business Items (NBIs). Some of these delegate-authored NBIs acknowledged institutional racism, reconfirmed our commitment to discontinue Native American-themed mascots in our schools, and encouraged support for our transgendered students. Also of note is the passage of Higher Ed-centric NBI #81, which advocates for part-time instructors to have equal access to prorated retirement benefits.

On July 5th, the Assembly was visited by Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, who spoke for about twenty minutes. Her speech was rousing and personable. There was a small protest perpetrated by a group of guests, but she was unfazed. Secretary Clinton declared her commitment to students and educators, and she promised the NEA “a seat at the table” in matters regarding public education.

On Wednesday, July 6th, I was interviewed and participated in a photo shoot for NEA's advocacy site, neaedjustice.org. I was interviewed on why I became an advocate for part-time instructors, as well as the importance of personal stories in advocacy. We did a fifteen minute filmed interview.

I also continued in my duties as Higher Ed Representative of the NEA Women's Caucus. I was asked by the Caucus Chair, Cecile Bendavid, to be the speaker at one of our caucus meetings. I spoke to attending members of the Women's Caucus about Campus Safety: why it's important, and why they are working conditions and therefore issues that can be bargained.

It was quite an honor to serve my state and CCA at the 2016 NEA RA. Our Assembly does great work and sets the tone for both public education and union advocacy in the coming year.