



***REQUIRES BOARD ACTION***

**Due: Tues. March 15—return ballot in enclosed envelope**

January 31, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents — CSBA Member Boards  
From: Dr. Susan Heredia, CSBA President  
Re: 2022 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly — **U.S. Postmark Deadline is Tues. March 15**

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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) listing the candidates, 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 Tuesday, March 15, 2022.**

Your Board may vote for up to the number of seats to be filled in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three seats up for election, 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. Results will be published by May 11, 2022.

All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2024. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly takes place on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 2022. Please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Office at [nominations@csba.org](mailto:nominations@csba.org) 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 optional resumes  
CSBA-addressed envelope to send back ballots

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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 **TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**. 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 2022 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
REGION 22  
(Los Angeles County)

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

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*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024*

*\*denotes incumbent*

Julie Bookman (Eastside Union SD)\*

Steven DeMarzio (Westside Union SD)\*

Keith Giles (Lancaster SD)\*

Ernesto Smith (Newhall 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 Name*

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*Date of Board Action*

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

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

**Director: Nancy Smith (Palmdale SD)**

**Below is a list of all elected or appointed Delegates from this Region.**

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**Los Angeles County: North Los Angeles**

Julie Bookman (Eastside Union SD), term expires 2022

Steven DeMarzio (Westside Union ESD), term expires 2022

Keith Giles (Lancaster ESD), term expires 2022

Cherise Moore (William S. Hart Union HSD), term expires 2023

Christopher Trunkey (Saugus Union SD), term expires 2023

Sharon Vega (Palmdale ESD), term expires 2023

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| North Los Angeles |
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# Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2022 Election



**Deadline: Friday, January 7, 2022 | No late submissions accepted**

This form is required. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Do not state "see résumé." Do not re-type this form. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that CSBA has received nomination materials prior to the deadline. Please submit completed form via e-mail to [nominations@csba.org](mailto:nominations@csba.org) by no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2022. Forms may also be submitted via mail, to CSBA's Executive Office, at 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, with a postmark of no later than January 7, 2022.

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Signature: Julie Bookman Date: 12/9/2021

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| Name: <u>Julie Bookman</u>                                                                                                                                        | CSBA Region & subregion #: <u>22</u>          |
| District or COE: <u>Eastside Union School District</u>                                                                                                            | Years on board: <u>3.5 years</u>              |
| Profession: <u>Retired Educator</u> Contact Number ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.): _____ |                                               |
| Primary E-mail: <u>jbookman@eastsideusd.org</u>                                                                                                                   |                                               |
| Are you an incumbent Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                | If yes, year you became Delegate: <u>2020</u> |

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 continuing as a delegate in order to advocate for education. Working with CSBA and the Legislature we can help to increase base funding for student learning. I would also like to continue to advocate for school districts in the North Los Angeles County, which are underrepresented and unresourced, to ensure the needs in the Antelope Valley And Santa Clarita Schools are represented. I also have seen the benefit of working and conversing with other Board Members in Region 22 in sharing best practices and new ideas.

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

I worked as an educator in the Antelope Valley for 28 years, at Eastside Union School District and Antelope Valley High School District, and retired in 2019. I have been a member of Eastside Union School District Board of Trustees for three and one half years, and I have served as the Board President for the past year. I have been a CSBA delegate for a year now, and have attended several Delegate assemblies, as well as attending several CSBA Annual Education Conferences. I have attended one Legislative Action Day. I served one year as the Eastside School District Representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustee, and I am currently serving as the Corresponding Secretary for the Antelope Valley School Board Association.

