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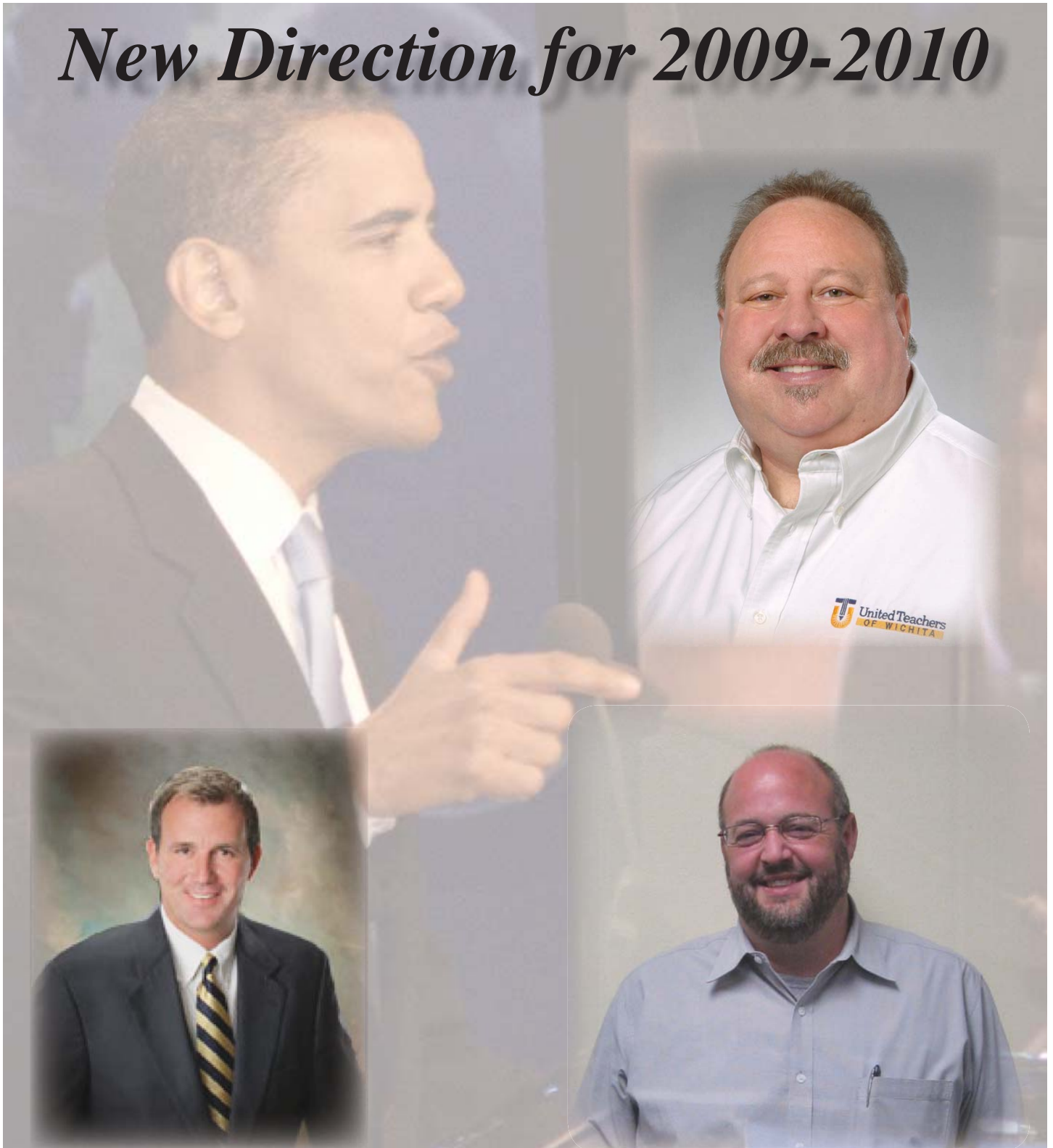
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New Direction for 2009-2010



UTW President-Elect, Larry Landwehr

Present:

- Vice President 2005-present
- Co-Chair Employee Health Advisory Committee
- Co-Chair District's Teacher Evaluation Design Committee
- Vice Chair UTW -COPE
- Negotiations Team 1999-present
- KAPE Board Member
- Member Peer Consultant Board
- Member District Crisis Team
- Member District Catastrophic Committee
- Member Distinguished Classroom Teacher Committee
- Delegate- Wichita/Hutchinson Labor Federation
- KNEA/NEA member 1974-present
- KAPE/AFT member 1995-present



