

Biography Bill Badders

Bill Badders is the retiring president of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Badders is retired from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) in Cleveland, Ohio, where, for more than four decades, he was an elementary and middle school teacher, science resource teacher, and the director of the National Science Foundation funded Cleveland Math and Science Partnership.

Badders has contributed extensively to the NSTA. He has served as a division director on NSTA's board of directors, worked on numerous committees, panels and task forces dating back to the early 1990s, served as a judge for the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision program and NSTA New Science Teacher Academy, and presented numerous sessions at NSTA national and area conferences. In addition, he was instrumental in the development of the Tomodachi/Toshiba program and the DuPont Essay Challenge.

Badders' devotion to science education is also evidenced by his involvement in numerous other professional organizations. He has served as president and treasurer of the Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers (CRCST) and the Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees (SEPA). Badders also served on the board of directors, as an elected district representative, of the Science Education Council of Ohio (SECO). He was also a member of the writing team for the National Science Education Standards.

Throughout his career, Badders has been honored for his contributions to science education. He received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (1992) and is a Fulbright Memorial Teacher Fund recipient (2000). He has served on many national and regional advisory panels for the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP), the National Academy of Science, the National Research Council (NRC) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).