Pat Bruns, District 4

A native of Cincinnati, Pat Bruns graduated from Oak Hills High School, received a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Kentucky and completed her Masters in Art Education at Miami University. She was elected to the State Board in November 2014.

An art educator in the Northwest Local School District from 1974-2004, she also was involved in a variety of professional development opportunities that focused on integrating the arts into the overall curriculum, including presenting workshops locally on concept-based integrated curriculum and at the National Art Education Association conferences on discipline-based art education curriculum.

Serving as president of the Northwest Association of Educators, she was as an advocate for high-quality public education. She has been a participant and consultant for the Getty Center for the Arts in Education and Cincinnati Educational Television's Arts Connections. In these capacities, she planned summer arts-integration workshops for teams of educators with an emphasis on learning through the arts.

In retirement, Ms. Bruns continued in the education field serving as an Ohio Department of Education Praxis III Assessor and supervising art education majors at Mount Saint Joseph University. She is currently a member of Miami University's Urban Teaching Cohort.

As chair of the nonprofit Price Hill Will Board of Directors from 2012 to 2014 and a member of its Housing, Arts and Education Community Action Teams, she develops opportunities for engagement in the arts and promotes other community-led quality of life projects.

In her spare time, she enjoys travelling with her husband, Rodney E. Bird.

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