California School Boards Association

TIME SENSITIVE, REQUIRES BOARD ACTION
DEADLINE Friday, April 29, 2016

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member Boards of Education in Subregion 7B

From: Chris Ungar, President

Re: 2016 CSBA Delegate Assembly Run-off
U.S. Postmark Deadline – Friday, April 29, 2016

The members of the Delegate Assembly Election Tellers Committee met on March 22 to count and certify the ballots for membership on the CSBA Delegate Assembly. A tie vote resulted in your subregion.

Enclosed is the run-off ballot material for election of a representative to CSBA Delegate Assembly from your subregion. The material consists of the ballot (on turquoise paper) and the candidate's biographical sketch form. In addition, we are including a "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 ballot on turquoise paper is to be completed and returned**.

The board, as a whole, votes using the turquoise ballot. The ballot must be completely filled out, signed by the Superintendent or the Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your stationery; please write **DELEGATE ELECTION – RUN-OFF BALLOT** prominently on the envelope with the subregion number on the bottom left corner. **Ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before *Friday, April 29, 2016. No exceptions are allowed.***

The ballots will be counted no later than May 6, and the candidates involved in the run-off election will be notified immediately of the results. Should a second tie occur, then the Regional Director will cast the tie-breaking vote.

All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2018. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly is on Saturday, May 14 – Sunday, May 15 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. Please do not hesitate to contact Charlyn Tuter in the Leadership Services department at (800) 266-3382 ext. 3281 should you have any questions. Thank you.

RUN-OFF BALLOT

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, APRIL 29, 2016**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "✕" in the box.

A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.

OFFICIAL 2016 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-B
(Alameda County)

Number of vacancies: 1 **(Vote for no more than 1 candidate)**

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2018

**denotes incumbent*

☐ Valerie Arkin (Pleasanton USD)*

☐ Philip Hu (Alameda USD)

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Provision for Write-in Candidate Name *School District*

_____ _____
Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk *Title*

_____ _____
School District/COE Name *Date of Board Action*

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

Region 7 – Anne White, Director (Livermore Valley Joint USD)
20 Delegates (15 elected/5 appointed)

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

Subregion A
Laura Canciamilla (Pittsburg USD), term expires 2018
Christine Dean (Contra Costa COE), term expires 2017
Madeline Kronenberg (West Contra Costa USD), term expires 2017
Linda K. Mayo (Mt. Diablo USD), appointed term expires 2017
Kathi McLaughlin (Martinez USD), term expires 2018
Yolanda C. Pena Mendrek (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2017
Raymond (Ray) Valverde (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2018
Elizabeth Block (West Contra Costa-USD), appointed term expires 2018

Subregion B
Valerie Arkin (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2016 – Run Off
Ann Crosbie (Fremont USD), appointed term expires 2017
Jamie Hintzke (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2018
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler (Berkley USD), term expires 2017
Jody London (Oakland USD), appointed term expires 2017
William McGee (Hayward USD), term expires 2017
Amy Miller (Dublin USD), term expires 2018
Diana J. Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2017
Joaquin J. Rivera (Alameda COE), term expires 2017
Nancy Thomas (Newark USD), elected term expires 2018
Rosie Torres (Oakland USD), appointed term expires 2018

County Delegate
Aisha Knowles (Alameda COE), term expires 2017

Counties

Contra Costa (Subregion A)
Alameda (Subregion B)

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2016 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

DUE: Thursday, January 7, 2016

Mail to: CSBA | Attn: Leadership Services | 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 | fax: (916) 371-3407 | or email: 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 Leadership Services department. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Leadership Services department at (800) 266-3382.

Name: Valerie Arkin

CSBA Region-subregion #: 7B

District or COE Name: Pleasanton Unified School District

Years on board: 7

Profession: _____ Contact Number: 925-417-1969 E-mail: varkin@pleasantonusd.net

Are you a continuing Delegate? ☑ Yes ☐ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? 4 years

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

I have been a School Board member for 7 years and I've been on the Delegate Assembly for 4 years. I have been an active participant in the Assembly meetings and have enjoyed being a part of the collaborative voice for CSBA. I am interested in continuing my service in advancing the goals of CSBA's Delegates, those of which include policy leadership on behalf of students, support for governance teams, and educating communities on issues that concern our children. I have a deep understanding of the issues our students face and I enjoy being an active voice in the role of public education. I want to continue to be involved in the advocacy work that is essential in our organization. I have attended all CSBA annual conferences and have attended Delegate Assemblies. I have been Board President twice, finishing one of the terms this year. I have also been on numerous committees and task forces. I have the passion, dedication, and time to be involved in helping shape the direction and priorities for CSBA and would be honored to continue my service in the role of a Delegate.

