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Dr. Deborah B. Reeve is the Executive Director of the National Art Education Association (NAEA), located in Reston, Virginia. NAEA is the only national education association dedicated exclusively to supporting those professionals who are engaged in teaching, leading and learning in the visual arts. The Association's 22,000 member art educators represent pre-K–12 teachers, college and university professors and researchers, school/district and fine art museum administrators and collegiate students preparing to become art educators throughout the United States, Canada and overseas. Dr. Reeve was appointed executive director in February 2007 and assumed the leadership of NAEA June 1, 2007.

Formerly the Deputy Executive Director of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) in Alexandria, Virginia, Dr. Reeve brings to NAEA a proven record of association management and creative leadership in organizational development.



Driving a new NAEA Strategic Plan developed by the NAEA Board of Directors and other association leaders, she is building upon NAEA's rich legacy and historical successes toward organizational transformation to meet 21st century challenges. A strong advocate for the value of the visual arts in enriching the lives and endeavors of human beings, she has identified strategic initiatives that are aimed at championing and supporting art educators at every level while enhancing the "member experience" for all. Strategic initiatives include the development of a comprehensive communications plan, an overhaul of NAEA's information technology infrastructure and the design and implementation of a virtual community of practice in keeping with social connectivity trends. She is also working with NAEA's president and other leaders to review NAEA systems and structures including policy, governance and standards for the profession.

A former art educator, Dr. Reeve has taught at the pre-K–12 levels in both public and private schools and has held an adjunct faculty position in the graduate school at Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She earned an undergraduate degree in Art Education, and graduate work includes a Masters of Education degree in Secondary Education and Doctorate in Education with a focus on leadership and development. She has extensive experience as a presenter and consultant to national and international education organizations and is a practicing visual artist who regularly creates and exhibits her mixed media works on canvas and paper.

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