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HANDBOOK

2023-2025



The Junction City Education Association is committed to representing the professionals of USD 475. JCEA works to enhance teaching and learning, secure members' rights, and promote a partnership between the community and educators.

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**Junction City Education Association Officers
2023-2024**

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**President Ex-
Officio**

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Board of Directors 2023-2024			
Name	Term Ends	Building	Home/Cell Phone
Dana Wiegand President	2024	Junction City High School	Cell: 785-375-6122
Julie Johnson Vice-President	2024	Grandview Elementary	Cell: 785-210-5138
Roxanne Whaley Secretary	2024	Junction City High School	Cell: 785-210-7016
Heather Ryan Treasurer/Membership Chair	2024	Sheridan Elementary	Cell: 785-556-0621
1 Erin Bohanan	2023	Junction City Middle School	Cell: 785-747-8014
2 Christopher Renner	2024	Washington Elementary	Cell: 785-375-9549
3 Karissa Hammock	2025	Junction City Middle School	Cell: 785-375-9549
4 Melissa Hall	2025	Fort Riley Middle School	Cell: 785-341-6151
5 Shawn Ryan	2024	Lincoln Elementary	Cell: 785-226-2230
6 Shannon Echevarria	2024	Lincoln Elementary	Cell: 785-280-0526
7 Jennifer Brown	2024	Lincoln Elementary	Cell: 785-226-4003
8 Heather Stackley	2024	Westwood Elementary	Cell: 785-280-0526
9 Elisa Mendoza	2024	Grandview Elementary	Cell: 785-375-6530
10 Abby Allen	2024	Spring Valley Elementary	Cell: 785-608-9999
New Member:			
	2023		Cell:
Ex Officio:			
Dana Wiegand KNEA Board of Directors	2025	Junction City High School	Cell: 785-375-6122
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President Ex-Officio			Cell:

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JCEA Building Representatives 2023-2024	
Early Childhood Center	Debra Walls
Eisenhower Elementary	Cara Hartman
Fort Riley Elementary	Aileen Fleming
Grandview Elementary	<i>Unfilled-Elections will be held in August</i>
Lincoln Elementary	Shawn Ryan
Milford Elementary	<i>Unfilled-Elections will be held in August</i>
Morris Hill Elementary	Andrew Fliehler
Sheridan Elementary	Heather Ryan
Seitz Elementary	Kellee Gray
Spring Valley	Abby Allen
	Kindra Farmer
Ware Elementary	Susan White
Washington Elementary	April Hayden
Westwood Elementary	Heather Stackley
Fort Riley Middle School	Ben Trenary
	Alison Celik
Junction City Middle School	Cara Gunzelman-6 th grade representative
	Erin Bohanan-7 th Grade representative
	Jamie Williams -8 th -grade representative
HD Karns	Gina Wagers
Junction City High School	Deena Eaton-SET Academy
	Jason Curtis-FAHS Academy
	Kelli-Francis-BPSH Academy
	Christina Amerin-FSA Academy
Nurses-District wide	<i>Unfilled-Elections to be held in August</i>
Devin Center	<i>Unfilled-Elections to be held in August</i>

*Designates Building Representative Coordinator

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**KNEA Representative Assembly
KONZA Sectional Representative Assembly
Delegates 2023-2024**

The delegates to the KNEA-RA are listed below, along with the year in which their terms expire:

Terms Expiring in 2024:

Erin Bohanan
Lisa Torres-Wigton
Jamie Williams
Ryan Norton

Terms Expiring in 2024:

JCEA Executive Officers:

Dana Wiegand, President
Julie Johnson, Vice-President

**Junction City Education Association Committee Chairs
2023-2024**

Elections Chair-Julie Johnson

Membership Chair-Heather Ryan

Spring Banquet Chair(s)- Abby Allen, Jennifer Brown

Budget Chair(s)-Heather Ryan, Julie Johnson

Handbook Chair(s)-Heather Ryan, Julie Johnson

Teacher Recognition Chair(s)- Abby Allen, Jennifer Brown

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Junction City Education Association Constitution

Article I

Section 1:

The name of this Association is the Junction City Education Association.

