

James (Jim) Amaral retired in 2010 after teaching for thirty-six years in Prince William (PW) County where he taught 4th & 5th grade students in regular and gifted education classrooms. He also developed and taught in a Math/Science Enrichment program for all students in grades K-5. Jim still works part time as a substitute teacher in Prince William County, as a technology lab instructor for adult learners, and as an advisor, assessor, and trainer for the National External Diploma Program for adult learners. Throughout his teaching career, Jim served as an association site representative in his local. He also served several terms on the VEA and PWEA Boards of Directors. He was District 9 President for 2 years, served on numerous local, state, and national association committees, was a diversity trainer for VEA, and has been a delegate for numerous VEA and NEA conventions. Jim currently serves as a member of the VEA-Retired Council (Congressional District 10), as a VEA-R representative on the VEA Resolutions Committee, and as Secretary/Treasurer of PWEA-Retired. Jim is the immediate past chair of PWEA-R. Jim also serves as Second Vice President of the National External Diploma Program Council.