



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



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.

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

Signature: Laurie Fong Date: 12-18-19

Name: Laurie Fong CSBA Region & subregion #: 3A
 District or COE: Santa Rosa City Schools, Sonoma COE Years on board: 3
 Profession: retired teacher/principal Contact Number (please v Cell Home Bus.): 707 975-0832
 *Primary E-mail: lfong@srcs.k12.ca.us
 (*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.

As a career educator, serving as a teacher and principal, and now as the President of our Board, I continue to be vitally interested in not just the well-being and educational preparation of those students in our care, but in the policy decisions that dramatically affect them. I am looking forward to engaging in the issues and ideas to help shepherd the high quality environment where LEAs and COEs can thrive and do their best work. My relationships in our community, built over my years in education will serve us well. I plan to be an active, participatory member who continues to learn.

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

As teacher, then principal in our District schools, I am well acquainted with our community. I ran for my Board seat upon my retirement and am completing my third year on our Board. In all of these years, I have participated and led in our community programs, events, non-profits: mental health, career-technical non-profits/boards, social justice, economic development, RedforEd initiatives for CSBA, Full and Fair Funding, Legislative Action Days, CSBA annual conferences, youth development and just about anything that increased our capacity to serve students and families.

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

The biggest challenge is the incongruence of demands/expectations/mandates for schools with the resources to accomplish them. These resources include not only money, but time and the mindset that the scope of education of students today is vastly broader and deeper than it was in the 1970s, when our funding changed. California is making decisions that express its values: that our pupils are funded at the very lowest comparative end indicates that our values are elsewhere. The work that CSBA and other educational groups I have been members of before (ACSA, CTA...) is VITAL.

Submit biographical sketch form only once, do not send multiple times. E-mail: nominations@csba.org, or fax to (916) 371-3407, or US Mail to: CSBA Exec. Office | Attn: DA Elections | 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacto, CA 95691 by the deadline: Tues. Jan. 7, 2020.



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Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: December 30, 2019

Name: <u>Jeremy Brott</u>	CSBA Region & subregion #: <u>3-A</u>
District or COE: <u>Bennett Valley Union School District</u>	Years on board: <u>21</u>
Profession: <u>Retired</u>	Contact Number (please check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.): <u>707 548-4226</u>
*Primary E-mail: <u>jeremy.brott@bvusd.org</u>	
(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)	
Are you an incumbent Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, year you became Delegate: <u>2018</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 serving as a CSBA Delegate because I believe my experience in, and passion for, public education make me an excellent representative for local school boards. CSBA regularly demonstrates its value as an advocate, such as with the Full and Fair Funding initiative. Engaging in, and supporting, CSBA's efforts on our behalf is critical to our success as individual districts. I bring to the position my 21 years of service as a public school trustee, combined with the experience gained from a 30+ year career in municipal human resources. With this background I am able to listen to, synthesize, and articulate district concerns to CSBA.

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

I have been a member of the Bennett Valley Union School District Board of Trustees for 21 years. I have served as Board President and as a member of the board Policy Committee and the Labor Negotiations team. I have served on the Sonoma County Committee on School Board Organization from 2007 to present. As a CSBA Delegate, I have attended all Delegate Assembly meetings, served as a validator for Golden Bell Award nominations and have volunteered to serve on the CSBA task force on climate change. My community service has included time as a board member of the Bennett Valley Education Foundation.

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

Schools today face the challenge of meeting the educational needs of a diverse population in an ever more challenging environment. The biggest need is addressing the achievement gap and ensuring that all of our students have the skills needed for success. Funding is a continuing issue, particularly funding for special education and increasing pension costs. Improving state testing and accountability measures so they provide the public and teachers with accurate, relevant, timely and meaningful pupil data will increase the value and return on investment and enhance their effectiveness. CSBA plays a critical role in identifying solutions and advocating for their adoption.

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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 3-A
(Sonoma County)

(Vote for no more than 1 candidate)

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

**denotes incumbent*

Jeremy Brott (Bennett Valley Union SD)*

Laurie Fong, (Santa Rosa City Schools)

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.