Section 2:

The government and control of the Association shall be vested in its Membership, acting through elected representatives.

Section 3:

The Association shall operate as a non-profit organization.

Section 4:

For membership purposes, the official year of the Association shall be September 1 through August 31. For fiscal purposes, the official year of the Association shall be July 1 through June 30.

Article II

Section 1:

The executive officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2:

The term of office for all executive officers shall be two years beginning on July 1 following the election.

Article III

Section 1:

The President shall be elected by secret ballot according to rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. If there is only one (1) candidate for the position, the Board of Directors shall declare such candidate elected. The President shall be eligible for two consecutive terms after which they shall not be eligible to be President for at least one year.

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Section 2:

A candidate for President shall have maintained Membership in the National Education Association for the three consecutive years immediately before the election and shall have served at least one year on the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

The duties of the President shall be to:

- Preside at meetings of the Membership, Board of Directors, and Representative Council.
- Serve as the official representative of the Association.
- Coordinate the work of the Association.
- Implement the members' policies acting through the Board of Directors and/or the Representative Council.
- Serve as an ex-official member of all committees and commissions.
- Recommend to the Board of Directors for their approval all members and chairs of committees and commissions.
- Make an administrative decision in the absence of policy, and act for the Board of Directors when the Board is not in session reporting such actions to the Board at its next meeting.
- Serve as a delegate to the governing bodies outlined in Article XII.

Article IV

Section 1:

The Vice President shall be elected by secret ballot according to rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. If there is only one (1) candidate for the position, the Board of Directors shall declare such candidate elected. The vice president shall be eligible for two consecutive terms, after which they shall not be eligible to be vice president for at least one year.

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Section 2:

A candidate for vice president shall have maintained Membership in the National Education Association for three consecutive years immediately before the election and shall have served at least one year on the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

The duties of the vice president shall be to:

- Serve as a member of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Representative Council.
- Preside at meetings of the Membership, Board of Directors, and Representative Council when the President is absent.
- Serve as an official representative of the Association.
- Serve as an ex-official member of all committees and commissions.
- Assume responsibilities of the President in the absence or disability of the President and assume the office of President on the death, resignation, or impeachment of the President.
- Serve as a delegate to the governing bodies outlined in Article XII.
- Perform such other duties as delegated by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article V

Section 1:

The Secretary shall be elected by secret ballot according to rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. If there is only one (1) candidate for the position, the Board of Directors shall declare such candidate elected.

Section 2:

A candidate for Secretary shall have maintained Membership in the National Education Association for three consecutive years immediately before the election and shall have leadership experience in the activities of the Association.

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Section 3:

The duties of the Secretary shall be to:

- Preside at Association meetings in the absence of both the President and Vice President.
- Be responsible for preparing and distributing minutes of all Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Representative Council, and membership meetings of the Association.
- Serve as a member of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Representative Council.
- Serve as a delegate to the governing bodies outlined in Article XII.
- Perform such other duties as delegated by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article VI

Section 1:

The Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot according to rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. If there is only one (1) candidate for the position, the Board of Directors shall declare such candidate elected.

Section 2:

A candidate for Treasurer shall have maintained Membership in the National Education Association for the three consecutive years immediately before the election and shall have leadership experience in the activities of the Association.

Section 3:

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:

- Oversee all Association funds and be responsible for their safekeeping and accounting.
- Oversee the budget-making process.
- Make monthly and annual financial reports to the Board of Directors.

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- Make an annual financial report to the Membership.
- Arrange to have the accounts of the Association audited and report the audit results to the Board of Directors and the Membership.
- Serve as a member of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Representative Council.
- Serve as a delegate to the governing bodies outlined in Article XII.
- Perform such other duties as delegated by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article VII

Section 1:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Officers, any Association member serving on the UniServ Administrative Board or the KNEA Board of Directors, ten members elected at large from the Membership, and a new member director. The new member director shall have joined the Association before September 1 during their first year of eligibility. The immediate past president shall serve on the Board for one year after leaving office.

