

Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2021 Election



Deadline: Thursday, January 7, 2021 | 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 no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2021. 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, 2021.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.
Signature: *Christopher Oase* Date: December 2,

Name: Dr. Christopher "Kit" Oase CSBA Region & subregion #: 8A
District or COE: Ripon USD Years on board: 10
Profession: Retired Educator Contact Number (Cell Home Bus.): 209 613-1035
Primary E-mail: kitoase@yahoo.com
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.

The CSBA has established itself as an effective organization representing school boards and children throughout the State of California. I would hope to continue my service as a member of the Delegate Assembly to actively support these efforts. I have skills and knowledge as a former teacher and administrator as well as service as a member and chair, many years ago, of the State Commission on Educational Innovation and Planning. I would hope the breadth and depth of my experience and ability to work with others might be helpful in the work of our organization.

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

I have served on the Ripon Unified School District's Board of Trustees for 10 years including work as Clerk, Vice President and President. I have served on many committees, chaired the last two bond campaigns for our district, attended CSBA Legislative Action Days, and been involved in legislative issues on a regular basis. My community activities include serving as President of the Ripon Arts League, working as a volunteer and donor at the local Red Cross Blood Bank and service as lay leader of my church.

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

Our challenges include: (1) maximizing the resources we have to provide the best education we can for students, (2) continuing work to keep ourselves informed on local and statewide issues, (3) providing leadership to local school boards on all aspects of addressing the COVID-18 crisis, and, (4) ensuring that CSBA continues its excellent efforts to garner respect in the education community, the State Legislature, Governor, and public at large. CSBA needs to continue to inform school board members on how they can improve communication at all levels and the importance of its role in fostering quality schools. To that end, we must work as a team to build and maintain strong relationships between local boards and superintendents, address the ongoing need for more reasonable funding to meet the needs of students, and develop a stronger and reasoned voice for CSBA.

Resume of Christopher "Kit" Oase

Member of the Delegate Assembly (8A)- 4 years

Member and Board Officer, Ripon Unified School District- 10 years

Active in CSBA Legislative Action Day, Proposition 51 election and specific legislative efforts

Holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Government and Music from Sacramento State Univ.

Holds Interdisciplinary Doctorate in Political Science and Economics from Idaho State University

Retired educator with 11 years teaching experience at the elementary and high school levels, and 24 years of service as a school administrator in unified school districts and the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

Enjoys- family, photography, camping, golf and music.

Lay leader and choir member in his church, 25 gallon+ blood donor, community concerts leader, and scholarship donor.