

My name is Lee Dorman and I would like to ask for your support and vote as I run for the position dedicated to retired members on the VEA Board of Directors. I am newly retired after teaching 42 years in Arlington, Russell and Chesterfield Counties.

I have a wide variety of experience at all three levels of the association. I have held – I guess just about every position at the local level including local president twice. I have served on the VEA Board of Directors as a representative of my district. I just finished serving my second term as the senior director from VA on the NEA Board. These positions also placed me on the Executive Board and Budget Committee for the VEA. I believe my recent association positions put me in a terrific place to advocate for all of the retired members here in Virginia.

Should I be elected to serve as your representative on the VEA Board I would like to concentrate on increasing funding for the VEA –R. The main emphasis would be on improving communications between retired members – I would like to continue the work that has been done to increase the number of local retired groups. I also think we must work to increase the diversity of members serving in elected positions in VEA – R. Before I even thought of running for this position I talked to state and national retired members about an initiative I think the NEA should put forth as a priority for all of NEA – R and frankly seniors across the country.

When I became eligible for Medicare I was sent the same card we all have. It is made of cardboard and has my social security number on it – how is that possible that they would not send each of us a plastic card WITHOUT our social security number on it! We are told keep this in your wallet and don't laminate it. I would like to put forth a new business item directing the NEA to work to change this policy. Ironically both the NEA and AARP sell identity theft insurance – surely the first thing we should do to protect the identity of seniors is to change the policy of posting our social security number on a piece of cardboard!

I would appreciate you voting for Lee Dorman in the January VEA – R retired election!