



National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education
Spring 2023

AMLE 2022

Thanks for attending AMLE 2022!



Hilary Dack, President 2020-2022, passes the gavel to Bridget Coleman at the close of the 2022 NAPOMLE Business Meeting in Orlando, Florida

Save the date #AMLE50

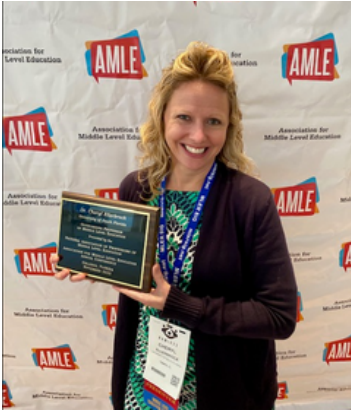
November 1st-4th, 2023



Awards

Congratulations to our 2022 NAPOMLE Award Winners!

Outstanding Professor of Middle Level Education
Cheryl Ellerbrock
University of South Florida



Outstanding MLE Teacher Candidate
Elizabeth Basile
University of South Carolina Aiken



Membership Reminders

Remember that you can pay your dues online! See the link on our main page of our website or click [here](#)! Contact Beth at goundeliza@sfasu.edu.



Upcoming Events

**NAPOMLE + MLER SIG Virtual Professional Experience
May 2023**

**Southeast POMLE Symposium
May 2024**



Presidential Ponderings P^2 A letter from the President



Bridget Coleman

To celebrate NAPOMLE's 25th Anniversary, Nancy Ruppert and I carved out some time in 2022 to research the history of NAPOMLE. How thrilling it was to research and connect with founding members and past leaders. In the spirit of Sankofa, we reached out to many past-presidents and leaders of NAPOMLE for historical knowledge as well as words of inspiration to the current membership. Everyone we spoke with had such affection and appreciation for NAPOMLE. We laughed along with Barbara Blackburn who remains a high-spirited advocate for middle level educators. We tracked and left messages for Jay Hertzog, founding member & pioneer, until he finally squeezed us into his schedule between exotic travel itineraries. Nancy Ruppert drove to Nancy Mizell's office to dive into a mountain of paper archives with me on a Zoom video call. What an adventure! While there are still folks we hope to eventually interview, we honor all who have gone before us and their efforts to ensure we had a strong network of middle level educators with which to connect. I hope you will read the article, [Celebrating 25 Years of the National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education](#), in the December issue of Current Issues in Middle Level Education.

With 25 years focused on the middle, NAPOMLE is thriving in 2023. We continue to gather annually for our business meeting and best practices session. We have helped sponsor multiple regional PoMLE Symposiums. Most recently the 2021 Southeast PoMLE virtual event brought together 50 professors and an amazing panel of leaders from across the nation. NAPOMLE strengthened our relations with the MLER-SIG. For the past two years, the NAPOMLE + MLER-SIG Collaborative Group has planned a joint virtual venture sponsored by the two organizations.

Now, it's time to work anew! Let's begin 2023 by committing to support early career teacher educators. Looking forward, our vision for this year focuses on sustaining MLE Teacher Educators as they navigate higher education. We can mentor those who are just beginning, as well as support sustaining efforts of professors at all levels. We have an opportunity to mentor those who will become the next generation of NAPOMLE leaders. Many of us may feel like we work in silos in our home institutions, however, NAPOMLE provides a supportive network. How can we best support middle level education professors on their journey in higher education?

*Wishing you well as you focus on the middle,
Bridget, NAPOMLE President, 2022-2024*

The logo for NAPOMLE, featuring the text "NAPOMLE" in white, bold, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background. The blue background is set against a larger, irregular shape composed of overlapping red and yellow geometric shapes.

Call for Presentations: 2023 NAPOMLE Best Practice Session

Thanks to all who presented at our Best Practices Session in 2022!

It is time once again to submit proposals.

Call for Presentations: 2023 NAPOMLE Best Practice Session
2023 AMLE Conference
National Harbor, MD
Wednesday, November 1- Saturday, November 04, 2023

We invite teacher educators to come together to share insights into preparing the next generation of middle grades educators to serve diverse early adolescents.

Submit a proposal for the NAPOMLE Best Practice Roundtable Session at the 2023 AMLE Conference that highlights the latest innovations and successes of your middle grades teacher education program.

Proposals may be submitted through the Friday, April 28th, 2023 deadline using [this Google Form](#).

Presentations related to the following current NAPOMLE goals are encouraged, but all relevant proposals regarding young adolescents, middle grades education, and middle grades teacher education will be considered.

NAPOMLE Goals

1. Communicate the needs of young adolescents to a broader audience, including community groups, professional groups, and retirement associations.
2. Disseminate middle level education research and best practice in user-friendly ways to a variety of groups including young adolescents, teachers, parents, and community groups.
3. Address the global nature of young adolescents by broadening the diversity of the NAPOMLE membership and meeting the needs of a more diverse young adolescent community.
4. Disseminate the critical importance of having a teaching workforce that is committed to and specifically trained to teach the young adolescent to school districts, state departments of education, federal government organizations, and boards of education.
5. Engage in political outreach to key stakeholders on behalf of young adolescents and middle level education.

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Special thanks to Hilary Dack for leading NAPOMLE through the past 2 years! She moved the organization forward despite the challenges posed during a global pandemic.

2022-2023 Committees:

Publications: Amanda Wall, Chris Cook

Awards: Kristie Smith, Carol Haney

Elections: Kristine Falbe, Amanda Wall

Finance: Beth Gound, Stacie Pettit

All of the officers who serve our organization give graciously of their time, energy, and expertise.

Members of the Executive Council are listed here and may also be found in the [About Us](#) area of NAPOMLE.com

Consider nominating a colleague or yourself for positions that will be open this year!

Secretary

Treasurer

Southern Regional Director

Western Regional Director

Honoring our NAPOMLE Council Retirees:

Leah Khan

Michelle Williams

*Thank you for your long-term
service to NAPOMLE!*

**Congratulations to
Walter Lee
for his recent election
to the AMLE Board!**



NAPOMLE 2022 at AMLE in Orlando



Regional Groups



NAPOMLE's Current Issues in Middle Level Education

journal is available to highlight your work in middle level education. Reach out to Editor Amanda Wall with ideas, for support, and to submit manuscripts.



Consider nominating a colleague and/or program for recognition at the AMLE conference in November 2023. NAPOMLE has five awards that recognize outstanding contributions made to middle level education. The criteria for each award can be found on our website. Please send your nominations/letters of support and a current vita to Kristie Smith at ksmit871@kennesaw.edu by September 1, 2023.



- 1) Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Program
- 2) Outstanding Professor of Middle Level Education
- 3) Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Candidate
- 4) Honorary Professor Emeritus Award
- 5) Outstanding CMLA Chapter