

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE

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After a long pause in membership processes, we are delighted to be working with membership applicants and renewals this fall. Supporting this work, as always, is a team of regional reps. Last year we had 22 reps volunteering to serve our programs. We are all deeply grateful for their work! Click [To see the full list of regional reps for the 2021-22 school year](#), please visit the [Contact Us](#) page of our website.

Regional Rep Transitions:

Dyanne Harshman has stepped back from her role as a regional rep to the Pacific Northwest II region this summer. Dyanne served as a rep for many years and we owe her a debt of gratitude for her good work. She will continue to be active in WECAN as a site visitor and serving on the PNW conference committee. Many thanks, Dyanne!

Replacing Dyanne as a regional rep for the Pacific Northwest II region is Aimee de Ney, founder, program director and teacher at Bird Song Children's Garden in Olympia, WA since 2012.

Aimee spent the decade prior teaching at Olympia Waldorf School and Brightwater School. She received her Waldorf Early Childhood certificate from Sound Circle Center in 2003, holds a masters degree in education and is currently working toward an educational doctorate. Aimee also completed a three-year puppetry training at Juniper Tree School of Puppetry Arts. You may already know Aimee through the beautiful puppet shows she's prepared for WECAN conferences over the last several years. Please join me in welcoming Aimee as a regional rep!

Please also join us in welcoming Gabriela Nuñez Plata as a regional rep to Mexico alongside Louise deForest. Gabriela is a founder of Ak Lu'um Waldorf Community in Playa del Carmen and YaxKin Kindergarten Teacher Training in Riviera Maya. She is also a Waldorf Kindergarten Teacher trainer at the Centro De Desarrollo Antroposofico in Cuernavaca, an Anthroposophical Art Therapist from Arteterapia Antroposofica in El Puente and a member of the WECAN Board. She has worked as a kindergarten teacher since 1998, and as a Waldorf teacher since 2008. Gabriela joins us as a regional rep last spring.

Last spring, we bid farewell to Patricia Cornelius who previously served the Mid-Atlantic region. Patricia retired last year after many years at the Waldorf School of Philadelphia and she has settled in a new home in Iowa. She looks forward to continuing to support WECAN programs as a site visitor. Mary Maschal will continue to serve as a regional rep for the Mid-Atlantic region.

Martha Flores, who has served the Great Lakes III region for the last several years, stepped down as regional rep this summer to focus her attention on her new role as pedagogical director at Tamarack Waldorf School. We wish her well in her new role! Jane Danner-Sustar will continue to support the Great Lakes III region.

Program Transitions:

Due to challenges presented by the pandemic, East Bay Waldorf School in El Sobrante, CA closed for the 2020-21 school year. Rather than reopening this fall, a new school – inspired by Waldorf education and

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comprised of many East Bay community members – is being reborn in its place out of the same community. You can find out more about the Wildcat Canyon Community School [here](#). Best wishes to our colleagues from East Bay who have either moved on to other things or are working toward the success of the new initiative.

River Canyon School has withdrawn its WECAN membership, though they continue to serve students through Waldorf-inspired programming in Grand Junction, CO. We wish them the very best and hope to see them become members again in the future. In the meantime, we look forward to engaging with them as individual members and seeing them at WECAN events.