California School Boards Association

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

Due: Mon. Mar. 16—return ballot in enclosed envelope

January 31, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents — CSBA Member Boards
From: Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, CSBA President
Re: 2020 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly — **U.S. Postmark Deadline is Mon. March 16**

Enclosed is the ballot material for election to CSBA's Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion. It consists of: 1) the ballot (on red paper), the reverse side of which contains the names of ALL current members of the Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion; and 2) the required candidate biographical sketch form and, if submitted, a resume. In addition, provided is a copy of the ballot on white paper to include with your board agenda. **Only the ballot on red paper is to be completed and returned to CSBA. It must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Monday, March 16, 2020.** ***No exceptions.***

Your Board may vote for up to the number of vacancies in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three vacancies, the Board may vote for up to three candidates. However, your Board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. (The ballot also contains a provision for write-in candidates; their name and district must be clearly printed in the space provided.)

The ballot must be signed by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district's stationery. Please write **DELEGATE ELECTION** prominently on the envelope along with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner of the envelope (this number appears at the top of the ballot).

If there is a tie vote, a run-off election will be held. All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2022. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. The names of all Delegates will be available on CSBA's website no later than Wednesday, April 1. Please do not hesitate to contact CSBA's Executive Office at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions.

Encs: Ballot on red paper and watermarked "copy" of ballot on white paper
List of all current Delegates on reverse side of ballot
Candidate(s)' required Biographical Sketch Forms and resumes, if provided
CSBA-addressed envelope to send back ballots

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Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2020 election

DUE: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – no late submissions accepted

Please complete, sign, and date this required biographical sketch form. An optional, ONE-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Please do not state "see résumé" and do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that all nomination materials have been received by the CSBA Executive Office, call 800.266.3382 or email at nominations@csba.org.

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Signature: Kathy M. Howe ***Date:*** December 19, 2019

Name: Kathy Howe CSBA Region & subregion #: 8

District or COE: Manteca Unified School District Years on board: 4

Profession: Retired Educator Contact Number (please ✓ ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 209-825-4738

*Primary E-mail: khowe@musd.net

*(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)*

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2016

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

As a delegate for the past four years, I have found that CSBA offers numerous opportunities for me to advocate as a spokesperson for public education. The Delegate Assembly provides for two-way communication between local school boards and CSBA. Our united efforts as school board members are making a difference for the children of California. I am passionate about doing everything I can to see that children get the education they deserve.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I am an active school board member currently serving as Clerk. I am a member of the local Rotary club. I serve on a 2X2 Committee comprised of school district personnel and city officials. We meet regularly to discuss the joint concerns of the city and the schools. These activities allow me to interact positively with the community and to advocate for students at the same time.

I regularly attend CSBA events including: Delegate assemblies, the CSBA annual conference, Masters in Governance trainings, regional meetings, Legislative Action Day, Rally for Education, and meetings with both state and national legislators. I support CSBA's Golden Bell Awards by volunteering to validate nominees in my region.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

The biggest challenge facing our schools continues to be funding. Our schools need a reliable source of income that fully funds the needs of our students. I'm hoping that CSBA's push for Full & Fair Funding will be successful. California should not be lagging behind the national average on per pupil spending.

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Signature: Courtney Porter ***Date:*** 1/7/2020

Name: Courtney Porter CSBA Region & subregion #: 8 A

District or COE: Lodi Unified School District Years on board: 1

Profession: Retired Teacher Contact Number (please ✓) [X] Cell [ ] Home [ ] Bus.): (209) 712-1176

*Primary E-mail: courtneyporter@sbcglobal.net

(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)

Are you an incumbent Delegate? [ ] Yes [X] No | If yes, year you became Delegate: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am a newly elected school board member, but I have been a classroom teacher and coach for 38 years so I have an insider's appreciation for educational management. I have taught AP, special needs, English language learners and a variety of children from diverse backgrounds. I know how instrumental collegial, competent and cooperative school boards can be for these children.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

In addition to 38 years of teaching, I have held leadership positions such as department chair, union executive board, aquatics director and head water polo coach at both the high school and collegiate levels. I have fundraised successfully for these programs in my community, and my dedication to students is well known by everyone in my community.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

Since I have spent 38 years teaching, I am acutely aware of California's teacher shortage. It is critical that the state's school boards work to attract qualified teachers and retain those teachers through meaningful professional development and reliable mentoring. I have worked with my district to do this, but I'd like to continue to work with CSBA to troubleshoot this crisis at a state level as well.