Past:

- Thirty-one years Classroom Teacher (Second –eighth grades)
- Charter member of United Teachers of Wichita (1995-1996)
- UTW Secretary 1995-2005
- NEA-W Secretary
- NEA-W Executive Board
- NEA-RA Delegate 1990-2008
- AFT-Convention Delegate '96, '98, 2000, '02, '04, '06, '08
- KNEA Human and Civil Rights Commissioner
- KNEA- PAC Commissioner

Statement:

In these challenging times UTW needs a president with experience and knowledge. As vice president, I have made connections and built relationships with members, administrators, BOE, KNEA/KAPE and legislative

leaders. I will use these experiences to move UTW forward while protecting and improving the rights and working conditions of our members.

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Larry Landwehr, Vice-President
Kimberly Howard, Secretary
Randy Mousley, Treasurer**

UTW Executive Board 2008-09

Heather Bruce	Michele Penner
Kathy Gann	Larry Peters
Julie Jamis	Scott Pittman
Charlotte Neugebauer	David Sherrer
Roger Neugent	Greg White
Verlean Brown, NEA Board Rep	

Randy Mousley, UTW Vice President-Elect

Seventh Grade Science—Stucky Middle School

Present:

- UTW Treasurer 2006 – Present
- UTW Negotiations team 2008 - Present
- UTW/BOE Evaluation Design Committee 2008-2009
- Distinguished Classroom Teacher Nominee 2008-2009
- Kansas State BOE Professional Practices Commission -Chair
- KNEA Resolutions Commissioner 2006 - Present
- UTW Committee on Political Education Treasurer
- KNEA Political Action Committee Commissioner
- USD 259 Professional Development Council - Chair
- Stucky Middle School Pro-Rep
- Stucky Middle School Building Committee - Chair

Past:

- UTW Executive Board 2003 - 2006
- UTW/BOE SQIS Review Committee 2007 - 2008

- NEA-RA Delegate 2001 - 2008
- AFT Delegate 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008
- KNEA-RA Delegate 2002 - 2009
- Toshiba/ExploriVision Science Contest National Judge 2003 - 2006
- National Science Teachers Association Conference Presenter, 2002 - 2009
- USD 259 MS Science In-Service Facilitator 1997 - 2005



Statement: UTW needs strong and balanced leadership. I bring balance to the leadership team with my 20 plus years of secondary classroom experience. I also bring a working knowledge of the finances of UTW through my time as Treasurer.

Scott Pittman, UTW Treasurer-Elect

Language Arts/ Mathematics 6th grade—Hadley Middle School

Present:

- UTW Executive Board Member
- KNEA Leadership Academy
- UTW Committee on Political Education
- KNEA Political Action Committee
- USD259/UTW Employee Health Advisory Committee Scholarship Committee
- Wichita/Hutchinson Labor Federation
- I Can Do It! – Effective Classroom Management – Trainer
- Hadley Middle School – Pro Rep – Building Committee – Site Council

Past:

- REACH Delegate
- Communications Committee
- Membership Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Delegate – NEA RA – 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- Delegate – AFT RA – 2004, 2006, 2008
- Delegate – KNEA RA – 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

- Delegate – AFT MC/IO - 2007
- Delegate – NCUEA (National Council of Urban Education Association)- 2007
- Coleman Middle School – Pro Rep – Building Committee – Site Council - PTA

Statement: I know the importance of fiscal responsibility having worked at a bank for ten years prior to becoming a teacher. As your treasurer I will strive to ensure the funds are safely invested and the budget reflects my best efforts of fiscal responsibility.



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Picture and bio of UTW Secretary, Kimberly Howard may be found on page 6.

UTW Executive Board for 2009-2010



Heather Bruce - Literacy Coach/Title 1 Resource Teacher for Non-public schools—Located at AMAC, but serves St. Joseph and St. Jude

Present:

Executive Board Member
AMAC Building Pro-Rep
UTW Committee on Political Education
KNEA RA Delegate

Past:

KNEA RA Delegate 2002-present
NEA RA Delegate 2002-2008

AFT RA Delegate 2004, 2006, 2008
NEA Western Regional Leadership Conference 2004, 2006
Professional Development Council Member 2005-2008
Lincoln Building Committee Member and Pro-Rep 2001-2005
Lincoln Leadership Team 2003-2004
Elementary Health Committee 2004
Elementary Math Table Leader 2000-2004
Elementary Social Studies Committee 2002-2003
Kindergarten Notebook Committee 2004

