



Get to know the **Executive Committee**

Kimberly Amen - President

Kim brings more than 30 years of experience in education to her role as the WEA President. A passionate advocate for educators and students, she is a National Geographic Certified Educator and a NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellow, reflecting her commitment to global learning and innovative educational practices. Kim previously served in several WEA leadership positions which, combined with her deep understanding of the challenges educators face, allows her to focus on improving education in Wyoming and beyond. Her leadership is driven by a steadfast belief in the power of education to change lives and build stronger communities.



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Dirk Andrews - Vice President

Dirk began his career in education as an ESP, and this is his 21st year working for the Natrona County School District. He taught for many years before being elected president of the Natrona County Education Association. This is his eighth and final year as the only full-time elected local president in the state of Wyoming. He served for six years as the NEA Director for Wyoming before being appointed WEA Vice President in July of 2024. Dirk is an NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellow and an NEA Human and Civil Rights awardee.



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Mariah Learned - NEA Director

Mariah's career in education began at 17, working as an ESP Laramie High School. After completing her degree, Mariah worked as a K-5 reading and math interventionist, K-8 reading interventionist, and instructional facilitator, all while serving as a co-president for her local association and in various region leadership positions within WEA. Today, she proudly serves as the assistant principal at Laramie High School. A passionate advocate for literacy instruction, she is committed to ensuring all students have the opportunity to succeed. She is actively involved in public education policy, advocating for legislative changes that benefit students and educators.



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John Fabela - Treasurer

John has taught Instrumental Music for 38 years and has been teaching in his hometown of Powell since 2008. Prior to being appointed Treasurer, he served on the MACR Commission, was Northwest Region Representative and Northwest Region President for six years. John also served on the Program/Budget Committee for more than six years. He is currently the local Treasurer of the Powell Education Association.



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