

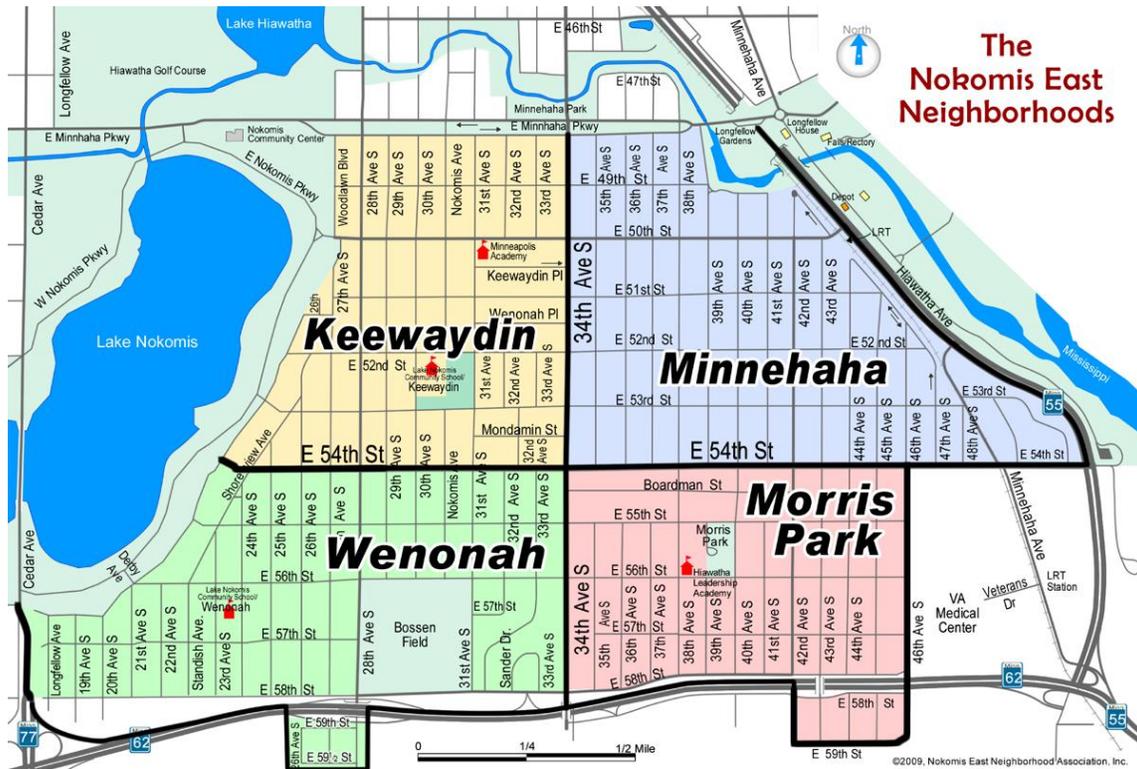
Nomination Form – Part 2 Biographical Information

(Posted on the NENA Website)

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Nominee Name: Tina Wong

Currently Serving on the NENA Board



Board Seat Nomination (Check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Keewaydin Neighborhood Resident | And/Or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnehaha Neighborhood Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morris Park Neighborhood Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Employee (Only eligible for At-Large Seat) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wenonah Neighborhood Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-resident Property Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat) |

1. Tell us about yourself and your experience in your neighborhood and in Nokomis East?

I've lived in Wenonah for over a year now. I chose the area because of its proximity to Lake Nokomis and for its serene vibe. As soon as I moved in, I became a Block Leader for my block. I'm a frequent visitor to the Nokomis Library.

2. Why are you interested in serving on the NENA Board of Directors? Describe your interests, skills, experience, hobbies, volunteer work or community involvement that will help your service on the Board?

I want to be of service to the community. I considered running the first year I moved into the neighborhood but hesitated because of the time commitment and my experience in the neighborhood.

Instead I became a Block Leader and served as an election judge for last year's primary and presidential election, even getting "promoted" to solely handling the registration for the presidential election because of my attention to detail.

Now, I feel ready. I am an attorney and a labor negotiations representative for my union, MAPE. I attended a Jesuit high school in Jamaica, so I have a strong commitment to serving others, regardless of their backgrounds. My third-culture kid perspective has allowed me to view events and issues from varying viewpoints and allowed me to really empathize with others.

3. What hopes, goals and concerns do you have for your neighborhood and Nokomis East?

I would like to increase engagement in my neighborhood. I come from an upbringing where I was attached to a very strong community. Block parties were well-attended and everyone knew each other, or ended up knowing each other by the end of the night. People were frank and honest; not so much passive aggressive and hoped that you could read their minds. I think it's important that we create stronger bonds with those around us, or at least create the opportunity for stronger bonds and frank and open conversations.

4. What hopes, goals and concerns do you have for NENA?

I hope that NENA continues to do the great work it's been doing for the past year. The new residential facade beautifying program is just one way the organization has been innovating.

NENA has also been working hard on engaging residents and recognizing the inequity that sometimes exists. I would like NENA to further that work by rising awareness of such inequities to all resident. "We all do better when we all do better." Too often we are stuck in our little silos. I think it's crucial to break down those silos and really have a community world-view.

5. How will you reach out to the community during your Board term?

I intend to make myself available via phone, email, and social media.

6. What additional organizations, programs and events are you involved with?

MAPE (Minnesota Association for Professional Employees), Jeremy Schroeder for Ward 11 Campaign, and the DFL.