Section 2:

Nominations for at-large directors shall be open to all Active members, and election shall be by every member ballot. The new member director shall be nominated and elected by those eligible for the position.

Section 3:

The term of office for the at-large members shall be three years. The term of office for the new member director shall be from election through June 30 of the following calendar year. The terms for the Board members elected for the first time under the terms of this Constitution shall be as follows: four Board members shall have three-year terms, three shall have two-year terms, and three shall have one-year terms. The determination as to the length of terms shall be determined by the number of votes received in the election, with the highest vote receivers having the longest terms.

Section 4:

The Board shall fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors until the next election when a Director shall be elected to serve the remaining time of the term.

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Section 5:

The duties of the Board shall be to:

- Transact the business of the Association.
- Implement policy and program directives of the Board, Representative Council, and/or the Membership.
- Propose to the Membership an annual budget.
- Set the dues.
- Propose amendments to the Constitution.
- Procure, maintain, manage, and dispose of the property in the name of the Association.
- Incur indebtedness in the name of the Association.
- Establish and charge commissions or committees.
- Approve all members and chairpersons of the commissions and committees authorized by the Board, the Representative council, or the Membership.
- Invest funds of the Association.
- Provide such services and define such policies as may contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the Association.
- Establish membership categories.
- Establish regulations for electing officers, Board members, Representative Council members, and delegates and/or members to any authorized KNEA or NEA body. The Association will do everything legally permissible to encourage ethnic minority representation.
- Establish procedures for filling a vacancy of an executive officer or Board of Directors.
- Approve a calendar of Association activities and meetings before September 1 of each year.
- Require the submission of reports by any committee or commission.

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- Cause an official publication of the Association to be published regularly.

Section 6:

The Board of Directors shall meet at least six times annually.

Article VIII

Section 1:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Officers and one member of the Board of Directors elected by the Board. The Immediate Past President shall serve on the Executive Committee for one year.

Section 2:

The Executive Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors policies and plans of action; propose an agenda for meetings of the Board of Directors, Representative Council, and Membership; act for the Board of Directors in cases of emergencies and in those months when the Board is not scheduled to meet, and assist the President.

Article IX

Section 1:

The Representative Council shall consist of the Executive Committee, and Association Representatives elected from the buildings of USD #475.

Section 2:

The Board of Directors shall establish the numbers of representatives a building may have on the Council; such number shall be based on the one-person, one-vote principle, with the stipulation that each building shall be entitled to at least one representative.

Section 3:

Until the Board establishes the number of representatives for each building, each building shall be entitled to one representative for every ten members.

Section 4:

The duties, powers, and responsibilities of the Representative Council shall be to:

- Enroll new members.

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- Disseminate information regarding professional activities, services, achievements, and developments.
- Conduct elections and administer surveys.
- Represent members as to interests, needs, and wishes at meetings of the Representative Council.
- Stimulate active participation in Association work among members.
- Make policy recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- Receive training in those skills needed to provide services to members.
- Establish committees.

Section 5:

Representative Council members shall be elected for one-year terms.

Section 6:

The Representative Council shall meet at least three times a year.

Article X

Section 1:

Through actions taken at membership meetings, the Membership is the highest authority of the Junction City Education Association.

Section 2:

The Board of Directors shall call a membership meeting at least once a year, at which time the members shall:

- Make budget recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- Receive from the President a report on the Activities of the Association for the past year.
- Pass resolutions stating the beliefs and policies of the Association.
- Propose amendments to the Constitution.

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- Perform other duties as designated by the Board of Directors or the Representative Council.

Section 3:

Members shall adhere to the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to censure, suspend, or expel members for violations of the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession. No member of the Association shall be censured, suspended, or expelled without a due process hearing, which shall include an appropriate appellate procedure.

