



*TIME SENSITIVE, REQUIRES BOARD ACTION*

**BALLOT DEADLINE: Thursday, March 15, 2018**

January 29, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

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

From: Mike Walsh, President

Re: Ballot for 2018 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election  
**U.S. Postmark Deadline – Thursday, March 15, 2018**

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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, a résumé. In addition, provided is a watermarked “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 completed ballot on red paper is to be 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 of the envelope (this number appears at the top of the ballot). **Ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Thursday, March 15, 2018. No exceptions are allowed.**

Election results will be available no later than Friday, April 1. 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, 2018 – March 31, 2020. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly is on Saturday, May 19 – Sunday, May 20 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

The names of all Delegates will be available on CSBA’s website no later than Friday, April 1. Please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Office at (800) 371-4691, should you have any questions. Thank you.

**REQUIRES BOARD ACTION**

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 **THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018**. 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 2018 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
REGION 22  
(Los Angeles County)

Number of vacancies: 3 (Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

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*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2020*

*\*denotes incumbent*

☐ Steven P. DeMarzio (Westside Union SD)\*

☐ Stacy Dobbs (Castaic Union SD)

☐ Nancy R. Smith (Palmdale SD)\*

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*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name*

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*School District*

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*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk*

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*Title*

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*School District*

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*Date of Board Action*

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

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**REGION 22 – 6 Delegates (6 elected)**

**Director: Keith Giles (Lancaster ESD)**

**Below is a list of all the current Delegates with expired terms from this Region.**

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**Los Angeles County: North Los Angeles**

Susan Christopher (Castaic Union SD), term expires 2018

John Curiel (Westside Union ESD), term expires 2019

Steven DeMarzio (Westside Union ESD), term expires 2018

R. Michael Dutton (Antelope Valley Union HSD), term expires 2019

Nancy Smith (Palmdale ESD), term expires 2018

Steven M. Sturgeon (William S. Hart Union HSD), term expires 2019

<b><u>County</u></b>
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North Los Angeles

## 2018 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

***DUE: Sunday, January 7, 2018***

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

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

Signature: Steven DeMarzio Digitally signed by Steven DeMarzio  
Date: 2017.12.03 16:20:26 -08'00'

Date: 3 Dec 2017

Name: Steven P DeMarzio CSBA Region-subregion #: 22  
District or COE: Westside Union School District Years on board: 12  
Profession: Aerospace Engineer Contact Number: (please v ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Primary E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)  
Are you a continuing Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? 2

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

I want to stay more involved in the activities of CSBA and remaining a Delegate is a great way to achieve that goal as well as advance the the mission of CSBA. CSBA is and should continue to be the major driving force of advancing the education of students in the state of California.

As a former fighter aviator in the USAF with 12 years of dedicated service and 20 years as an engineer in the aerospace industry, I think I can bring a fresh perspective and decisiveness to the Delegate Assembly. I also understand the necessity of molding and nurturing our youth into top-notch, skilled professionals ready for the 21st century workforce that will sorely need their capabilities.

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

I have served three years as Board President, three years as Vice President, and three years as Clerk. I regularly attend school campuses and events and meet with our local state legislators. I am also quite active in our local school boards organization, Antelope Valley School Boards Association (AVSBA), which is comprised of 8 elementary districts, one high school district, two unified districts, and one community college. I have served four years as President as well as serving various other roles and responsibilities within that fine organization. AVSBA regularly holds bi-monthly dinner meetings with speakers on timely educational topics and also hosts an annual educational summit that CSBA senior leadership attends.

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

I see several big challenges:

- 1) Maintaining a steady, consistent, and TRULY FULLY FUNDED revenue stream for ALL school districts in California in perpetuity.
- 2) Keeping LCFF and LCAP local and in control locally. Sometimes, I feel the State legislature can't help but meddle in local affairs in its quest to "improve" the educational experience.
- 3) Who will become our next governor and how can CSBA shape his/hers oversight of the state?

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Signature: Stacy Dobbs Date: 11/27/2017

Name: <u>Stacy Dobbs</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>22</u>
District or COE: <u>Castaic Union School District</u>	Years on board: <u>2</u>
Profession: <u>Bookkeeper</u>	Contact Number: (please v <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.) _____
*Primary E-mail: _____	
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Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 am interested in becoming a Delegate to help ensure that the interests of our local governing boards and communities are represented at the state level and are reflected in the CSBA vision and direction. I believe I will be an effective representative because I have developed positive working relationships with board members in our region through participation in our trustees association. I also have a flexible work schedule which allows for time to attend meetings and events throughout the region. In addition, I have developed relationships with local lawmakers and have participated in local and statewide advocacy efforts, which will be beneficial in serving on the assembly. I have strong organizational skills that I use to stay on task and accomplish goals. As secretary of the SCV Trustees Association, I have orchestrated meetings and have been successful in bringing local boards together to work collaboratively in serving Santa Clarita Valley students.

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

I am actively involved in the Santa Clarita Valley community and in the Castaic school district, where I visit classrooms and attend school events on a weekly basis. Prior to being elected to the school board, I served on the local PTA board, School Site Council, and District Strategic Planning Committee. I currently serve as Secretary for the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees Association. I have completed the CSBA Institute for New Board Members and Masters in Governance Programs. In addition, I have extensive volunteer experience within the Santa Clarita Valley community, currently serving as a counselor and mentor in a local young women's organization. I have also participated in advocacy efforts on behalf of the community, including the annual KHTS Sacramento Road Trip.

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

I believe the biggest challenge facing governing boards is lack of adequate funding. Inadequate funding, declining enrollment, and charter school encroachment are all issues that affect our public school districts. The rising costs of special education and STRS/PERS contribution rates also create budget challenges for governing boards. CSBA can help address these issues by continuing to lobby for adequate funding and drive ongoing conversations and advocacy efforts to find appropriate solutions to the aforementioned problems. Additionally, CSBA can continue to strengthen its grassroots strategy to train and mobilize local school boards in community outreach and advocacy.

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Signature: Nancy K. Smith

Date: 12/04/2018

Name: Nancy K. Smith

CSBA Region-subregion #: 22

District or COE: Palmdale School District

Years on board: 4

Profession: Retired Superintendent Contact Number: (please check ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.)

\*Primary E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am a firm believer that we need to improve public schools to make them more relevant for students. I have been a classroom teacher, Director of Child Nutrition and Warehousing, CBO and interim director for a 9 district school transportation JPA, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services and 10 years as Superintendent of Palmdale School District. I have also been on the board for California's Valued Trust for 19 years. This Trust provides health insurance and life insurance to over 100,000 public school employees. I believe my breadth and depth of education experiences gives me a unique and knowledgeable expertise to bring to the discussions and decisions the CSBA will be making to help our children.

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

I am starting my 3rd term as board President for the Palmdale School District Board of Trustees. I also am a board representative on the PSD Fiscal Advisory Committee, a Director on the Palmdale School District Foundation and sit on a committee to keep an open discussion between PSD and one of our charter schools. I am the incoming President and continuing as the Corresponding Secretary for our Antelope Valley School Boards Association. I am a Director for the Kiwanis of Palmdale West and chair our major fund raiser. I also attend the meetings for the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce, The AV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the AV African American Chamber of Commerce. I love being involved in my community.

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

I think one of the biggest challenges we have is to improve public schools making them relevant to our students and to provide them with the skills for the future. I believe to do this, we need to be sure we are competing with charter schools and private schools. We need to do such a good job that the public has no reason to consider removing their children from the public schools.