

REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

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 **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**. 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 2019 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 10-B
(Fresno County)

Number of vacancies: 4 (Vote for no more than 4 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2021

**denotes incumbent*

- ☐ Daniel Babshoff (Kerman USD)*
- ☐ William (Bill) Johnson (Clay Joint ESD)*
- ☐ Connie Kee Schlaefer (Sierra USD)
- ☐ Kathy Spate (Caruthers USD)*
- ☐ G. Brandon Vang (Sanger USD)

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 10 – 15 Delegates (11 elected/4 appointed◆)

Director: Susan Markarian (Pacific Union ESD)

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

Subregion10-A (Madera, Mariposa)

Barbara Bigelow (Chawanakee USD), term expires 2019

Subregion10-B (Fresno)

Daniel Babshoff (Kerman USD), term expires 2019
Darrell Carter (Washington USD), term expires 2020
Gilbert Coelho (Firebaugh-Las Deltas USD), term expires 2020
Valerie Davis (Fresno USD)◆, appointed term expires 2019
Brian Heryford (Clovis USD)◆, appointed term expires 2021
William (Bill) Johnson (Clay ESD), term expires 2019
Carol Mills (Fresno USD)◆, appointed term expires 2020
Elizabeth (Betsy) Sandoval (Clovis USD)◆, appointed term expires 2020
Kathy Spate (Caruthers USD), term expires 2019
Vacant, term expires 2019
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Vacant, term expires 2020

Subregion10-C (Kings)

Teresa Carlos-Contreras (Kings River-Hardwick Union ESD), term expires 2020

County Delegate:

Sara Wilkins (Madera COE), term expires 2020

Counties

Madera, Mariposa (Subregion A)
Fresno (Subregion B)
Kings (Subregion C)



2019 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

DUE: Monday, January 7, 2019 – 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: Daniel Babshoff

Date: 12/09/2018

Name: Daniel Babshoff

CSBA Region & subregion #: 10-B

District or COE: Kerman Unified School District

Years on board: 8

Profession: Small Business Owner

Contact Number (please V ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 559-246-8507

*Primary E-mail: daniel.babshoff@kermanusd.com

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

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2013

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. (Character count limit: 700)

As a Delegate for the past 6 years, it is pivotal to continue working diligently within the foundation that CSBA has laid, to use what we have learned and persevere through the challenges that lie ahead to keep public education at the forefront. I want to be a Delegate Member because it gives me great strength within my district to be able to represent not only my district but children for decades to come. I am active within the Delegate Assembly and not just a body in a seat. I am vocal and help motivate those that need that extra push to advocate for our kids. I have great relationships with my elected officials and help them understand how their actions impact public education.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. (Character count limit: 700)

I am a member of the Fresno County School Trustees Association and serve as an officer. I am a member on the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization. I am involved with Kerman's Facilities Committee, the Kerman Unified Education Foundation, FFA and 4H. I mentor groups for young children and volunteer for sports boosters, community events and church activities. I am visible throughout our community.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? (Character count limit: 700)

In my opinion, the biggest challenge facing governing boards is finance. To be the 5th largest economy in the world and the 41st in per pupil funding is certainly upside down thinking. Yet Prop 39 has become a ceiling not a floor. If you could imagine what school districts could do with an increase in Local Control Funding and consistent, equitable funding, how much our kids would excel and how healthy our schools would be. CSBA can address it, however, it goes further to have communities rise up and not only let our elected officials know what our needs are but help them understand those needs and how they can help. CSBA has started Grass Roots Legislature and we need to be the voice of it.