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Courtney Porter

2407 Summerset Ct. Lodi, CA 95242
Phone: (209) 712-1176 E-Mail: courtneyporter@sbcglobal.net

Objective

To obtain a position on the California School Board Association Delegate Assembly.

Experience

- **Lodi Unified School District Trustee, Area 1, 2018-present**
- **Science Teacher, Tokay High School, 1980-2018**
- **Science Department Chair, Tokay High School, 2003-2008**
- **Head Men's Water Polo Coach, Lodi High School, 2010-2015**
- **Director, Lodi Water Polo Foundation, 2002-2015**
- **Head Men's Water Polo Coach, University of the Pacific, 1998-2002**
- **Aquatics Coordinator, Men's & Women's, Water Polo & Swimming, Tokay High School, 1980 -1998**

Education

Master of Science | 1989 | Stanford University

- Biology

Lifetime Teaching Credential | 1980 | Santa Clara University

- Single Subject: Biology
- CLAD (Certified- Cross-cultural, Language, and Academic Development) authorization

Bachelor of Arts | 1979 | University of the Pacific

- Major: Biology

Highlights

- Tokay Teacher of the Year, 1988
- Coach of the Year 1999, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, Men's Water Polo
- Coach of the Year 2009, California Inter-Scholastic Federation
- Three Sacramento-San Joaquin Section Water Polo Titles
- Sixteen Boys League Titles
- Seven Girls Water Polo League Titles
- Fourteen Boys Swimming League Titles
- Ten Girls Swimming League Titles
- Started First Girls Water Polo HS league Program for the San Joaquin Athletic Association
- Coached Numerous High School and Collegiate All American Athletes
- Coached National Water Polo Players: Chris Humbert (three-time Olympian), Mike Haley, Todd Hosmer and Nic Carniglia

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Signature: _____ ***Date:*** Jan. 06, 2020

Name: Stephen J. Schluer CSBA Region & subregion #: 8

District or COE: Manteca Unified School District Years on board: 4.5

Profession: Police Lieutenant Contact Number (please ✓) ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 209-456-7317

*Primary E-mail: sschluer@musd.net

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Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2018

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I have been on the MUSD Board of Education for 4.5 years. I was originally appointed onto this board by an unanimous vote in the Summer of 2015, when the board was in disarray. I have since run for re-election twice (2016 to finish appointed role and 2018 for a new term). In my 4.5 years I was the Vice President for a year and have been the President for three consecutive years. In 2018 I became a Delegate for CSBA. During my first term as a Delegate, I have brought forward my skill set and been beneficial to CSBA and to Region 8. I believe along with my professional experience (Police Lieutenant) and involvement with the community, I would continue to be an asset to CSBA. I have the desire to work with local districts, county offices, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, to ensure the association reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education throughout the state.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have just concluded my third consecutive term as Board President. I sit on the 2X2 Committees with the City of Manteca and City of Stockton, MUSD Budget Review Committee, and MUSD Superintendent Evaluation Committee. I was selected and have been a part of the CSBA Equity Network from its inception. I currently serve the Manteca community by being on the Boys and Girls Club Board of Trustees, Doctor's Hospital (Tenet Heath) Governing Board of Directors, and am the President of the Friends of the Manteca Parks and Rec Foundation. I am also a member of numerous other non-profits and work-related committees and associations. I am involved with my community because I want to have a positive impact where I live and raise my children.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

In my opinion the biggest challenge facing our governing boards in California is financial management and understanding budgets. Our budgets and funding have always been a challenge. In a perfect world, every school district would have the best facilities and pay, best technology, reduced class sizes, etc. But this is not a perfect world and many districts do not have the money to facilitate all that is needed. For most, budgets are difficult to understand, and it is difficult to decide where to spend the money. A person once told me that you can see a district's priorities by looking at their budget. I believe that CSBA could help address this by having board workshops for budgeting and continuing educating the governing boards on budgets.

