

MABE 2017 Election Results

The Michigan Association for Bilingual Education is pleased to share with you the results of our 2017 election. These officers will serve for 2 years.

The new officers of the Executive Committee are as follows:

President

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Jonathan Tobar is consummate educational leader with a rich background in language acquisition. In his day job, he is the Director of Instructional Services for Hillsdale County ISD. A native of Quito, Ecuador, he loves the Latin culture and has been involved extensively with helping the Latin community in Lenawee County. He holds an M.A. in K-12 Educational Administration from Michigan State University, an M.A. in TESOL, from Eastern Michigan University, and a B.A. in Secondary Education and International Business from Cornerstone University. Jonathan has served as a high school Principal, has taught Spanish, English as a Second Language, and Drama at the Middle and High School level. In addition, he has served as an Adjunct professor of Spanish at Siena Heights University and Adrian College. In addition to President on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, Jonathan is also an Executive Board Member of the General Education Leadership Network (GELN). In his free time, he enjoys seeing the world (35 different countries so far), salsa dancing, promoting the arts, playing soccer, good food, and most of all, time with family.

Vice President

Erica Hilliker

Erica Hilliker is a middle school EL teacher at Forest Hills Public Schools in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She holds a Masters of Education in Literacy Studies with an emphasis in TESOL from Grand Valley State University. She also is certified to teach English and Spanish at the secondary level. During her career, Erica has worked with English learners at all grade levels from kindergarten to adult. Additionally, she is a certified SIOP trainer and has led professional developments for teachers throughout the West Michigan area. Erica enjoys reading, films, and trying new foods. In her free time, she loves to spend time with her husband and two school-aged children.

Secretary
Andrew Rodgers

Andrew Rodgers is proud to have worked with English Learners in Detroit Public Schools for over 15 years as both an elementary classroom teacher and as a bilingual literacy coach. He holds a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Michigan and has received an Education Specialist's degree in Administrative Leadership from Wayne State University, where he also completed coursework toward his Bilingual-Spanish and English as a Second Language endorsements. Andrew is a certified as a SIOP and WIDA standards trainer and believes in the transformative power of targeted English Learner training for teachers. In his free time, Andrew enjoys traveling to Mexico, where he will slowly and surely visit each state while taking mental notes on the cuisine. In addition, he takes university courses so he can achieve more degrees.



Treasurer
Kristina Martinez-Precious

Kristina Martinez-Precious is currently the Principal of Marquette School, a large K-6 elementary building with a Two - Way Immersion Program in Muskegon Public Schools. Serving as a Principal over a span of 12 years, she has 25 years of experience with dual language education and with successfully designing and implementing various programs in West Michigan. She presents and consults extensively on the subject. During the last four years, Kristina has served as the Executive Director for Academic Services for the City of Muskegon Public Schools, in charge of Curriculum and Instruction as well as State and Federal Grant Programs. Kristina is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Education for Aquinas College teaching and supervising in the Bilingual Endorsement Program. A former two-term president of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, Kristina earned her B.A. in German, French, Spanish and Linguistics from Hope College. She earned her M.A. in Education and her Bilingual Endorsement from Aquinas College. She believes that literacy in a second language is not a luxury but a necessity and that "Language is a vehicle to education, not education itself".

