

## Vice President

### Marivel Roybal

I'm Marivel Roybal and proud to be a product of a TUSD public education. I was inspired by my parents to study elementary/bilingual education at the University of Arizona. Currently, I teach first grade at Ochoa Elementary. It is my responsibility to develop relationships with members and engage the administration to promote a healthy work environment. I believe in the strength and professionalism of our members. I look forward to building a more involved TEA

**Site/Position:** Ochoa Elem., 1 yr.

**Other Site/Position:** Lynn/Urquides Elem., 1 yr.; Tolson Elem., 3 yrs.

**Memberships:** TEA 4 yrs.

**Education/Training:** Elementary Education major/minor in Bilingual Education, UA

**TEA Activities:** Co-Chair of Membership, Public Policy member

**AEA Activities:** Vice-Chair of Ethnic Minority Caucus, Bargaining Committee, Minority Training Cadre 2009, Leadership Academy Class VIII, Del. Assembly 2006-2008

**NEA Activities:** NEA Rep. Assembly 2005, 2007, 2008; Western Regional Leadership Conference 2009

### Luci Messing to be Named TEA President

*Congratulations to **Luci Messing!** Since the other official candidate withdrew his name, Luci will be declared the winner by acclamation, per the TEA Constitution and Bylaws, at the February 18th Association Representative meeting. Therefore, we are including the following special statement from Luci.*

Thank you to all who have expressed support for my candidacy as TEA President and your willingness to work with me in moving our association forward to improve our status as a partner in public education. As a professional organization, we need to be at the table when discussions are conducted and decisions are made regarding budget, compensation, health care, working conditions, and professional development. We need to protect our members' rights with due process. With your help, I'm confident that TEA will move into a new, positive era.



### Marc Severson

The key is commitment. I have committed myself to our professional association since the first day of student teaching. We are faced with daunting tasks ahead, such as: restoring faith in public education, overcoming the financial crises and making education relevant and appropriate for the 21st

century student. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and join with you to work to meet these challenges and help make our profession all it can be.

**Site/Position:** Steele Elem./2nd gr. instructor, 3 yrs.

**Other Site/Position:** Smith/Kinder, 4th & 5th, 10 yrs.; Tolson/K, 2nd, & 5th, 5 yrs.; Hollinger/K, 1 yr.

**Memberships:** TEA since 1990; Indian Oasis/Baboquivari USD, 1987-1990; Student-NEA, 1986

**Education/Training:** BA, 1975; CDA accreditation, 1982; Pima College Associate Faculty, 1982-2002; K-8 certification, 1986 to present; Archaeologist residency at Cavett, 6 wks. in 1986; storyteller, artist residency at Corbett, 8 wks. in 1985; archaeology residency at Borton, 4 wks. in 1985

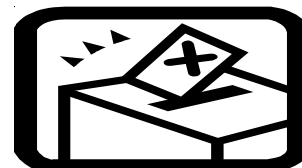
**TEA Activities:** AR Tolson, Smith and Steele, 1991 to present; member of the TEA/TUSD bargaining team four times; Sahuaro Area Director, 2008 to present; TEA PD instructor 2000-present

**AEA Activities:** Del. Assembly 4 yrs.; AEA Leadership training participant, 2003; AR and Head of Negotiations in Indian Oasis/Baboquivari USD

**NEA Activities:** Member since 1986

This is a special publication provided to assist members in preparation for the TEA Board elections, which will be concluded on February 18, 2009.

Candidates were asked to provide a 50-word campaign statement – 75 if running as an officer – along with information about their background and their leadership activities in TEA, AEA and NEA.



# Secretary-Treasurer

## Dan Ireland

I am the son of two teachers, and have known the profession all my life. I am an Exceptional Education teacher at Palo Verde. I have been very active in the association since joining. I was active this past election, fighting for education. As an AR, I have worked hard for my members, empowering them for fair treatment. I have dedicated my time to the profession of education and helping to ensure it.

**Site/Position:** Palo Verde/Exceptional Education Teacher, 4 yrs.

**Other Site/Position:** Long-term substitute teacher, secondary social studies (government)

**Memberships:** TEA, 3 yrs.

**Education/Training:** NAU 5/03, Summa Cum Laude, BS in Political Science, extended major in the American Legal Studies, double minor in Anthropology and History; NAU 12/04, Master's Degree in Secondary Education, emphasis in Social Studies, graduated with honors; NAU 7/07, Special Education Endorsement

**TEA Activities:** TEA Chair of the President's Advisory Committee on Exceptional Education 2008-present, member of the Public Policy Committee 2008-present, Association Representative for Palo Verde HMS 2007-present

**AEA Activities:** Del. Assembly 2008; member of the Bargaining and Benefits Committee; member of the Southern Arizona GREAT team

**NEA Activities:** NEA Rep. Assembly 2008; NEA Western Regional Leadership Conference participant 2008 & 2009



## Cathy Paredes

I have worked for many public campaigns. I have encouraged many members to lobby for public education. I have encouraged TEA members to participate in AEA Delegate Assembly, NEA Representative Assembly and to become publicly aware of our educational agendas. I encourage members to attend Association leadership training and conventions.

I bring to you a wide view of the public school employee. I bring to our association integrity, honesty, tenacity, diligence and passion.

**Site/Position:** Doolen Middle School/6th grade math, science, social studies, sign language, 3 yrs.

**Other Site/Position:** Naylor Middle School/6th & 7th math, science, reading, social studies, PE, & sign language, 8 yrs.

