California School Boards Association

TIME SENSITIVE, REQUIRES BOARD ACTION
***DEADLINE* Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

January 31, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member Boards of Education

From: Susan Henry, President

Re: 2017 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election
U.S. Postmark Deadline – Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Enclosed is the ballot material for election of a representative to the CSBA Delegate Assembly from your region or subregion. The material consists of the ballot (on red paper), required candidate biographical sketch form, and if submitted, résumé for each candidate. In addition, we are including a "copy" of the ballot on white paper so that it may be included in board agenda packets, if you choose to do so. **Only the ballot on red paper is to be completed and returned.**

The board as a whole 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 in the region or subregion, the board may vote for up to three individuals. Regardless of the number of vacancies, each 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 with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner. **Ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Wednesday, March 15, 2017.** ***No exceptions are allowed.***

Election results will be posted on CSBA's web site no later than Monday, April 3. 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, 2017 – March 31, 2019. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly is on Saturday, May 20 – Sunday, May 21 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

Please do not hesitate to the Executive Office at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions. Thank you.

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This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No later than **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017**. 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 2017 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 8-A
(San Joaquin County)

Number of vacancies: 2 (Vote for no more than 2 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2019

**denotes incumbent*

☐ George Neely (Lodi USD)*

☐ Christopher (Kit) Oase (Ripon USD)

COPY

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

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk _____ *Title* _____

School District Name _____ *Date of Board Action* _____

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

Region 8 – Matthew (Matt) Balzarini, Director (Lammersville Joint USD)

14 Delegates (12 elected/2 appointed)

Below is a list of all the current Delegates from this Region.

Subregion A
Sam Fant (Manteca USD), term expires 2018
Kathleen Garcia (Stockton USD), appointed term expires 2017
Ron Heberle (Lodi USD), term expires 2017
Kathy Howe (Manteca USD), term expires 2018
George Neely (Lodi USD), term expires 2017
Jenny Van De Pol (Lincoln USD), term expires 2018
Vacant (Stockton USD), appointed term expires 2018

Subregion B
Zerrall McDaniel (Calaveras USD), term expires 2017

Subregion C
Faye Lane (Ceres USD), term expires 2018
Cynthia (Cyndi) Lindsey (Sylvan Union ESD), term expires 2017
Vacant, term expires 2017

Subregion D
Adam Cox (Merced City ESD), term expires 2017
Greg Opinski (Merced Union HSD), term expires 2018

County Delegate
Juliana Feriani (Tuolumne COE), term expires 2018

Counties

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

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2017 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

DUE: Saturday, January 7, 2017

Mail to: CSBA | Attn: Executive Office | 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 | fax: (916) 371-3407 | or email: nominations@csba.org.

Please complete, sign and date this required one-page candidate biographical sketch form. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted; both will be copied exactly as received. Please do not state "see résumé" and please do not re-type this form. Any additional page(s) exceeding this one-page candidate form will not be accepted. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that all nomination materials have been received by the CSBA Executive Office. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Office at (800) 266-3382.

Name: George Neely

CSBA Region-subregion #: 8-A

District or COE Name: Lodi Unified

Years on board: 6 years

Profession: Retired Military and Teacher

Contact Number: 209-329-5152

E-mail: gneely@lodiusd.net

Are you a continuing Delegate? ■ Yes ☐ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? 3 years

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

I understand the changes needed in Public Education must start at the top. Our Boards of Education face many challenges, not the least of which are underfunding and politically strong unions. I have been a Board Member for 6 years and a delegate for 3 years. In addition to being a retired military officer, I am also a retired Territory manager for General Electric and a retired teacher. I have a great deal of leadership experience in various situations and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. In Public Education, I have classroom experience, administration experience, and Board of Education Experience.
Before running for election to the Board, I attended and participated in every Board meeting for 2 years. The day I was sworn in, December 14, 2010, my colleagues elected me as President of the Board. I have the leadership, drive, and experience to be an asset to the Delegate Assembly.

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

I have been a Board Member of Giving Opportunities to Kids foundation since its inception 4 years ago. I was a Board Member and Board President for the Lodi Public Library for 6 years. I have also been a Board Member for the Academy of Business, Law, and Education, an all-digital charter high school in our community.
Since my first day on the Board in 2010, I have been on a campaign to bring technology to our students. It took several years of my persistent efforts, but this year, Lodi Unified became a district where all students have access to computers in every classroom.
On the Board, I serve on the Legislative Committee and the 2 X 2 Committee with members of Lodi City Council.

