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**New Business Item #:** 1

**Title:** NEA Region Coordinators

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**Text of proposal:**

The MEA RA directs the MEA Leadership to allocate a NEA coordinator to be elected by every region in the state.

**Rationale:**

Regions in the Shoreline Coalition do not receive a NEA Coordinator for each region. In Philadelphia, we were allotted one. In Portland, we were allotted two. Due to election errors, we will get three in Denver but have been told that number will drop back to two next year. Every other region in MEA is granted a NEA Coordinator. The regions in the Shoreline Coalition should not be different.

Participation from our regions has been shrinking over the last decade and we are striving to change this trend. Our efforts have been working, however, not having a NEA coordinator for each region negativity impacts engagement and progress in our efforts. This fully funded position helps our delegates attend the NEA RA. By eliminating four coordinator positions, that potentially eliminates four delegates from attending and four fewer voices and votes for Michigan at the NEA RA.

Voices in the North should be valued as other voices in the state. MEA's inconsistent NEA Coordinator policy hampers our efforts to participate at the same level as other regions in the state. MEA should strive to send as many delegates as possible to the NEA.

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