

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 by no later than by 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: Courtney Porter Date: 1/7/2021

Name: Courtney Porter CSBA Region & subregion #: 8 A
District or COE: Lodi Unified School District Years on board: 3
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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.

I have been a classroom teacher and coach for 38 years so I have an insider's appreciation for educational management. I have taught AP, special needs, English language learners and a variety of children from diverse backgrounds. I know how instrumental collegial, competent and cooperative school boards can be for these children.

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

In addition to 38 years of teaching, I have held leadership positions such as department chair, union executive board, aquatics director and head water polo coach at both the high school and collegiate levels. I have fundraised successfully for these programs, and my dedication to students is well known by everyone in my community. I have held Teacher of the Year honors at the high school where I taught, and I was awarded CIF State Coach of the Year as well.

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

Since I have spent 38 years teaching, I am acutely aware of California's teacher shortage. It is critical that the state's school boards work to attract qualified teachers and retain those teachers through meaningful professional development and reliable mentoring. I have worked with my district to do this, but I'd like to continue to work with CSBA to troubleshoot this crisis at a state level as well. I am also interested in ending the school to prison pipeline with targeted educational reforms.