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

There are several big challenges facing governing boards currently, including the COVID-19 pandemic, declining enrollment, and full funding of the base for school boards. The COVID-19 pandemic has created opportunities for increasing technology innovations in teaching but created issues with student and staff health and social emotional/mental health and wellbeing. In addition it has exacerbated declining enrollment issues that districts boards have already been facing. Full and fair funding has been a challenge for many years now, and governing boards are still recovering from the cuts of the Great Recession and while the one time COVID funds are helpful they do not help the base funding that is needed to allow school to do the work of caring for students academic and social emotional needs.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3 Jan 2022

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| Name: <u>Steven P DeMarzio</u>                                                                     | CSBA Region & subregion #: <u>22</u>                                                                                          |
| District or COE: <u>Westside Union School District</u>                                             | Years on board: <u>16</u>                                                                                                     |
| Profession: <u>Aerospace Engineer</u>                                                              | Contact Number ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.): _____ |
| Primary E-mail: <u>s.demarzio@westside.k12.ca.us</u>                                               |                                                                                                                               |
| Are you an incumbent Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If yes, year you became Delegate: <u>2016</u>                                                                                 |

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

Remaining a Delegate is a great way to represent my local area 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 25 years as an engineer in the aerospace industry, 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.

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

I have served four years as Board President, four years as Vice President, and four years as Clerk. I regularly attend school campuses and events and have met with our local state legislators whenever it's possible. 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 (one in Kern County), and one community college. I have served four years as President as well as serving various other roles and responsibilities within that fine organization.

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. That includes raising the base revenue to benefit each and every student.
- 2) Keeping funding local. Sometimes, I feel the State legislature can't help but overreach into local affairs in its quest to "improve" the educational experience. Mitigate the strings attached with the extra money.
- 3) Keeping schools open for in-person learning to the max extent possible. Allow local school districts to tailor and implement health protocols with minimum interference from state and county agencies. As an example, broad-brushing county-wide mandates and protocols across the Antelope Valley (AV) and Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) does not optimize the educational experience of young minds. Both valleys are not like the rest of LA County (e.g. population density, climate....).

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Signature: *Keith Giles* Date: 11/19/21

Name: Keith Giles CSBA Region & subregion #: 22  
District or COE: Lancaster School District Years on board: 22  
Profession: Manager Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.):                       
Primary E-mail: gilesk@lancsd.org  
Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: 2019

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

Served as a prior Delegate and Director for many years  
I am very involved in serving my local community  
I am involved in many different ventures and so I bring many different points of view!

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

Served on local board for 22 years  
Served on local School Board Association for over 20 years  
Served as Reserve Deputy Sheriff for over 15 years  
Served as Soccer and T-Ball Coach  
Served in local church in various leadership roles for over 37 years  
Prior Delegate and Director

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

Funding and declining enrollment  
CSBA can continue to lobby lawmakers and train board members.

# Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2021 Election



**Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2021 | No late submissions accepted**

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Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1-7-2022

Name: Ernesto Smith CSBA Region & subregion #: 22  
District or COE: Newhall School District Years on board: 2  
Profession: IT Professional Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary E-mail: ersmith@newhallsd.com  
Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  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 want to become a CSBA Delegate to make more of an impact in education outside of my local district. Education is at the core of the success of our society. I want to continue to impact education for our youth, and I feel this role will assist in this cause. I have a bachelor's in Computer Science and a minor in Mathematics. I also have a Master's in Business Administration. Currently, I work in the Information Technology field. I would like to see more computer science taught in elementary schools. I feel my background and experience will be an asset to the role of a Delegate.

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

Some of the activities I engage in during a typical year include volunteering in my kid's classes, serving on my school's site council, serving on the District Safety Committee, and serving on the Measure E Citizen Oversight Committee. Also, I served as a volunteer youth basketball coach, a volunteer youth soccer coach, a volunteer youth soccer referee, and a volunteer youth track coach for a local track club. I regularly attend CSBA's annual conference. Also, I have completed the Master's in Governance (MIG) program with CSBA during my current term.

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

One of the most significant challenges facing our public school system is full and fair funding. With CSBA's leadership, I believe we can impact the state funding for education. We need to continue putting pressure on politicians to get the proper funding we desperately need in California.