

AEAI Affiliation to NAEA

From the information I read, (Rita Jacks/Archivist 2009, see document labeled page 8, first paragraph) it appears that National Affiliation was discussed January 26, 1951 at a round table discussion where Olga Schubkegel, AEAI president for 1950-51 was invited to participate. (I did not find where AEAI became an official affiliate of NAEA). Page 7 is a letter from President Ben Rifner written in 1956 and he states: “Eventually our association will be affiliated with Western Arts Association. Although we have firmly stated that we do not intend to affiliate until our organization can have representation on the Western Arts Council, we do encourage individual membership of all art teachers in Western Arts Association and the NAEA.”

(See document labeled page 8 at bottom for: “Issues Relating to State Art Education Associations to Regional and Hence to NAEA to be Discussed at the Roundtable on Affiliation)

AEAI Aims and Purposes (See document labeled page 3)

1. To plan a broader and more significant program of art education for all the children of Indiana.
2. To provide for the sharing of ideas in contemporary art education that will help teachers at each grade level.
3. To look forward toward a redefinition of purpose by making available to all art teachers the ideas of the best authorities, the results of research and the evaluation of developments in art education.
4. To develop in the general educational world an awareness of the function of the art area of learning as a vital part of the educational program for the child's whole development.
5. To interest students in the field of art education as career.

AEAI Presidents starting with 1950 through present (See document labeled page 4)

I have added on ones that I had found when I first became Archivist

The first convention of the established AEAI was held at the State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana (ISU today?)

Goal for membership was set at 300.

Awards were started in 1981

(See page 12 for recipients. I have a list of expanded award winners that I have compiled (Rita Jacks/Archivist 2009)