

Biographical Data for 2015 Local 571 Officers' Election Nominees				
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<p>Jane Russell Leyden Council Retired Science Teacher</p>	<p>Union secretary, grievance chair, negotiating team and chief spokesperson, president</p>	<p>Secretary (1982-85), Vice-president (1985-91, 1993-95), President (1995-present) Instructor for AFT Reading Comprehension Instruction, CCSS/Math AFT, IFT, IL AFL-CIO, local convention delegate</p>	<p>Vice-president (1998-present) Member of Executive, Strategic Planning and Legal Defense committees, Secretary of Retiree Constituency Council, chair of Audit and P-20 Educational Policy Committees Member of the Union Building Fund AFT Teacher Program and Policy Council member AFT Progressive Caucus At-large officer State P-20 Council and co-chair of Implementation Review Committee</p>	<p>Nominated for 571 President I serve on several state and legislators' education committees. This is the opportunity for Local 571 members' voices to be heard, to become a change agent for improving both education and our union. Although I have worked with 571 officers/members to become a recognized, participating local of the IFT, there is still much work to be done. I would like to continue to be part of and carry the message for Local 571 and all its members.</p>
<p>Alice Kautsky Retired Educator Cicero Elementary District 99 38 years teaching experience MA Curriculum Design and Development Have current K-12 Certificate</p>	<p>Cicero Council (Local 571 largest Council): From the start of my educational career to its completion, I have been involved in the Union (43 years). Multiple positions elected to: Building Rep. Social Chair, Grievance Chair, Vice President, and a 23-year career as President. Negotiated multiple Contracts for a membership (certified/non-certified staff) that has grown to 1,100 members in 18 worksites.</p>	<p>Local 571 Positions: elected Vice President (past 20 years), represent 571 at events, represent the President at events when unable to attend, represent 571 at AFT/IFT/Local 571 Conventions/Conferences/Meetings, IFT Vice President representing Local 571, attend all IFT Ex. Bd. meetings (Westmont, Chicago, Springfield, St. Louis). IFT Committees: Program/Convention, Chair of IFT Scholarship Committee, Pre K-12 Committee, Union Leadership Development Committee, Operations Committee, President IFT/571 Union Building Fund (solve issues pertaining to IFT properties including Westmont building), Local 571 Legislative Breakfast Committee (logistics/décor), Scholarship/COPE Basket Raffle, responsible for event honoring Local 571 Retirees.</p>	<p>Nominated for 571 Vice President My proven union leadership is an asset for Local 571.</p>	
<p>Katy Padberg Elmhurst Teachers Council 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Sandburg Middle School</p>	<p>2011 to present - President of Elmhurst Teachers Council 2010 – 2011 - Vice President (Middle School) of Elmhurst Teachers Council 2009 – 2010 - Building Representative of Sandburg Middle School 2010 – 11 and 2015 - Negotiation Team Member</p>	<p>2011 to present - Executive Board Member 2012 to present - Legal Defense Committee Member 2013 and 2014 - PAC Endorsement Committee Member 2013 - 75th Anniversary Committee Member 2010 – 2011 - House of Representatives Delegate</p>	<p>2015 - Attended IFT Presidents' Convention in Springfield, IL 2014 - Attended AFT National Convention in Los Angeles, CA 2013 - Attended IFT State Convention in Rosemont, IL 2012 - Attended AFT National Convention in Detroit 2011 and 2013 - Attended AFT TEACH in Washington, D.C. 2010 - Attended IFT State Convention in St. Louis, MO 2012 - Attended <i>We Are One</i> rally at the Capitol in Springfield, IL 2011 - Attended <i>We Are One</i> rally at Daley Plaza in Chicago, IL 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 - Attended ULI Summer Courses</p>	<p>Nominated for 571 Vice President I believe I can bring new ideas and a different perspective to the West Suburban Teachers in the role of Vice President. In my nineteen years of teaching, I have learned the importance of engaging all members, long-serving and new members, who are the future of our Union. I want to increase use of technology and social media among our councils to promote programs and courses, receive member input on the direction of our Local, and to unite our members through an online forum to discuss and address common issues and concerns, and ideas. This is not to preclude the important role that our veteran members should play. In fact, I want to find more opportunities for these experienced members to serve as trusted advisors to new Council Presidents, potentially linking them up directly to help mentor the new leaders at the Local. Let's use their expertise to train our future leaders! I believe in transparency, so that all members better understand where their dues are going, and can also have some say in this process. This can be achieved through clear channels of communication, active involvement by all WSTU members, and open discussions online and in person. It is time to take action in these turbulent times and set the course we should take as a Union. I am volunteering to put my ideas to work for you and serve with Jane Russell. Vote for me, Katy Padberg, for Vice President of the West Suburban Teachers Union.</p>

Biographical Data for 2014 Local 571 Area Trustee Election Nominees

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Sandy Erickson Morton Council Retired Math Teacher	President for 12 years (1993-2005) Also held Vice President position and Secretary position before President	Treasurer of Local 571 – 1993 to present Served on various committees and Chair of Budget Committee	Delegate to Local 571, IFT, and AFT conventions numerous times Attended IFT and AFT conferences	Nominated for Local 571 Treasurer The financial situation of the Local has improved since I have been Treasurer. I feel I still have more to contribute to the overall running of Local 571 operations.
Jon Pazol Leyden Council Science Teacher	Local 571 Representative Faculty and Support Staff President Faculty Vice President Grievance/Discipline Chair	Financial Secretary Committee Chair – Audit, Local 571 Convention, Constitution Committee Member – Various 571 Committees	IFT ULI participant – 4-5 courses IFT Convention Delegate AFT Convention Delegate	Nominated for Local 571 Financial Secretary I wish to continue in my current position as Financial Secretary, ensuring that members’ dues are spent in a fiscally responsible manner.
Brett Blair District 88 Teachers Council English Teacher and Department Head	Current Building Vice-President, Grievance and Working Conditions Chair, and President-elect. I have been an active member since I was hired in 1999, and I will be starting my sixth term as president of District 88 Teachers.	I have been a Local 571 Trustee five times, and a Local 571 Representative. I have gone to Summer ULI’s in the past, and I have also been a delegate to both the Illinois and American Federation of Teachers conferences.	I have been a delegate several years back.	Nominated for Local 571 Legal Defense Secretary After many years (nearly twelve) as a Council leader for D88 Teachers, I would like to continue to build my skills and support the Local at a more intimate level. Therefore, being Legal Defense Secretary will help enhance those skills, and provide an opportunity for me to grow as a leader, and also provide a new knowledge source to and for the Local.
Cathleen Pope Rosemont Council Kindergarten Teacher	President	Held positions of Local Secretary, Professional Development coordinator and member of several committees Helped organize events including the annual 571 Legislative Breakfasts, 571 Anniversary parties and workshops Mostly enjoys the monthly meetings when the members get together.	Attended many AFT and IFT conventions and conferences Helped organize the “Backpacks for Katrina” event	Nominated for Local 571 Secretary RABINDRANATH TAGORE once said, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." I am hoping that I can continue to have joy in my life!