



Katherine Bishop, Vice President

Katherine Bishop, who took office as OEA Vice President on July 7, 2015, is a National Board Certified Teacher in Exceptional Needs. Prior to taking office, she was an instructional coach at Putnam City West High School in west Oklahoma City, where she graduated from high school. She spent most of her career - 23 years - as an exceptional needs educator in the Putnam City Public School District, providing moderate to intensive services to elementary students.

In 2000, Katherine was appointed to the National Education Association's IDEA Special Education Resource Cadre. She co-chaired the Exceptional Needs Standards Committee for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and was appointed as member of the ELA Work Team for the Common Core State Standards, including subcommittee work on Application to Students with Disabilities.

Katherine has chaired and served on numerous committees at the district and state, as well. She served as a trainer for OEA's Special Education Cadre and the Targeted Skills Cadre, chaired the OEA Instructional and Professional Development Committee, and on the Collective Bargaining Committee. Locally, she served as spokesperson for the Putnam City ACT negotiations team and in various roles on the PCACT executive committee.

A 2010 winner of the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence Award, Katherine is married to Roy Bishop, who served as OEA President (2003-2009) and Vice President (1997-2003).