

Secretary Nomination Acceptance

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I became a member of the New Jersey Association of Federal Program Administrators (NJAFPA) approximately five years ago. For two years I helped as an at-large member. I assisted the conference chair with a wide array of responsibilities. Three years ago I began my formal commitment to the organization as the Northern Representative, Conference Chairperson and By-laws committee member. Additionally, I have been awarded the New Jersey Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Federal Education Program Association.

As an educator and supervisor for over 20 year, I have had the pleasure to work with the English Language Learning population for both New York City and New Jersey Public Schools. Currently, my work includes: NJ DOE Title I Practitioner, Englewood Public Schools Bilingual Department Supervisor (including NJ DOE's Dual Language Model Program), Manager-Title III and, Title III immigrant funds as well as Mentor to several school districts on developing effective bilingual programs. Many, if not all my work is greatly supported through the teachings at NJAFPA.

NJAFPA has offered me many opportunities to network with others and supported me in the different tasks that I fulfill as a Federal Program Administrator. The organization and its members have guided me via well organized/thoughtful professional development opportunities which in exchange has helped me to better understand the many rules and regulations and the vast changes we have had to encounter.

I am a motivated person with a passion for effective bilingual education/ federal programming. This combined with my experience and education, I feel makes me an excellent officer/ candidate for the position of Secretary for NJAFPA.