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

The biggest challenge governing boards is the lack of legislative power. This is exactly the purpose of CSBA as I see it. We need to remember that we have the power of communication with the voters. We may not have the money relative to the California Teachers Union, but we have direct contact with the voters. If can develop a program to harness that power, and make the State Government understand we have that power, we can move forward an agenda to make education work for our kids.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature: G Neely

Date: January 4, 2017

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Name: CHRISTOPHER "KIT" OASE CSBA Region-subregion #: 8/A

District or COE Name: RIPON UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST. Years on board: 6

Profession: RETIRED EDUCATOR Contact Number: 209 599-3408 E-mail: kitoase@yahoo.com

Are you a continuing Delegate? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____

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

I'm very interested in serving as a member of the Delegate Assembly and contributing to the ongoing connection between local school boards and the leadership of our statewide association. With considerable background in education as a teacher, administrator, former legislative intern, state commission member and local board member, I am aware of many of the challenges that local boards of education must address that require a unified effort. In retirement I have served as a board member in Ripon USD for 6 years including service as vice president and president. My work with affiliate organizations like ACSA and CCSESA, large and small districts around the state and county offices of education would be an asset as a member of the Delegate Assembly.

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

I have met the challenge of serving on the Ripon USD Board of Trustees as a member, clerk, VP and President. We have worked to build a solid foundation to support our superintendent, students, staff, parents and community. In this capacity I have appeared on behalf of the board in meetings with city officials, our county board of education and state board of education to represent the needs of our district; served on numerous committees from Ag Advisory to the selection of architects and key staff members. I have helped the board in its organizational efforts, chaired and run a successful bond campaign, supported curricular changes and maintenance of a positive educational environment in our schools.

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

To me, the biggest issue is strengthening local school board member's connection to regional and mostly statewide educational resources so we become super effective. CSBA helps provide local board members with the tools and philosophical base to govern--along with great support and follow-through. We need, however, to increase the buy-in of local board members to leadership and training opportunities, as well as increase our communication and effectiveness in relating issues, needs, challenges and successes to the state legislature, Governor, parents and the communities we serve. We need to be voices of reason serving the needs of our communities.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature: Christopher L. Oase *Date:* 1-6-2017

Resume

Dr. Christopher L. Oase (Kit)
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Ripon, CA 95366
(209) 599-3408

Goals:

1. To assist in maximizing our efforts as local boards and the California School Boards Association in providing an outstanding education for each child and student we serve in California;
2. To broaden our efforts and effectiveness through policies and support to communicate the needs of California public schools with the State Legislature, Governor, support agencies and public;
3. To support actions that foster excellence at the local school board and district level.

Educational Background:

Degree	Major	Minor	University
Bachelor of Arts	Social Sciences	Music	CSU-Sacramento
Master of Arts	Government	Education	CSU-Sacramento
Doctor of Arts	Political Science	Econ/Sociology	Idaho State Univ.

Educational Experience: Taught at elementary, high school and alternative program levels as well as served as a school administrator.

Board Experience: Ripon Unified School District- 6 years Member, Clerk, President; Chaired a successful $25 million local school bond effort, worked for passage of Prop 51 State School Bond, attendee at CSBA conferences, trainings and Legislative Action Days, and helped draft reapportionment plans to promote school board election reform.

Leadership and Community Service Activity:

- Served as Commissioner and Chair of the State Commission on Educational Innovation and Planning established by the State Legislature. This commission was charged with addressing California's long-range planning needs and annually funded innovative projects throughout the state;
- Served as a Visiting Committee Chair for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, the Bay Area, Hawaii and American Samoa, 22+ years;
- Donor of more than 160 pints of blood (20 gallons) through the Sacramento and Delta Blood Banks in order to help those in need;
- Student Body President, CSU-Sacramento; legislative intern California State Assembly; President of the Elk Grove Education Association, currently President of the Ripon Arts League and lay leader of my church;
- Served as principal in Escalon USD, principal of Petersen Alternative Center and Director of Alternative Student Programs for the Stanislaus County Office of Education, 20 years

Interests: Music, Theatre, travel, camping, photography, golf, politics.