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Signature: Jenny Van De Pol ***Date:*** 1/6/20

Name: Jenny Van De Pol CSBA Region & subregion #: 8A

District or COE: Lincoln Unified Years on board: 5

Profession: Homemaker Contact Number (please √ ☑ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): (209) 601-4186

*Primary E-mail: jvandepol@lusd.net

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Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☑ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2016

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.

I am detail-oriented, a strategic-thinker, and an avid reader. For over 15 years I have been actively supporting and serving our district's schools. Our family's Stockton-based business, still growing after 50+ years, further connects me to our local community. I bring a solid ethical foundation, strong commitment to my community, and passionate support of public education to the Delegate Assembly.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.

I have just completed the first year of my second term, as well as the 2-year cycle of serving as Vice-President and then President of our board. I represent our board on the San Joaquin County School Boards Association, and also on the John McCandless Charter School Executive Board (a dependent charter school in our district). I have just been appointed to my second year on the Delegate Assembly's Legislative Committee. In my community, I am a docent at the Haggin Museum; and I volunteer in the high school group at my church.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?

I think our biggest challenge is keeping our local boards laser-beam-focused on putting students first. With the growing pressures from unfunded State mandates, competing stakeholder groups, and political issues, it's all too easy to get distracted from our top priority: the kids. CSBA can continue to help local boards keep our focus through expanded training and support for good governance. And at the State level, CSBA's Education Legal Alliance and Legislative Advocacy can continue to grow in amplifying the voices of local boards, to give us a chance of being heard as we advocate for our students.

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This completed **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the U.S. post office no later than **MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "X" in the box.

A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.

OFFICIAL 2020 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 8-A
(San Joaquin County)

(Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2022

**denotes incumbent*

☐ Kathy Howe (Manteca USD)*

☐ Courtney Porter (Lodi USD)

☐ Steven Schuler (Manteca USD)*

☐ Jenny Van De Pol (Lincoln USD)*

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Provision for Write-in Candidate Name _____ *School District* _____

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk _____ *Title* _____

School District _____ *Date of Board Action* _____

See reverse side for a current list of all Delegates in your Region.

REGION 8 – 14 Delegates (12 elected/2 appointed◈)

Director: Matthew Balzarini (Lammersville Joint USD)

Below are the current Delegates and their terms (as of January 31, 2020).

Subregion 8-A (San Joaquin)
Kathleen Garcia (Stockton USD)◈, appointed term expires 2021
Kathy Howe (Manteca USD), term expires 2020
Cecilia Mendez (Stockton USD)◈, appointed term expires 2020
George Neely (Lodi USD), term expires 2021
Christopher (Kit) Oase (Ripon USD), term expires 2021
Stephen Schluer (Manteca USD), term expires 2020
Jenny Van De Pol (Lincoln USD), term expires 2020

Subregion 8-B (Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne)
Sherri Reusche (Calaveras USD, term expires 2021)

Subregion 8-C (Stanislaus)
Faye Lane (Ceres USD), term expires 2020
Cynthia (Cindi) Lindsey (Sylvan Union ESD), term expires 2021
Paul Wallace (Neman-Crows Landing USD), term expires 2021

Subregion 8-D (Merced)
Adam Cox (Merced City ESD), term expires 2021
Vacant, term expires 2020

County Delegate:
Juliana Feriani (Tuolumne COE), term expires 2020

Counties

San Joaquin (Subregion A)
Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne (Subregion B)
Stanislaus (Subregion C)
Merced (Subregion D)