Sherri Carter-Marks - High School Counselor—West High School

Present:

Pro-Rep member – West High School
Friendship Fund member – (UTW - Rep)
UTW Delegate for the KNEA /RA in April 2009
KNEA Human and Civil Rights Advisory - chairman

Past:

Delegate for KNEA/RA

Delegate for NEA
Building Committee Representative – West High School
KNEA Membership Commission member and chairman
KNEA Human and Civil Rights Commission member and chairman
NEA New Membership Training Session – Team member



Present:

Executive Board Member, 2 years
Building Pro Rep: Wilbur Middle School
COPE Member/ Secretary
Building Committee
KPAC Commissioner
KNEA-RA in Topeka
Lobby Days in Topeka

Western Chair of NEA Republican Educators Caucus

Past:

Building Pro Rep

Kathy Gann - Special Education, Science—Wilbur Middle School

COPE Member/Secretary
Building Committee
KPAC Commissioner for District # 25
KPAC Executive Board [2 years]
Lobby Days in Topeka
BALE
KNEA-RA
Western Chair; NEA Republican Educators Caucus
NEA-RA [Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Florida]

Julie Jamis - Nurse—Enterprise Elementary

Present:

UTW COPE Committee
UTW Executive Board
Building Pro-Rep for UTW
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner in Pediatrics
Member of Kansas School Nurses Organization
Member of National Association of School Nurses
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society
Wichita School Nurses Organization
Participant in American Federation of Teachers School Nurse Leadership Conference

Staff Nurse in Pediatrics (21 years) at Wesley Medical Center
Charter Member of UTW School Nurse Listening Group
Parish Nursing, Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Member of USD #259 District Crisis Team

Past:

Member, Building Committee, Enterprise Elementary



Brent Lewis - Spanish Teacher—Wichita North High School



Present:

Building Pro Rep
COPE Committee

Past:

Assistant Communications Chief, US Army
Commander-In-Chief's Guard

Security Clearance - Access to the President of the United States
Paratrooper Special Activities Committee



Charlotte Neugebauer - Middle School Learning Coach—Gordon Parks, Horace Mann & Blackbear

Present:

Teacher in USD 259 for 28 years
NEA-AFT-UTW member since 1980
UTW Executive Board Member
Elected Delegate KNEA-RA
Elected Delegate AFT Convention
Elected Delegate NEA Convention

NEA Western Regional Leadership Convention Representative
COPE Committee member
District Middle School Science ILT Committee member
Impact America Grant Participant

Past:

Science/SS teacher- Stucky
Elementary teacher- Gammon and Washington
Building Pro Rep
Building Committee Chairman
Elementary Science/SS Cadre member
Elementary Science textbook adoption Committee
Membership Committee
Sabbatical Committee
Literary Review Committee
SEEC Grant Participant

Roger Neugent - Special Education Teacher— East High School

Present:

E-Board
Employee Health Advisory Committee
Building Pro Rep

Past:

Building Committee Secretary 14 years

Health Insurance RFP Committees (CIGNA & Coventry)
403b Plan Committee & Third Party Administrator RFP Committee
2008
Labor Day Parade Sub-Committee 2007



Michele Penner - Science & Math Teacher—Gordon Parks Academy



Present:

Sixth & Eighth Grade Math and 7th grade Science Teacher
Building Committee Chair
Building Pro-Rep
UTW Executive Board Member

Past:

UTW member since 2000

Building Committee Chair
Building Pro-Rep
UTW Executive Board Member 2005
NEA-RA Delegate 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2008
AFT Convention Delegate 2004, 2006, 2008
KNEA-RA Delegate 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
KNEA-IA (Instructional Advocacy)
KNEA-REACH Leadership Training
KNEA Western Regional Conference 2006-2007

Larry R. Peters - Interrelated Teacher—Northwest High School

Present:

Executive Board
Negotiation Team
Professional Representative
Building Committee
PLC Team Leader
Labor Management Committee

Past:

Peer Consultant Board

Chairperson School Building Committee
Negotiation Team Executive Board
Professional Representative
Labor Management Committee
Climate/Safety/Discipline Committee
Chair Membership Committee
KNEA Membership Committee
Delegate KNEA-RA AFT Convention
Delegate KNEA-RA



Greg White - 7th Grade Mathematics Teacher—Curtis Middle School



Present:

NEA Resolution Committee
UTW Executive Board/Charter Member
KNEA Resolutions Committee
UTW Congressional Lobbyist
UTW COPE Committee
USD 259 Middle School Collaboration Team