Section 4:

No member of the Association shall be discriminated against in the right to vote, seek office, or otherwise participate in the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to limit governance participation based on categories of Membership.

Article XI

Section 1:

Except where in conflict with the Constitution or policies of the Association, the parliamentary authority of this Association shall be Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2:

For the regularly scheduled meetings of the Association, a quorum shall consist of the number of authorized members present.

For specially called meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or Representative Council for which written notice has been given and received at least two weeks in advance, a quorum shall be one-half of the authorized members.

For a specially called membership meeting where notice has been given, the quorum shall consist of 15% of the Membership.

Section 3:

Except where otherwise stated in the Constitution, all elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Section 4:

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The Board of Directors shall establish dates and procedures for conducting elections in accordance with the needs of the KNEA and JCEA.

Article XII

Section 1:

Candidates for President, vice president, Secretary, and Treasurer shall also be candidates for delegates or alternates to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. The NEA shall determine the number of delegates allocated for the Association.

Section 2:

The President shall be a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly. The vice president shall be the second delegate or first alternate. The Secretary shall be the third delegate or the second alternate. The Treasurer shall be the fourth delegate or third alternate.

Section 3:

Candidates for Executives Officers shall also be candidates for a delegate position to the UniServ and KNEA Representative Assemblies. They shall also be candidates to be members of the UniServ Coordinating Council.

Section 4:

The Board of Directors shall develop policies and procedures to elect delegates and substitute delegates to KNEA and UniServ governing bodies. The Board shall also develop procedures for filling vacancies to fill the Association's allotment or where a delegate has died, resigned, or been removed.

Article XIII

Section 1:

A vacancy of any executive office, except President, due to the death, resignation, or impeachment of that officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors until the next regular election. The Membership will elect someone to complete the term.

Article XIV

Section 1:

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An officer or member of the Board may be removed from office if said officer or Board member continually fails to carry out their duties. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of both the Board of Directors and the Representative Council shall be necessary to remove an officer or Board member.

Article XV

Section 1:

This Constitution shall be in full force and effect when the majority of the members have ratified it. The election shall be invalid unless at least one-half of the members cast ballots.

Section 2:

Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors with ratification by a majority vote of the members, or proposed by a 2/3 vote of members present at any special or regularly scheduled membership meeting with ratification by a majority vote of the members.

Section 3:

The Board of directors shall, by unanimous vote, be empowered to amend this Constitution without a vote of the Membership when such amendment does not alter the basic governance structure of the Association or change the rights or privileges of members. Such amendments shall be editorial in nature.

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Board of Directors Policies

1. The newly elected JCEA President shall appoint a committee to review the Board of Director's Policies. Committee recommendations shall be made to the Board of Directors no later than January 1.
2. JCEA meeting dates shall be cleared with the buildings involved and reported to Mary E. Devin Center for Education Support for inclusion in the District Calendar. (2/4/97)
3. The agenda of the Board of Directors shall be posted on the JCEA website before each meeting.
4. The BOD shall review the Secretary's minutes within 48 hours of receipt following the BOD Meeting, corrections made as needed, and immediately posted on the JCEA website.
5. A roll call shall be included in the minutes of each meeting.
6. Constitution changes shall take effect as soon as the ballots are tabulated unless otherwise stated.
7. The JCEA secretary shall keep the official copy of the JCEA Board of Directors policies on file.
8. Teachers employed half-time or less shall be charged the half amount of JCEA dues.
9. Teachers terminating their employment with the district during the school year may have the dues amount adjusted commensurate with the fractional part of the school year in which the school district employed them.
10. Those joining the Junction City Education Association as active members for the first time shall be enrolled in full standing for the remainder of the membership year by paying the amount of annual local dues, which is commensurate with the remaining portion of the membership year. National and state dues will be set in accordance with policies established by NEA and KNEA. (2/4/97)
11. In accordance with the state and national policy, the JCEA cannot authorize the renewal of a member in the Junction City Education Association if that person has an unpaid balance on their dues from a previous year(s).

