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[Click here to learn more](#) or nominate a member today!

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- NEA Delegates
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Member Organizers will help recruit new members and support leadership development with existing members. The deadline to apply is 12/12.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RSVP below for upcoming committee meetings this month:

- [Member Organizing Team](#) (12/15)
- [Special Education](#) (12/15)
- [Community Involvement](#) (12/16 - at the TAAAC Office)

## TUTOR POOL

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## BUDGET HEARINGS

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## CONTENTIA: UniServ Update

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Call your UniServ Director if you need support, advice, or guidance.

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