

Bruce Smith, currently chair of NEA/VEA/PWEA Retired.

Educated in public schools in Falls Church and Fairfax County. Completed a BA in Pol. Sci. at Lynchburg College 1966. MA in Adult Ed from UDC, 1988.

After the March on Washington in '63, I became an active participant in the civil rights movement, helping found the Southern Student Organizing Committee in '64 serving as a campus and community organizer for the Virginia Students Civil Rights Committee in '65 and '66. After a year in grad school, served as SSOC Virginia organizer from 67-69.

A social justice, social change, and union activist. Worked for the AFL-CIO in support of the United Farm Workers in 1966 and since then have been an active union member, including the Bookbinders, The Teamsters (as a glazier and as a teacher), the Correctional Education Association (CEA), the AFT and the NEA. Served as DC representative on the regional board of the CEA for six years and also served as CEA rep to the Education and Criminal Justice Programme of the International Adult Education Association.

Served as a building rep for the AFT for four years in Atlanta and as a building rep for Prince William Education Association (PWEA) eleven years. Served on and chaired the PWEA PAC for several years. Also served on the VEA resolutions committee, and have attended all VEA RAs and most NEA RAs since 2000.

Currently chair of PWEA-Retired and member of the PWEA Board of Directors. Hope to continue to be an advocate for our active and retired members in Prince William, Virginia and the US as a member VEA/NEA retired.

Currently, I also serve as Volunteer Virginia Coordinator for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. Also serving as a member of the AARP US Capitol lobbying corps and have been training as a member of the Virginia AARP Legislative team for 2014. Also helped to organize the Virginia chapter of the Alliance for Retired Americans.