

NJEA Government Relations Committee

Martha Liebman, Chairperson	Mercer
Catherine Coletta, Vacancy	Atlantic
Paul Daniele, Carol Dore	Bergen
Reba Snyder, Patricia Bland	Burlington
Sharon Long, Ann Marie Franzeo	Camden
Martina Trapani, Faith De Lany	Cape May
Barbara Calabrese	Cumberland
Stephen McCray, Vacancy	Essex
Joan Geraci, James Lavender	Gloucester
Frank Mazzone, Donna Panella	Hudson
Donna Puluka	Hunterdon
Johanna Capasso, Rosemary Meek	Mercer
Nanette Rothschild, Loretta Gostkowski	Middlesex
Donna Clause, Melissa Trenton	Monmouth
Kim Cowing	Morris
Pat McGrath, Carol Cousins	Ocean
Loretta Bradley, Maureen McGowan	Passaic
Sharon Whitney	Salem
Amy Mogland, Heidi Mueller	Somerset
Andrea DeGraaf	Sussex
Dorothy Rossmann, Elizabeth Rivera	Union
Carol Mertz	Warren
Howard Parish	Higher Ed
Martin Lang, Arlene Cusick	Retired Educators
Eileen Carvalho	CCC Chairperson

The Government Relations Committee:

1. reviews and considers state and national legislation;
2. carries out the legislative policy of the Association;
3. lobbies legislators and other political leaders and decision makers;
4. works with county and local education associations to establish continuous lobbying efforts with legislators and representatives of state agency policy-making boards and commissions;
5. oversees county and local legislative action team efforts;
6. educates leaders and members about the necessity of political action efforts to make legislative advances;
7. maintains a close working relationship with NJEA lobbyists and NJEA Government Relations;
8. networks with other unions, organizations, or special interest groups to secure legislative goals established by the Delegate Assembly;
9. chairs screening committees in N.J. legislative races.



NJEA Government Relations Committee chairperson Martha Liebman and NJEA Congressional Contact Committee chairperson Eileen Carvalho.

NJEA Congressional Contact Committee

Eileen Carvalho, Chairperson	CD 13	Hudson, Middlesex	
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Robert Hackett, John Klug		Salem, Cape May	
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Gloria Dix, Arthur Tote	CD 4	Ocean, Mercer	
Rita Kilduff, Kenneth Kobler	CD 5	Bergen, Warren	
Pam Launhardt, Cheryl Smith	CD 6	Middlesex, Monmouth	
Henry Varriano, Henry Dale	CD 7	Union, Somerset	
Robin Holcombe, Amy Hanks-Scott	CD 8	Passaic, Essex	
Carol Feinstein, Vacancy	CD 9	Bergen, Hudson	
Brenda Hofler-Battle, Stan Gurski	CD 10	Essex, Union	
Jim Bising, Vacancy	CD 11	Morris, Sussex	
Kathryn Logan, Ronald Burd	CD 12	Monmouth, Hunterdon	
Vacancy	CD 13	Hudson, Middlesex	
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Martha Liebman	Government Relations Cmte	Chairperson	
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The Congressional Contact Committee is composed of at least one representative from each county. The Congressional Contact Committee:

1. maintains contact with New Jersey's congressional delegation regarding NEA/NJEA's legislative program;
2. makes NJEA members aware of the Association's federal legislative program and the need for membership activity in support of that program;
3. chairs screening committees in congressional races;
4. maintains a close working relationship with NJEA lobbyists and NJEA Government Relations.

NJEA PAC Operating Committee

The NJEA PAC Operating Committee:

1. supports candidates for state and federal offices, on a nonpartisan basis, who are proven or potential friends of education;
2. takes a leadership role in NJEA/NEA-PAC fundraising;
3. coordinates candidate screening, selection, campaign, and support efforts;
4. reviews PAC guidelines for appropriateness;
5. educates the membership about the need for political involvement and the rationale and process used for selecting endorsed candidates;
6. supports the general operations in statewide political action efforts and campaigns.

The committee consists of the NJEA officers; the NJEA Executive Committee, the NJEA Government Relations Committee; the county association presidents, the president of the Student NJEA; the NJREA legislative chairperson; two NJREA legislative regional coordinators, one representing northern N.J. and one representing southern N.J.; three NJEA active support members; and the Congressional Contact Committee. The NJREA regional coordinators and active support members shall be approved by the NJEA PAC chairperson and approved by the NJEA PAC Board of Trustees.

You can help public education through legislative and political action!

1. Update yourself on important education bills. You can do that by:

- ★ Regularly checking www.njea.org and www.nea.org.
- ★ Attending your county association's legislative dinner. See below for a list of dates, times, and locations.
- ★ Attending NJEA's annual Legislative and Political Action Conference on February 23. Call (609) 599-4561, ext. 2327 to register by Feb. 15.
- ★ Talking to your local president about joining or forming a legislative action team in your local association.

2. Contact your state and federal lawmakers and share your views with them. It's easy!

- ★ Look up your county and town on the district locator on the right.
- ★ Once you know your district, look up the name and contact information for your lawmakers in the index starting on page 41.
- ★ See page 44 for tips on writing letters, sending e-mail, and telephoning your lawmakers.
- ★ You can also contact your state and federal lawmakers directly through NJEA's and NEA's websites.

3. Support pro-education candidates by voting and contributing to PAC.

- ★ NJEA PAC is the New Jersey Education Association Political Action Committee. It is a legal mechanism through which our Association provides financial support to political candidates for state office.
- ★ All NJEA PAC funds are raised from the voluntary contributions of our members. NJEA cannot use dues money to support PAC.
- ★ You can contribute to PAC by check or via Automatic Payroll Deduction. See your local president or contact NJEA Government Relations at (609) 599-4561 for details.

2002 LEGISLATIVE DINNERS

COUNTY	DATE	LOCATION
Atlantic	March 9	Trump Plaza, Boardwalk & Mississippi Ave., Atlantic City
Bergen	April 30	Venetian, 546 River Rd., Garfield
Burlington	March 26	Merion Caterers, Route 130 South, Cinnaminson
Camden	March 13	Venice Caterers, 222 Berlin-Cross Keys Rd., Berlin
Cape May	April 17	Grand Hotel, Beach & Philadelphia Aves., Cape May
Cumberland	April 24	Cumberland Co. Tech Ctr., 601 Bridgeton Ave., Bridgeton
Essex	March 20	Crystal Plaza Caterers, 305 W. Northfield Rd., Livingston
Gloucester	March 22	Nicolosi Caterers, 1 Hessian Ave., Woodbury
Hudson	April 17	Casino in the Park, Lincoln Park, Jersey City
Hunterdon	April 16	Clarion Inn, Route 22, Phillipsburg (with Warren)
Mercer	March 20	Angeloni's Cedar Garden, Route 33, Hamilton Twp.
Middlesex	May 7	The Forge Inn, Route 9, Woodbridge
Monmouth	April 17	Garden Manor, Route 35, Aberdeen
Morris	April 30	Hilton Garden Inn Rockaway, 375 Mt. Hope Ave., Rockaway
Ocean	May 1	Ramada Inn, Routes 9 & 70, Toms River
Passaic	May 7	Brownstone House, West Broadway, Paterson
Salem	May 8	Riverview Inn, Main & Front Sts., Pennsville
Somerset	March 6	Redwood Inn, 826 Mine Rd., Bridgewater
Sussex	May 8	Perona Farms, Route 517, Andover
Union	March 21	The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood
Warren	April 16	Clarion Inn, Route 22, Phillipsburg (with Hunterdon)

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