

ATTACHMENT NO. IX-E

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Suggested Motion: Move to cast a ballot of election for Tom Zelten for the office of Director of Special Education and Karen Sanders for the office of Member-at-Large for the NIA

Recommended Action: Approve the motion.

Each year the Northern Illinois Association (NIA), Regional Special Education Cooperative, asks that the Board cast ballots of election of specified members for the NIA Executive Board. The following individuals have agreed to serve for a two-year term to represent the school districts within their sub-regional area. The NIA requests that the Board consider the election for the following individuals for their executive board:

Tom Zelten.....Director of Special Education  
Karen Sanders .....Member-at-Large

A NIA ballot and biographical sketches of each of the above individuals are attached.

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

SUBREGION II BALLOT

EXECUTIVE BOARD

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

*According to the Articles of Agreement for the Northwestern Illinois Association, the Directors of Special Education and the At-large Members shall be elected within each subregion by the Boards of Education of the member districts in even numbered years.*

*Each Board of Education shall cast one (1) vote for Director of Special Education and one (1) vote for Member-at-Large.*

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VOTE FOR ONE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION:

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Tom Zelten – Winnebago County Spec. Ed.  
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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WRITE IN DIRECTOR OF SPEC ED

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VOTE FOR ONE MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

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Karen Sanders – Dist. #145  
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

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WRITE IN MEMBER AT LARGE

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NOTE: Ballots will be counted in the NIA Human Resources Office

PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED TO MAIL THIS BALLOT TO THAT OFFICE.

## NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES - SUBREGION II

#### DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

**Thomas Zelten** has served as Director of Special Education for the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative since 1994. He also served as Director of Special Education in the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative and in Central Community Unit District #4 in Clifton, Illinois. He received his M.S. degree in Education Administration from Northern Illinois University. He is active in several professional organizations including the Illinois Association for the Administrators of Special Education and the Council for Exceptional Children. He has served on the N.I.A. Executive Board since August of 2002.

#### MEMBER-AT-LARGE

**Karen Sanders** began as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services of Freeport School District #145 in Freeport on August 19, 2003. Karen's previous experience includes eight years as a Director of Special Education in Wisconsin. Prior to that, Karen was a college professor and a special education teacher. Karen holds an MS from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. Her undergraduate work was completed at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. Karen is a member of the Freeport Noon Rotary and is a New Horizons board member. Karen is currently a member of Illinois Association of Administrators of Special Education, Phi Delta Kappa, Association for Curriculum, Council for Exceptional Education, and the National Staff Development Council.