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12. Categories, definitions, and privileges of Membership shall be:

ACTIVE: open to any person employed by USD 475, who is on a limited leave of absence from USD 475 or serving as an executive officer of the Association. Active members shall hold a baccalaureate or higher degree or the regular teaching, vocational or technical certification required by the employment. Active Membership shall be open to all members of the bargaining unit and all administrative personnel. Those employed on a permanent or contractual basis as a substitute shall be eligible for Active Membership. Privileges of Active Members shall include voting on all matters submitted to the Membership; holding elective and appointed positions after meeting stated qualifications; attending JCEA meetings; receiving publications and reports; and receiving services available to Active Members.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL: open to any person employed by USD 475 who is not eligible for Active Membership, including a person who is on a limited leave of absence from such employment. Educational support members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active Membership, including voting and holding elective or appointive office. (1/6/98)

SUBSTITUTE: open to educational employees who meet the qualification for Active Membership but who are employed on a day-to-day basis. Privileges of substitute members shall include receiving official publications of the Association and attending JCEA meetings. Substitute members shall not have the right to hold elective office or vote.

ASSOCIATE: open to any person interested in advancing the cause of public education but who is not eligible for any other class of Membership. Privileges of associate members shall include receiving official publications of the association.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND SERVICES:
Members of the Junction City Education Association (JCEA) shall be afforded all rights, privileges, and services of their membership classification beginning with the date of their enrollment in the Association. These rights, privileges, and services will continue so long as the Membership remains in force. Under no circumstances can the rights, and privileges of services be afforded to members on a retroactive basis to cover a period of time before membership enrollment.

JCEA members serving as Armed Forces reservists or in the National Guard on active duty beyond normal peacetime responsibilities shall be issued a complimentary membership for the period of time they serve on active duty. Such Membership will include all rights and privileges of Active members except the right to vote in association elections.

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Bargaining unit members who have been terminated due to a reduction in force and who are Association members at the time of termination shall be entitled to request JCEA services and/or assistance in and when a recall procedure is implemented. The extent to which services are granted shall be subject to the Legal Services Guidelines of the Kansas NEA. (5/9/2006)

13. JCEA Board of Directors Policies shall be posted on the JCEA website.
14. The JCEA President shall give an annual report at the Annual General Membership Meeting.
15. JCEA shall send flowers or make an appropriate donation in case of the death of a member. An appropriate item shall also be sent to the JCEA elected officers in case of serious personal illness or death in the immediate family as defined in the negotiated agreement. A card shall be sent to a member of the JCEA Board of Directors in the event of a serious personal illness or death in the immediate family as defined by the negotiated agreement. An appropriate item shall be sent to the superintendent and the assistant superintendent in case of serious personal illness or death in the immediate family as defined in the negotiated agreement. These are to be paid out of the JCEA budget.
16. Retired teachers shall have an open invitation to attend meetings and/or functions of the JCEA.
17. JCEA each year shall submit the name of a candidate for the Master Teacher Award to the appropriate institution as designated by the Board of Directors.

JCEA shall cooperate with the Board of Education in nominating two (2) classroom teachers, one (1) elementary and one (1) secondary, as Kansas Teacher of the Year. The President shall appoint a number of Association members to the selection committee equal to at least half the committee membership. The Board of Education shall appoint the remainder of the committee.
18. JCEA will pay the KNEA allowable mileage rate for Association business.
19. All committee actions shall be reported to the Board of Directors. Actions involving expenditures over the budgeted line item amount shall be approved by the Board of Directors if timeliness permits. If timeliness does not permit, such expenditures will be approved by the Executive Committee.
20. No Association member holding elective or appointed office in the National Education Association, Kansas-NEA, UniServ District, or the Junction City Education Association will provide assistance to a non-member in matters related to employment with USD #475 or in matters related to job performance with USD #475.