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

Board President - 2011 and 2015
Board VP - 2013
Strategic Planning Committees (multiple)
Youth Master Plan Committee
PUSD/City of Pleas Liaison committee
Alameda Co School Board Assoc
Hacienda Housing Development committee (PUSD rep)
Economic Vitality committee (alternate)
Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative rep
SELPA Board member

Library Commissioner, City of Pleasanton (2006-2014)
Tri-Valley YMCA, Board of Managers (2005-2008)
Girl Scouts, summer camp leader (2007-2012)

Bachelor of Science, Health Administration, Cal State Northridge
Master of Business Administration, Organizational Psych option, California Lutheran University

CSBA Masters in Governance (completed in 2012)

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

Boards are entrusted by their communities to ensure that a high quality education is provided to all students. My belief is that ALL students have their educational needs fulfilled in order to reach their highest potential. Areas that are essential in addressing this belief include the ability of our children to be able to read at an early age. This is an accurate (proven by data) indicator of future academic success and we need to continually address this issue. Closing our achievement gap is another educational issue that needs continued attention. Additional resources for Common Core is sorely needed (instructional materials, professional development, and technology). Continued attention on assessments is valuable. Our students should not be defined by a single number and we need to find better ways to assess our students progress and mastery of subjects. Our students need to be able to compete globally and as such, we need to continually explore programs and services that would allow our children to succeed. We need more technology in our classrooms and we need funding to ensure safe and up-to-date facilities. CSBA needs to advocate on the curricular issues, but also for the state facilities bond and the reserve cap. Increased funding is a major critical issue that affects all of our work and thus, CSBA needs to continue its advocacy for funding education in our state. I would be honored to have your vote.

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

Signature: Valerie Arkin *Date:* 12/7/15

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Name: Philip Hu

CSBA Region-subregion #: 7-B

District or COE Name: Alameda USD

Years on board: 1 year

Profession: Union Executive

Contact Number: 510.337.7187

E-mail: phu@alameda.k12.ca.us

Are you a continuing Delegate? ☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? N/A

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

I spent 19 years as a classroom instructor in higher education. I began my teaching career as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at San Diego State University where I was the instructor or record. I chose the textbooks, I developed the curriculum, I taught the class, I created the assignments, I graded the essays, and I determined the final grades.

The majority of my 19 years of teaching was spent at community colleges where I served a population of students that usually come from the most underserved and under represented areas of the community. Many, even in the new millennium, are the first in the family to attend college. Student opportunity, success and achievement are paramount goals in community colleges. Social justice became a daily mantra.

I have spent nearly two decades fighting and advocating for students and their education, and I wish to continue to do so.

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

Alameda School Board Member (appointed)
Board subcommittee of Joint City-School District
Board liaison to Alameda County School Board Association
Board subcommittee of ROP/CTE/Career Pathways
San Gabriel School Board Member (elected, reelected)
Los Angeles County School Trustees Association Regional Director
Board liaison to Congresswoman Judy Chu's Office
Board liaison to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson
Board subcommittee on rules and policy
Board appointee to San Gabriel City's Parks & Recreation committee

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

Top 3 Priorities:
1. School funding. It should be a priority for all involved in education (individuals, institutions, and organizations) to help renew Prop 30 and close the loopholes in Prop 13. Legislative fixes for certain districts which may be disadvantaged due to loss of federal overlay.
2. Career Technical Education/Career Pathways. After 35 years of "college track" and the slow dismantling of "shop classes" in K12, we are seeing and experiencing the consequences of the short sightedness of a "college only" track.
3. Innovative programs for student engagement and success. Arts integration, magnet schools, CTE centric schools, dual-language immersion, music immersion, etc. More and more, "standardized" curriculum is failing underachieving and underserved students. Specialized, differentiated programs and curriculum not only "revitalize" an under-performing school, they better capture students' attention and engagement.

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

Signature: _____ *Date:* 12/18/15

Philip Hu

153 Cumberland Way, Alameda, CA 94502
Cell: (626) 318-4472 / sdsumfa@mail.yahoo.com

EDUCATION: San Diego State University (1998). MFA, Creative Writing
University of California, San Diego (1994). BA, Literature/Writing.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

8/02 to 7/14	Professor of English at Cerritos College.
8/99 to 5/01	Full-Time, Tenure-Track English Instructor at West Valley College.
9/02 to 6/03	Lecturer at California State University, Los Angeles.
1/02 to 5/02	Adjunct English Faculty at Pasadena City College.
1/02 to 1/02	English Instructor at Los Angeles Pierce College.
1/99 to 7/99	Composition Instructor at Laney College.
8/98 to 12/98	Instructor at College of Alameda.
8/98 to 12/98	English Instructor at City College of San Francisco.

LEADERSHIP/COLLEGIALITY EXPERIENCE:

8/12 to 12/13	Director, Teacher Assistant Program (TAP)
8/11 to 12/13	Committee Member, English 100 SLO Committee
8/10 to 12/13	Faculty Advisor, Cerritos College Democratic Club
8/09 to 7/14	Committee Member, Creative Writing Certificate/Program Committee
5/09 to 8/11	COPE Director, Cerritos College Faculty Federation
1/08 to 5/10	Director, Faculty Senate Civic Education Initiative
1/08 to 1/10	Faculty Representative, College Coordinating Committee
9/05 to 12/09	Faculty Senator for the Liberal Arts Division
8/07 to 5/09	Vice President at Large, Cerritos College Faculty Federation
9/05 to 8/07	Communications Chair, Cerritos College Faculty Federation
1/03 to 1/05	Committee Member, English Department Part-Timer Hiring Committee
8/99 to 5/01	Advisor, *Submit*, West Valley College's literary journal
8/99 to 5/01	Director, Breath Reading Series at West Valley College
8/97 to 5/98	Assistant to Editor-In-Chief of *Poetry International*, SDSU
1/96 to 12/97	Project Co-Director of Living Writers' Series

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

--*Beyond Red & Blue: A Socio-political Reader*. Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, 2011. College Composition Textbook
--"Hard Labor." *Beyond Red & Blue: A Socio-political Reader*. (pen name: Brandon Crow). Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, 2011.
--FACCCTS (Journal of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges), Fall 2010: "Cheater, Cheater…System Beater?"