**Memberships:** TEA, 11 yrs.; AEA/NEA, 12 yrs.; Globe Teachers Association, 1 yr.

**Education/Training:** UA, BA in Elem. Ed.; Pima CC, Assoc. Sci (Elem. Ed. & General Studies)

**TEA Activities:** Doolen Main AR, 3 yrs; Sabino Area Director, 2 yrs; Membership Committee, 4 yrs; TEA Elections Committee, 4 yrs (Chair 2 yrs.); Naylor Main AR, 5 yrs; Palo Verde Area & Ethnic Minority At-Large Director, 4 yrs; TEA/TUSD Joint Ex. Ed. Task Force, 2 yrs; Bargaining Support Committee, 5 yrs, HOPE, 3 yrs.

**AEA Activities:** Del. Assembly, Resolutions Committee, 2 yrs.; Benefits Committee, 2 yrs.; Minority Leadership Training Cadre, 4 yrs; Instructional & Professional Development Committee, 3 yrs; Ethnic Minority Committee, 1 yr; Ethnic Minority Caucus Vice Chair, 2 yrs.

**NEA Activities:** NEA Rep. Assembly, 2001-2005 & 2008, Western Regional Minority Leaders (as AEA Leader) 2004-05; Western Regional Leadership Conference, 2004-05 & 2009



# Area Directors

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## Cholla

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### Marcella Kitt

I've been a TEA member for over 30 years and support the idea of a strong, consolidated front for our union, its members and our leaders. I welcome the challenges and opportunity to represent and serve as Area Director, as well as the opportunity and responsibility to represent your interest.

**Site/Position:** Classroom Teacher, 32 yrs.

**Other Site/Position:** Cholla Girls Track & Field Coach, 20+ yrs.

**Memberships:** TEA, 32 yrs.; NEA Life Time Member; Arizona Driver Education Association, 30 yrs.

**Education/Training:** Tennessee State University, Bachelor's Degree; attended Pepperdine University/work towards a Master's in Counseling (in progress)

**TEA Activities:** Board of Directors, 2001-present; Chairperson Bargaining Support Committee 2000-2001; Membership and Employees Rights Committees, 2001-2002; Cholla Association Representative; Cholla Area Director, 2002-present; Membership Task Force, 2003-present

**AEA Activities:** Board of Directors, 2001; AEA Ethnic Minority Leadership Cadre, 1999-present; Task Force for Quality Teaching and Learning, 1999-present; Human and Civil Rights Committee, 2008-present

**NEA Activities:** Women's Leadership Conference, 2001; Ethnic Minority Training Conference, 2001; National Council of Urban Education Association Conference (NCUEA), 2002; NEA Representative Assembly, 2001-2004; Western Regional Leadership Conference, 2002, 2004

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### Cecilia Castillo

I would like to take this opportunity to serve you to the best of my knowledge and to try to represent all of you. Thank you.

**Site/Position:** Wakefield, teacher assistant, 18 yrs.

**Memberships:** TEA, 19 yrs.

**Education/Training:** ParaProfessional; ASU certified bilingual translator

**TEA Activities:** Association Representative

## Pueblo Area Director

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### Margaret Dodson

No campaign information submitted.

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### Jerecia Patterson

Over the past two years I have enjoyed representing you on the board of directors. We have worked together on the campaign trail to elect supporters of education and increase membership. I would like to be part of TEA's future and the opportunity to serve you. Please vote for me.

**Site/Position:** Visual Art Teacher

**Memberships:** TEA, 20 yrs.; National Art Education Association, 15 yrs.

**Education/Training:** BA & MA, UA

**TEA Activities:** Board of Director; Association Representative 2005-2006

**AEA Activities:** Del. Assembly 2008; Human and Civil Rights Task force 2008-2009

**NEA Activities:** Western Regional Leadership Conference 2009

## Santa Rita

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### Ruth Argraves

I would like to continue representing the Santa Rita area as director to help create the best learning community for our members and our students. I would like to continue representing our members so that all voices are heard and their concerns are put forth to help guarantee them representation.

**Site/Position:** Santa Rita/library assistant, 14 yrs.

**Other Site/Position:** Secretary, 4 yrs.

**Memberships:** TEA, 12 yrs.; ACE, 1 yr.

**Education/Training:** Lamson Business College; Durham Business College; UA

**TEA Activities:** Area Director; AR; Chair Technology Committee; Membership Committee; Budget Committee

**AEA Activities:** AEA Delegate Assembly; ESP Caucus Chairperson; various committees

# Ethnic Minority Director At-Large

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## Gloria Ann Valdez

Being a second generation TUSD employee and TEA member, I have seen the changes that our district and Association have gone through. As a minority parent, I saw my children benefit from minority educators and programs (i.e., Raza Studies).

**Site/Position:** Drachman/exceptional education teacher assistant, 6 yrs.

**Other Site/Position:** Bilingual teacher assistant

**Memberships:** TEA, 22 yrs.

**Education/Training:** AA Pima Community College

**TEA Activities:** Board of Directors; Association Representative; Membership Committee

**AEA Activities:** NEA Western Regional Conference

# ESP Director At-Large

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No nominations were submitted for ESP Director At Large. Any candidates who run for this position will do so as write-ins.

Per the TEA Policy, the ballots for at-large positions will be counted only if necessary after the conclusion of the 2009 AEA Delegate Assembly.

**Special Notice:** *The election to select TEA delegates to attend the AEA Delegate Assembly will conclude on February 18th this year – rather than in March – due to state deadlines.*

Ballots will be sent to ARs by  
Wednesday, February 11th.  
Please notify your AR right away if there  
are any problems with your ballots  
or  
call the TEA office at 795-8870  
if you don't receive a ballot.

Ballots for TEA Board positions and to  
elect delegates to the AEA Delegate  
Assembly are due by  
Wednesday, February 18th  
either at the AR meeting by 5:45 P.M.  
or at the TEA office by 6:00 P.M.  
(Association Representatives usually  
collect the ballots to submit them.)