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The JCEA President may provide services to a non-member when, in the President's opinion, such services are in the best interest of the Association. The Board of Directors shall be kept informed of all such instances.

This policy will not be interpreted in such a way as to deny to any member of the bargaining unit any services that the Association is required to provide as the recognized bargaining agent. (2/9/93)

23. Payment of stipends for the officers of the Association will take place in two parts. One-half of the stipends will be paid at the last Board of Directors' meeting of the calendar year. The final one-half of the stipends will be paid at the June Board meeting. An officer may request the Treasurer hold the entire stipend for one payment paid at the May Board meeting. The one exception to this will be the membership chairperson's stipend. The stipend for this position will be paid in full at the last Board meeting of the calendar year.
24. No dues dollars shall be spent on alcoholic beverages.

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Policies and Procedures for Conducting Elections and Filling Vacancies

1. All JCEA elections shall be conducted with open nominations and secret ballots. A majority of votes shall be sufficient to elect if only one candidate for a position the JCEA Board of Directors shall declare such candidate elected.
2. Nominations forms for Executive Offices and Board of Directors will be sent to the General Membership by February 1, with nominations due by February 15. Elections will coincide with the election of KNEA offices (Feb. 15-March 31).
3. Nominations for executive office shall take place on the approved form.
4. During the year when executive officers are elected, nominations for the Board of Directors will take place immediately after the election for executive officers.
5. Nominations for the JCEA Board of Directors shall be made on the approved form
6. Nominations and elections as delegates to the KNEA Representative Assembly shall occur when KNEA notifies JCEA of the number of delegates permitted.
7. Nominations and elections for the delegates to the KNEA Representative Assembly shall be repeated in the fall to fill vacancies.
8. Terms for KNEA RA delegates shall be three (3) years.
9. Nominations for delegates to the KNEA Representative Assembly shall be on the approved form.
10. Election to the UniServ Coordinating Council shall be by the Board of Directors from those elected to be delegates to the KNEA Representative Assembly.
11. The constitutional requirement of "leadership experience" for election to an executive office is defined as serving the Association in any way, including, but not limited to, membership on an Association committee, appointment to a USD #475 committee by the Association President, serving as an Association Building Representative, election to the KNEA or NEA Representative Assemblies, serving on a KNEA or UniServ Commission or Committee, or participating in any other training provided by the Association.
12. JCEA election results shall be made public as soon as the ballots are counted. Election results shall be posted in each building within a week of the election

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13. A short biography about candidates for all offices shall be sent to every member at least one week before elections.
14. Vacancies for the offices of the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer will be filled by an all-member mailing soliciting members interested in serving in any of these offices.
Interested members shall fill out an application form and forward it to the President along with a statement of qualifications for serving as an executive officer of JCEA.
15. The Board of Directors will select the most qualified person to fill the vacancy.
16. Vacancies for the Board of Directors will be filled by an all-members mailing soliciting members interested in serving on the Board of Directors.
17. Current members of the Board of Directors will select the most qualified person(s) to fill the vacancy(ies).
18. The length of their term will be one year or until the next election.

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Policies Relating to Negotiations

1. The professional negotiations team shall determine the necessity and manner of polling or surveying the bargaining unit.
2. The Negotiations Team will submit the tentative agreement to the Board of Directors for review and approval. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, it will be presented to the bargaining unit for ratification. If the Board of Directors does not approve it, it will go back to the table for more negotiations.
3. The vote on ratification of the professional negotiation agreement shall be at designated buildings or by mailing if necessary, according to the professional negotiation team.
4. Items submitted in accordance with Article II, Paragraph A of the Negotiated Agreement will be transmitted to the Representative Council two weeks before any regular or special meeting called to deal with the item. (2/4/97)
5. Any ratification vote to amend the negotiated agreement between formal negotiating sessions as provided in Article II of that document shall be a recorded roll call vote. An affirmative majority vote of the members of the Representative Council as described in Article IX of the JCEA Constitution shall be required for ratification. (1/6/98)
6. Stipends for the negotiations team will be paid after the tentative agreement is ratified by the bargaining unit and the Board of Education. (9/20/10)
7. The BOD and Building Representatives shall approve the notice letter during executive sessions before submitting it to the BOE on March 31st.