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Signature: _____

Date: 12/11/2018

Name: William Johnson

CSBA Region & subregion #: 10 B

District or COE: Clay Joint Elementary School District

Years on board: 16

Profession: Retired Educator

Contact Number (please check ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 559-352-6288

*Primary E-mail: wejohnson2012@gmail.com

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

Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2017

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. (Character count limit: 700)

I have devoted 35 years as an educator for the youth of both Kern and Fresno Counties. First in a secondary education, 20 years as a teacher in the fields of Industrial Arts, Special Education and coaching. For the last 15 years I have been an Administrator for Court and Community schools for the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as a Director for At-Risk Youth. I have been fortunate to have worked with great County Superintendents such as Dr. Mehas, Larry Powell, and Jim Yovino. Under the Administration of these men, I have been assigned Directorships of the FCSS's ROP for Court and Community, State and Federal Categorical, Title I funds, along with additional responsibilities.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. (Character count limit: 700)

I have served as Trustee for the Clay Joint Elementary School District for the past 16 years and on the Clay School Foundation Committee since its inception in 1997. We as a school board have had the privilege of attending every Annual State Board Conference. I am a graduate of the Masters in Governance sponsored by CSBA.

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Career Tech, Education, school budgets, facilities, safety, technology, parent involvement, Special Education, Foster Youth and At-Risk Youth of our communities.

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Signature: C. Schlaefer Date: Dec 3, 2018

Name: Connie Kee Schlaefer CSBA Region & subregion #: 10-B
District or COE: Sierra Unified School District Years on board: 6
Profession: Retired Military Contact Number (please V ☒ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Bus.): 559-905-8372
*Primary E-mail: cschlaefer@sierrausd.org
(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)
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. (Character count limit: 700)

I have been impressed by what CSBA does to help school board members do a better job. From advocacy at the state level, to professional development, to policy help, the impact that CSBA has had on our district has been tremendous. I would like to be a more active part of this mission, helping to represent our Fresno region.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. (Character count limit: 700)

In my six years on the board, I have served as board president, vice president, governance sub-committee member, and CTE subcommittee member. I have also been a part of CCEE/CSBA's Professional Learning Network focused on helping board members understand and effectively use the LCAP process. This experience, working with other districts, has been enlightening and rewarding, and I would like to further that learning and engagement by getting involved as a delegate.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? (Character count limit: 700)

The biggest challenge is keeping up with an accelerating need for 21st Century citizens. Practically speaking, this becomes a matter of keeping aware of where our students are headed, and being able to match the resources to get our students prepared. CSBA has done a tremendous job of illustrating the need for full and fair funding, keeping the focus strong on this issue, and providing tools to help us make this case locally. Keeping our members up to date on this next change in state administration will be another vital service from CSBA during the next year in particular. Communication will be key!

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|Connie Kee Schlaefer

**Trustee, Sierra Unified School District
Prather, CA**

Objective: To serve as a representative of local schools at the state level, and to bring a greater knowledge of state happenings back to the local level.

Skills and Abilities: I served for 24+ years in the Air Force, primarily as an engineer in space systems. During that time, I managed multi-million dollar facilities and budgets, so I developed a strong sense of resource management and attention to detail. I have educational experience as an Air Force Academy faculty member—teaching and mentoring tomorrow's leaders. I am a reader, a planner, and a researcher. I place a lot of value on listening before speaking. I have a strong technical background, and a passion for K-12 education.

Contact Info:

cschlaefer@sierrausd.org

559-905-8372

Career Highlights:

- Member, SUSD Board of Trustees
- Homemaker and full-time Mom to twin daughters
- Deputy Head, Dept. of Engineering Mechanics, USAF Academy
- Commander, Edwards Research Site, Propulsion Directorate, AF Research Lab
- Executive Officer, 377 Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, NM
- Chief, Space Launch Range Oper. Test & Eval, HQ AFOTEC, Kirtland AFB, NM
- Spacecraft Launch Controller, 2nd Space Launch Sqdn, Vandenberg AFB

Education:

- Ph.D., Engineering Science & Mechanics, The Pennsylvania State University, 2003
- M.S., Mechanical Engineering, UC Santa Barbara, 1993
- B.S., Engineering Mechanics, Minor: Russian, USAF Academy, 1988

Volunteer Activities:

