



California School Employees Association

GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Action for Chapter Presidents: Candidate biographical information should be discussed at chapter meetings in order for the chapter to have knowledge of the candidates their delegates will be voting on at conference.

A. SUBJECT MATTER

Included with this bulletin is biographical information for candidates for Association office. These candidates have chosen to provide background information to chapters and have met the March 1 deadline as outlined in Policy 205, *Procedure for Filing for Candidacy for Association Office*.

B. REQUIRED ACTION

For Chapter Presidents: Candidate information should be discussed at chapter meetings in order to provide the chapter's conference delegates with information for voting for Association officers. Biographical information can be reproduced as needed.

For Regional Representatives and Labor Relations Representatives: For discussion at chapter meetings and RPMs to be certain that chapters hold informed discussion on Association officer elections held at conference.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Dave Low
Executive Director

DL:GD:tbp:jen

Attachments: Biographical Information for candidates for Association offices.

DISTRIBUTION:

(For Action) Chapter Presidents; Regional Representatives; Labor Relations Representatives

(For Information) Board of Directors; Alternate Area Directors; Assistant Regional Representatives; Chairpersons and Members, Standing Committees; Political Action Coordinators; Regional Communications Officers; Retiree Unit Executive Board; Retiree Council Presidents; Life Members and Honor Roll Recipients; All Staff

PREVIOUS BULLETIN INFORMATION:

GIB 26-17, dated 3/31/17, and titled "1. Final Expense Claim for 2016-2017, 2. Letter of Interest," was given general distribution.

CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

The following candidate statement has been provided directly by the candidate. The Association takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the statement, nor is endorsement of any candidate intended or to be implied.

SANDRA RIVERA

1241 Del Valle Avenue, La Puente, CA 91744

Employed by Rio Hondo Community College District

Member of Rio Hondo Community College Chapter 477, Region 11

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

"I respectfully request the opportunity to serve our CSEA members as Association President. I submit the following State-level, Regional, Chapter, and community service qualifications and experience for your consideration.

Chapter:

CSEA member for 30 years

10 years as Chapter President, Rio Hondo Community College 477

16 years as Chief Job Steward, jacketed, Rio Hondo Community College 477

Regional:

Assistant Regional Representative, Region 11

Regional PAC, Region 11

State:

Community College Committee, Area G Representative

Currently the Chair of the Community College Committee, 2015-16, 2016-17

CSEA CLC (Central Labor Council) Task Force

Awarded the Wally Blice Award for Political Action, 2013

Awarded the Richard C. Bartlett Award for Activist of the Year, 2015

Community/Labor Service:

Established and served as Partner Pantry Coordinator, Area G

Vice President #13 of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor

It would be a privilege and an honor to continue serving CSEA and our members as Association President."

CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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BEN VALDEPEÑA

1224 Placer Street, Redlands, CA 92374

Employed by Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District

Member of Yucaipa-Calimesa Chapter 209, Region 91

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

“2007 CSEA Activist of the year

Member – 32 years

Chapter President – 10 years

Union Steward – 12 years

Chief Union Steward – 2 years

Regional Representative – 6 years

Alternate Area F Director – 3 years

Area F Director – 3 years

Your Association 2nd Vice President – 2 years

Your Association 1st Vice President – 2.5 years

Currently Your Association President

Currently Executive Vice President California Labor Federation

I was Co-Chair of Labor United for Universal Healthcare

Chair of the following committees and Task Forces:

Investment Committee, Member Intern Program Committee, Maintenance & Operations

Committee, CLC Task Force, the Technology Task Force, Resolutions Committee, Budget

Committee”

CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATION FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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KERRY WOODS

1011 Concourse Street, La Habra, CA 90631

Employed by Fullerton Joint Union High School District

Member of Fullerton High Chapter 82, Region 22

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

“Hello, my name is Kerry Woods and I have been privileged and honored to serve as your Association Secretary for the past four years. Standing together shoulder to shoulder in unity all across our state is the reason CSEA is recognized as the very best union for classified employees. The last two years have been amazing; we increased our membership to over 230,000 members! I know that all of the experiences I have been a part of as a member of the Board of Directors have prepared me for the next step. I am running for the office of 1st Vice President and I am asking all of you for your support in this new leadership position.

Please vote for Kerry Woods for 1st Vice President at the 91st CSEA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, July 31st – August 4, 2017.

Thank you.”

CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATION SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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JOHN NIETO

9502 Glencannon Drive, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
Employed by Montebello Unified School District
Member of Montebello Chapter 505, Region 58

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

“My name is John Nieto, currently Area G Director, I'm Native American of the Southern Paiute, Pueblo Indian Nations, a former US Marine. I'm running for Association 2nd Vice President at the 2017 CSEA Annual Conference.

Over the past 14 years, I've been a very active member, in Montebello 505, CPAC, Treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President. My State positions, Regional PAC, Regional Representative, currently Area G Director. These experiences that I've had has prepared me for the next position as your Association 2nd Vice President.

As 2nd Vice President, I will assist the CSEA President, Association Officers, and Board of Directors with moving CSEA's vision forward.

I'm from the membership, supporting the membership, having an open mind for their concerns.

I come before you to ask for your trust and support in electing me as your next 2nd Vice President. Thank you.”

CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

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MARISOL G. RIVERA

1401 S. Concourse Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90022

Employed by Montebello Unified School District

Member of Montebello Chapter 505, Region 58

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT:

“My name is Marisol G. Rivera, currently a Regional Representative 58. I’m running for Association Secretary at our CSEA 2017 Annual Conference. I’m an activist in my Chapter 505 Montebello and State levels. I have held the following positions, CPRO, Webmaster, 1st Vice President, and State positions have been Regional PAC, currently a Regional Representative 58. My duties with Montebello Unified School district have been an Elementary School Secretary. Being a secretary, I’ve been able to assist students, parents, teachers and CSEA co-workers with the scope of work. I consider myself a fighter for the true meaning of our foundation to continue to strive to better working conditions to all our members in CSEA. CSEA has given me the resource to fulfill the scope of work we do to protect our members. I’m ready to take a new challenge in my life as a State Officers Association Secretary.”