



## **2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

### **NORTH CENTRAL ZONE**

#### **SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – (4-YEAR TERM)**

##### **Ann Hiedeman (Breckenridge)**

I am interested in serving this important organization which seeks to put learners first and be a united voice for supporters of rural education (students, parents, teachers, administrators, school board members, community members, etc.). I am also interested in the advancement of technological opportunities for rural districts to improve student learning and opportunity. With a background in human resources and higher education, I believe in the valuable partnership between schools and colleges/universities and the workforce to fully prepare our learners for post-secondary and career success. It would be my honor to serve as a board member.

##### **Matt Bauer (Frazee-Vergas)**

I am interested in the MREA Board position because of what MREA does for rural schools. They listen to the rural schools needs and are just focused on the rural schools; rather than trying to appease the masses. It is truly the one group that has the best interests of just the rural schools. Because of this, I would like to be able to participate and provide insight to the organization and help be the voice for rural districts.

##### **Patty Stangl (Pierz)**

I am from Morrison County and have been on the school board 11 years. My husband and I have raised our 5 children here. They had a wonderful education in our rural school district and benefitted from being in a community that values education. I would put any of our students' education up against students raised in large cities. MREA has the values needed today for our children, and are innovative and creative in helping rural schools shine. I have attended almost every MREA conference since on the board. I am willing to step up and be an advocate for MREA to help make this great organization better however I am needed.

#### **TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE – (1-YEAR TERM)**

##### **Mark Frank (Menahga)**

I am excited at the opportunity to join an educational team with an embedded "kids first" philosophy where I can offer my experience and collaborative team spirit to continuously improve instructional practice specific to rural Minnesota through the use of technology in the 21st century classroom.



**OFFICIAL BALLOT -- NORTH CENTRAL ZONE**

**2013 Board of Directors Elections**

District # \_\_\_\_\_ District Name \_\_\_\_\_

To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square to the LEFT of the candidate's name. To vote for an individual whose name does not appear on the ballot, PRINT the individual's name and district/organization on the blank line provided.

**\*\*\* SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE \*\*\***

**School Board Representative (4-year term) - VOTE FOR ONLY ONE**

- Ann Hiedeman (Breckenridge)
- Matt Bauer (Frazee-Vergas)
- Patty Stangl (Pierz)
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**\*\*\* TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE \*\*\***

**Teacher Representative (1-year term\*) - VOTE FOR ONLY ONE**

- Mark Frank (Menahga)
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*\*Fulfills last year of 4-year term*

**Return completed ballot/s to (note new address):  
MREA, P.O. Box 187, St. Cloud, MN 56302-0187**

**Ballots must be postmarked by December 27, 2013**