Building Representative/Committee

Past:

NEA Representative Assembly Delegate

AFT National Conference Delegate
KNEA Representative Assembly Delegate
KNEA Communication Commission
KNEA Leadership Training Cadre
KNEA Minority Affairs Committee
UTW Negotiation Team
UTW Scholarship Committee
USD 259 Professional Board of Review
Kansas/Wichita Association of Black School Educators

UTW Secretary

Kimberly Howard - ESOL Teacher—Washington Elementary



Present:

- UTW Secretary (2005-present)
- KNEA Board of Directors (2005-present)
- Uniserv Review Work Group (2006-present)
- KNEA Board Liaison to the Human & Civil Rights Advisory Council

Past:

- UTW Executive Board Member (2002-2005)
- Griffith Elementary Building Pro-Rep (2000-2008)
- KNEA RA Delegate (2002-present)
- KNEA Reach Leadership Training
- KNEA Board Liaison to the Professional Negotiations Commission
- KNEA Board Liaison to the Communications Commission
- UTW Representative to the KNEA Membership Commission
- UTW Constitution and Bylaws Committee 2002
- USD 259/UTW Special Activities Committee

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Speak Out!

In November of last year, our nation chose to take a different direction and elected a leader that offered change and new opportunities. Upon taking office, President Obama has faced many tough and important national issues and has begun the work of bringing about improvements. In this same time he has brought new awareness to education in America and its need for reform, redevelopment and re-energizing. Once again education for our youth may return to teaching and learning and less to passing the test. NEA and AFT will be working closely with the President, the Education Secretary, and Legislators to make improvements to our education system that will bring the schools in America back to the top.

Starting in July the Wichita schools will have opportunities as well. New Superintendent Allison will be arriving to take over the reins of the district and the new BOE members will be taking their seats on the board. (OK, they aren't really new members, but they were elected to begin a new term on the board.) Together, Mr. Allison and all the Board members have an opportunity to lead the district through some difficult financial times, the beginning construction of the bond projects, the discontinuing of busing, and continuing the increase in student achievement in order to change our district into a stronger and better one.

UTW and its members will be there to work with Mr. Allison and the BOE on these

issues and others that are important to the teachers and support personal which we represent. We have the opportunity to improve the morale in the district, to help lower the stress level, to curb the extra workload placed on employees through additional paperwork and demands of time, and to remove something from 'the plate' when another is added. Together we need to develop a plan on how to apply the saying "work smarter, not harder". We invite Mr. Allison, the members of the Board of Education, and all administrators to join us in making opportunities into fulfilled goals.



Larry Landwehr
UTW Vice President

The newly elected officers and executive board of UTW look forward to working with all stakeholders in bringing about needed change in the Wichita schools and keeping USD 259 as a premier school district in the state and nation. We invite everyone to be members of UTW and add your voice to the discussion. Together, "we can"!

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Vice President Larry Landwehr will begin his three year term as UTW President on June 15.

All elected UTW officers and Executive Board members begin their three year terms on June 15.

A New Face in the UTW Office

By Randy Mousley

The present school year has brought a great deal of change to Wichita schools. We have a new President, a Bond Issue that will bring much needed improvements to the District, a new Superintendent and now new officers and Executive Board at UTW. Many in the District already know me, some do not.

I may be the “new kid on the block” as far as the UTW Executive Officers are concerned, but many of you have seen my name these past three years as the Treasurer of our association. If you were lucky, you had the opportunity to hear one of my “rousing” Treasurer’s reports at the monthly Pro-Rep meeting (if you didn’t sleep through it of course).

Working closely with President-Elect Landwehr will be my first priority as the new Vice President. Larry will delegate various responsibilities to me, I am sure.

Traditionally, the Vice-President spearheads UTW’s membership drive. An instrumental component of maintaining and growing membership is having an active presence in the buildings throughout the

District. One of my major goals is to be in the buildings, listening to the concerns and suggestions of our members on a regular basis.

UTW is here to improve the profession. We, as professionals, must take an active role to improve our organization. I would like to borrow a little bit from the 35th President, John F. Kennedy if I may be so bold (my favorite quote from Virgil’s Aeneid is “Fortune favors the bold”); “Ask not what your profession can do for you, ask what YOU can do for YOUR profession”.

I challenge everyone to become actively involved in improving our profession. Become active on your Building Committee, run for a position on the Professional Development Council, even become involved with the UTW Committee on Political Education. Every member can make a difference!

Randy’s bio and picture can found on page 3 of this issue.

