

WEAC LEADERSHIP TEAM



MARY BELL - MARY.BELL@WRPS.ORG
WEAC President

Mary Bell, a library media specialist at West Junior High School in Wisconsin Rapids for 26 years and a former English teacher, began her three-year term as president of the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) in August 2007. Her leadership at the state level includes serving as WEAC secretary-treasurer (2003-2007), where she led the organization to implement a biennial budget to allow time for evaluation and planning between budget cycles. As secretary-treasurer, she also helped prepare WEAC to meet all requirements under new federal regulations regarding non-profit organizations. Bell has served as chair of the WEAC Resolutions Committee and co-chair of the WEAC Statewide Bargaining Goals Committee. She also served on WEAC's Public Relations Committee and Budget and Finance Committee.



GUY COSTELLO - costellog@weac.org
WEAC Vice President

Guy Costello, a teacher at Lakeview Elementary School in South Milwaukee for 16 years, began his term as vice president of the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) in August 2007. He was elected to serve a three-year term. Costello served as a member of the WEAC Board of Directors (1995-2001) and chair of the WEAC Legislative Committee (2001-2007). He was a member of the Department of Public Instruction Professional Development Plan (PI 34) Committee (2002-2003). He was a state delegate to the National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly (1995-2005), receiving recognition as Delegate of Distinction in 1998. Costello served as president of UniServ Council #10 (1995-2001) and was a Council #10 Executive Committee member (1993-1995).



BETSY KIPPERS - kippersb@weac.org
WEAC Secretary-Treasurer

Betsy Kippers, a physical education teacher in the Racine Unified School District for 30 years, began her term as secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) in August 2007. She was elected to fill out the term for former secretary-treasurer Mary Bell after Bell was elected president of the organization. Kippers served three years as a member of the WEAC Board of Directors, as well as three years as an alternate. She was a member of the WEAC Budget and Finance Committee for two years. She served on the committee that recommended the hiring of WEAC Executive Director Dan Burkhalter.



DAN BURKHALTER - burkhalterd@weac.org
WEAC Executive Director

Dan Burkhalter was hired as executive director of the Wisconsin Education Association Council effective May 2, 2005, after 12 years as the Illinois Education Association's director of government relations and chief lobbyist. Since joining WEAC, Burkhalter has focused much of his time working with coalitions on school funding, addressing the health care problem facing members and building relationships with external partners.