

Letter of interest  
For  
MTEA President Elect position

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To: MTEA Executive Council

From: Paul R Keeney

I am writing this letter to officially enter my name for consideration for the open President Elect position.

I have taught Technology Education at grades 6 through 8 at various middle schools in the Twin Cities metro area for the past 10+ years. I have been an active member of MTEA, my local affiliates, and the ITEA/ITEEA for the past 11+ years. I have been a member of the MTEA SuperMilege Competition Committee for 10 years, served in numerous leadership roles for InSciTE/High Tech Kids (the FIRST LEGO League organization in Minnesota), MTYEA Awards Chair for the past 5+ years, and most recently a certified LEGO Academy Teacher-Trainer.

I have been recognized as a member of the teaching group that has received the MTEA and ITEA Program Excellence Award on three different occasions, at three different schools. I received the SCSU Leadership Award as an undergraduate. I am co-chair of the Minneapolis ITEEA local arrangements committee. I plan to submit my DTE application to ITEEA within the next 6 months for consideration at the 2010 national conference.

I would be honored to represent the Technology and Engineering teachers in Minnesota as the President Elect. As future MTEA President, I would like to continue to promote Tech-Ed as an important class subject that is the best method to integrate STEM concepts and principles to students in meaningful and interesting ways. I would help to position the organization and the teachers we represent as capable of teaching "engineering" and would encourage and support the consideration of a name change to MTEEA, to align with our national organization. I will actively encourage more elementary teacher participation and membership in our state organization, especially in the area of engineering education. I feel that I could adequately guide the MTEA through this very important time in education. I believe very strongly that we continue to do a very important role in educating students, and that more people in the public need to understand what we do to support the school systems we teach in.

I have included my contact information at the bottom of this letter. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. I will be in Huntsville, AL from June 11-17, 2010 and in Alaska teaching from June 19 through July 17, 2010. I can be reached via email only during those dates.

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