- Secretary, SES and FES Boosters
- Secretary, SES and FES School Site Councils
- Tutor, SHS Learning Center
- Database Manager, Volunteers in Public Service (VIPS)
- Chair, Yes for Measure O school bond campaign
- Board member, The Sierra Foundation
- Board member and Treasurer, Friends of the Auberry Library (FOAL)
- Co-Host, Foothill Elementary Rocketry Club
- Host, Foothill Elementary Computer Club

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Signature: Kathy Spate Date: Nov. 13/2018

Name: Kathy Spate CSBA Region & subregion #: 10B
District or COE: Caruthers Unified School District Years on board: 22
Profession: Retired Contact Number (please v ☐ Cell ☒ Home ☐ Bus.): 559-896-1197
*Primary E-mail: kbspate@hotmail.com
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Are you an incumbent Delegate? ☒ Yes ☐ No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2005

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. (Character count limit: 700)

I would like to continue to serve as a Delegate for Region 10. During my time as a Delegate I have strived to represent the students in our Region. Recently I did this by serving on CSBA's Nominating Committee as a member and then as the Chair. The important work done by this committee helps set the criteria for the leaders of CSBA. I plan to continue to share the needs and concerns of our Region's districts with my fellow Delegates and advocate with our legislators for full and fair funding for our schools.

Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. (Character count limit: 700)

Caruthers High School: Board Member - 1996 to 1998
Caruthers Unified School District: Board Member - 1998 to present -- Board Clerk - 1998 to 2005, 2013- present -- President - 2006 -2007
Fresno County Trustees Association: Member - 1996 to present -- Board of Directors - 1998 to present - President - 2004 - 2005 - 2014
CSBA: Delegate: 2005- present -- Annual Conference Committee: 2011, 2012, 2013 -- Nominating Committee: Member 2016 - Chair 2017
Golden Bell Award Validator - Small Schools Council - Masters in Governance - Attendee

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? (Character count limit: 700)

The biggest challenge for every governing board is lack of funding. Across the state districts do amazing things with the limited funding we receive, but district need more. Our students deserve funding that matches California's robust economy. CSBA can continue to advocate for additional funding by encouraging Delegates and board members across the state to lobby our local representatives in Sacramento regarding increased funding.

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Signature: _____

Date: January 4, 2019

Name: G. Brandon Vang

CSBA Region & subregion #: 10B

District or COE: Sanger Unified School District

Years on board: 2

Profession: Farmer

Contact Number (please V ☐ Cell ☒ Home ☐ Bus.): 559-369-7429

*Primary E-mail: brandon_vang@sanger.k12.ca.us

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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.

As a member of the Delegate Assembly, I will be representing my region's interests in setting statewide policies affecting all school districts and county of education offices. I will be a voice for all Central Valley school districts, students, and parents.

Having won a competitive school board election two years ago has given me an understanding and appreciation of the critical educational issues affecting this area. Furthermore, as a Trustee and a parent of 2 recent high school graduates and 3 current students, I have first-hand knowledge budget shortfalls and surpluses and how it can impact local school district's ability to provide a comprehensive financial plan.

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

Having 3 current students enrolled in the local school district which I served has given me a unique insight as a Trustee. Every decision I made have and will continue to affect every employee, parent, and student in this district. Therefore, I tried to engage parents every opportunity I have and asked them for their opinions as to their vision and direction of the district. Additionally, annual parent survey results are helpful as to how parents feel about the status of the district. Lastly, the personal training I received and the shared training experiences of my colleagues through CSBA courses has greatly enhanced my understanding to govern locally, while anticipating future directions of CSBA and budget dynamics of the governor's office.

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

There are many challenges facing public education in this state in today's 21st century. However, the biggest challenge I see facing local governing school boards and public education is the lack of funding for early education or grammar school. I believed if CA is going to continue to be the 6th largest economy in the world, it will have to prepare and produce the workforce necessary to sustain this economy. This means we must invest much more in early childhood education and continue to give each student the training and support, in terms of finance and curriculum choices, necessary to compete in today's global market economy.

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