

Julie Rivera Horwin

Julie Rivera Horwin taught in the Arizona public school system for 32 years. Throughout her years in teaching, Julie retained her sense of wonder and awe of the learning process for her students. She spent her career “launching” others, and now continues that commitment with participants of the Leading For Change Progressive Political Fellowship and Candidate Training program she runs in Arizona.

“I want to serve on the NEA board as a way to give back. Serving on this board can provide an excellent opportunity to positively affect change and support the mission of NEA – a cause that after 47 years, I am still passionate about and work hard towards. My work on the board may help to ensure that all people living in our country have equal access to opportunities that enable them to advance economically, academically and socially. I also want to give voice to our 300,000+ NEA-Retired members – and have their voices heard in each of the NEA Board meetings. I love to learn, and board duties will provide a rewarding intellectual challenge.”

Julie is a trained facilitator of Organizational Change, Leadership Development, Consensus Building and Collaboration. She creates training modules for leaders in organizations, including the Midwest Academy and does strategic planning for organizations such as Grandparents Raising Children, AZ AFL-CIO, and Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans.

Julie has also managed candidate campaigns for School Board, Arizona State Legislative, and statewide candidate races for over 20 years with one of the highest win rates!

In the Spring of 2020, Julie created *Fair Districts, Arizona*, a nonprofit, whose mission is to help potential candidates win seats on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Julie has seven grandchildren – She loves and adores all of them, and travels often to see them several times each year. They, and their parents, are who keeps Julie’s world spinning in such a wonderful way!



Julie and Granddaughter Piper decorating holiday cookies they baked.