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Policies Relating to the Spring Banquet

1. The retiring JCEA President shall be presented with a plaque at the JCEA Spring Banquet.
2. A gift from the JCEA shall be given to retiring teachers who have been members of the Junction City Education Association for the previous five years.
3. Twenty-five-year service award certificates shall be given to JCEA teachers who have completed twenty-five years of teaching and have been members of the NEA for the previous five years.
4. The following persons shall be invited to attend the JCEA Spring Banquet at the expense of the Association: (1) Each retiring JCEA member and a guest; (2) Friends of Education Winners and guest; (3) Master Teacher nominee and guest; (4) USD #475's nominee(s) for Kansas Teacher of the Year and guest; (5) 25-year teachers who are currently members of the Association (3/16/95), and (6) executive officers of the Association (8/4/03), and (7) JCEA Horizon award winner and guest (5/8/07).
5. Members in #4 shall pay before attending the banquet; however, they will be reimbursed upon attendance
6. A boutonniere or corsage will be provided for the following people: JCEA Retiring teachers, Geary County Master Teacher, JCEA Geary County Kansas Teachers of the Year, JCEA 25 Year teachers, Friends of Education, and JCEA Horizon award winners.
(Adopted 5/8/07)

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Policies Related to the JCEA Scholarship

1. The Junction City Education Association shall continue to provide a scholarship in the amount of \$500 (or an amount less than that given to a valedictorian or co-valedictorian) to the Salutatorian of Junction City High School according to procedures adopted by the JCEA Board of Directors.

A special fund shall be established out of which the scholarship shall be paid. Funding for the scholarship shall be from the following sources:

1. Dues from members: \$500 shall be transferred each year from the JCEA General Fund to the Scholarship Fund. This funding source shall be discontinued when the JCEA Board of Directors determines that the fund has become self-sustaining.
2. The JCEA Board of Directors shall have the authority to accept other donations.
3. Interest from the funds in this account.

(Adopted at the General Membership Meeting, May 20, 1993. Amended by Board of Directors February 4, 1997.)

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Policies Related to Fiscal Issues

1. Any commitment to over-expend a line item in the JCEA Budget by more than 15% must be approved by the President and reported to the Board. (2003)
2. Whenever possible, any commitment to over expend a line item in the JCEA Budget by more than 15% will not be made without notification to the Board of Directors. If prior notification is not possible, such over-expenditure will be reported to the Board of Directors at its next meeting. (2003)
3. The Board of Directors must approve any commitment to over-expend by more than 15% of the total budgeted amount in a division of the JCEA Budget. (2003)
4. All checking accounts maintained by and for the Association's General Fund by JCEA shall require two signatures for checks to be valid. Whenever possible, the persons signing checks for the Association should be the President and Treasurer. A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) authorized signatories (including the President and Treasurer) shall be maintained on all bank accounts belonging to the Association so that business can be conducted in the absence of one or more authorized persons. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall all be signatories. All signatories shall be given the appropriate login if the Association goes to online banking. Banking statements shall be sent to the Treasurer and the Vice President.
5. JCEA will reimburse any delegate to the KNEA Representative Assembly up to \$140.00 per night for a motel room. Any expense incurred for motel accommodations above the \$140.00 will be the delegate's responsibility. JCEA will not reimburse a delegate for Friday's KNEA RA expenses unless that delegate attends the Friday evening hearings. JCEA will contribute \$10/day for the JCEA delegates to the KNEA Representatives Assembly. If an odd number of delegates are attending the KNEA Representatives Assembly, JCEA will cover the full cost of the hotel. (2010, 2012, 2018, 2019)
6. JCEA will contribute \$300.00 for each JCEA delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. (2019)