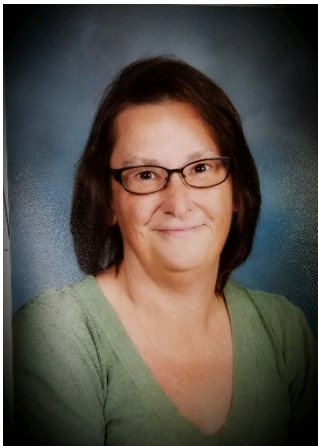


Fourth Corner UniServ Council Director to the Board Nominees



Rita Peterson, STANWOOD-CAMANO E A

I have taught special education at Stanwood High School for 21 years and am currently supporting struggling students as they work towards graduation. I've had the opportunity to serve as Vice President of my local education association for over 15 years and have served as head bargainer for the last 5 contracts. Some of the most important work I do is the time I spend in Olympia speaking on behalf educators all over our state. I am currently serving on the WEA Board and represent Fourth Corner. I would appreciate the chance to continue in this roll and explore other ways I can support WEA members and all that they do for the students of WA.



Susan Smith, FERNDALE E A

Susan Smith has been a high school teacher since 1999, teaching in Anacortes, Sedro-Woolley, and Ferndale. She is proud to be the fourth generation teacher and is now supporting her daughter who is an early career educator. Susan is involved in the association from the local to the state level. Beginning her association activism as building representative, she soon ran for secretary and has been an active association member since 2000. Still serving as local secretary, Susan is also a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly and serves on the WEA Board of Directors representing Fourth Corner UniServ Council. After attending the WEA JumpStart and achieving NB Certification in 2004, Susan connected with Pilchuck and Fourth Corner UniServ Councils to ensure more members have access to candidate facilitation. Through these various roles, her commitment to association professionalism and activism is affirmed.



Kayalyn Stewart, MOUNT VERNON E A

Hello all! My education journey has taken me to both sides of the Cascades here in Washington. In my seventeen years of teaching elementary and middle school, I have held continuing contracts with Moses Lake, Monroe, Marysville, LaConner, Anacortes, and Mount Vernon, where I currently live and work.

I have gladly volunteered my time, supporting Legislative candidates from both sides of the aisle, because of their platforms for supporting public education. Currently another colleague and I facilitate our school's LGBTQ+ club and I am paying member of the WEA LGBTQ+ Caucus.

The committees I serve on at WEA are: Change, Innovation, and Achievement; Rep Assembly Planning; and Boundary Dispute.

I love being pushed beyond my comfort zone, into a new way of living and experiencing life.

