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March 8, 2017

To: Board of Education

From: James Harris, President

Sub: CSBA Delegate Assembly, Subregion 7B Candidates

Legislative File No. 17-0375

Introduction Date: 03/08/2017

Enactment No.: 17-0311

Enactment Date: 03/08/2017

### ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 1617-0140 directing the Secretary of the Board, on behalf of the Board, to cast a ballot for Subregion 7-B Regional CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates as listed in said Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference as a though fully set forth.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

As you may know, the California School Boards Association (CSBA) is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's more than 1,000 school district and county offices of education, which advocates for and promotes the interest of K-12 children through a variety of organized means.

The Association's governance structure, in part, provides for a Delegate Assembly, elected, in part, by member school boards divided into Subregion. The Oakland Board is a member of the Association and is geographically located in Subregion 7-B (Alameda County).

Presently there are four delegates to be elected to the Delegate Assembly from Subregion 7-B of the Association for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2017. The Assembly will meet at least twice a year to conduct business and may also meet with other Delegates and Director of the Region and otherwise act in the interests of the Association.

Board of Education

Re: CSBA Delegate Assembly, Subregion 7B Candidates

March 8, 2017

Four school board member candidates within CSBA Subregion 7-B have qualified to seek the office. Upon conferring with our Board's Assembly delegates – Jody London and Roseann Torres – they recommend that the Board support the following four candidates: Beatriz Levya-Cutler, Berkeley Unified School District; William McGee, Hayward Unified School District; Diana Prola, San Leandro Unified School District and Nancy Thomas, Newark Unified School District.

I believe that the recommended candidates will personally serve the interests of the Oakland Board and well represent the Subregion as a whole if elected to the Delegate Assembly.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 1617-0140 directing the Secretary of the Board, on behalf of the Board, to cast a ballot for Subregion 7-B Regional CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates as listed in said Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference as a though fully set forth.

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Attachments

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution No. 1617-0140**

**DETERMINING AND INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD TO CAST  
BALLOT AS INSTRUCTED FOR UP TO FOUR CANDIDATES FOR CALIFORNIA  
SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION 2017 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY SUBREGION 7-B  
(ALAMEDA COUNTY) AND TIMELY RETURN BALLOT TO CSBA WITH A  
POSTMARK ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's more than 1,000 school districts and county offices of education which advocates for and promotes the interests of K-12 children through a variety of organized means; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association's governance structure, in part, provides for a Delegate Assembly, elected in part by member school boards divided into sub regions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Unified School District Board is a member of the Association and is geographically located in Subregion 7-B (Alameda County); and

**WHEREAS**, there are four delegates to be elected to the Delegate Assembly from Subregion 7-B of the Association for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2017 and the Assembly will meet at least twice a year to conduct business, and may also meet with the other Delegates and the Director within the Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are seven candidates from school boards, on the current ballot for Subregion 7-B, of which each member Board of the sub-region may cast ballots for up to four candidates, and return same to CSBA Headquarters with a postmark not later than March 15, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board having reviewed the biographical sketch, and, if submitted, the resume of each candidate, discussed who may best represent the interests and expectations of the District as a CSBA Delegate Assembly representative, and believes that the Board's four votes should be casted one each for Beatriz Levya-Cutler, Berkeley Unified School District; William McGee, Hayward Unified School District; Diana Prola, San Leandro Unified School District and Nancy Thomas, Newark Unified School District,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby directs the Secretary of the Board, on behalf of the Board, to cast a ballot for CSBA Subregion 7-B Delegate Assembly candidates named in the above-stated clause; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Board is further directed to return said casted Ballot to CSBA with a postmark not later than March 15, 2017.

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**AYES:** Jody London, Aimee Eng, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Roseann Torres, Vice President Nina Senn, President James Harris

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN ED:** None

**ABSENT:** Shanthi Gonzales

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held March 8, 2017.



Devin Dillon, Ph.D. Interim Secretary  
Oakland Unified School District

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**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.**

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**Subregion A**

Elizabeth Block (West Contra Costa USD), appointed term expires 2017  
Laura Canciamilla (Pittsburg USD), term expires 2018  
Christine Deane (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

**Subregion B**

Valerie Arkin (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2018  
Desire Campbell (Fremont USD), term expires 2018  
Ann Crosbie (Fremont USD), appointed term expires 2019  
Jamie Hintzke (Pleasanton USD), term expires 2018  
Philip Hu (Alameda USD), term expires 2017  
Beatriz Leyva-Cutler (Berkley USD), term expires 2017  
Jody London (Oakland USD), appointed term expires 2019  
William McGee (Hayward USD), term expires 2017  
Amy Miller (Dublin USD), term expires 2018  
Diana J. Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2017  
Rosie Torres (Oakland USD), appointed term expires 2018

**County Delegate**

Aisha Knowles (Alameda COE), term expires 2017

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**Counties**

Contra Costa (Subregion A)  
Alameda (Subregion B)

**REQUIRES BOARD ACTION**

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 **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017**. 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 2017 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT  
SUBREGION 7-B  
(Alameda County)

Number of vacancies: 4 (Vote for no more than 4 candidates)

*Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2019*

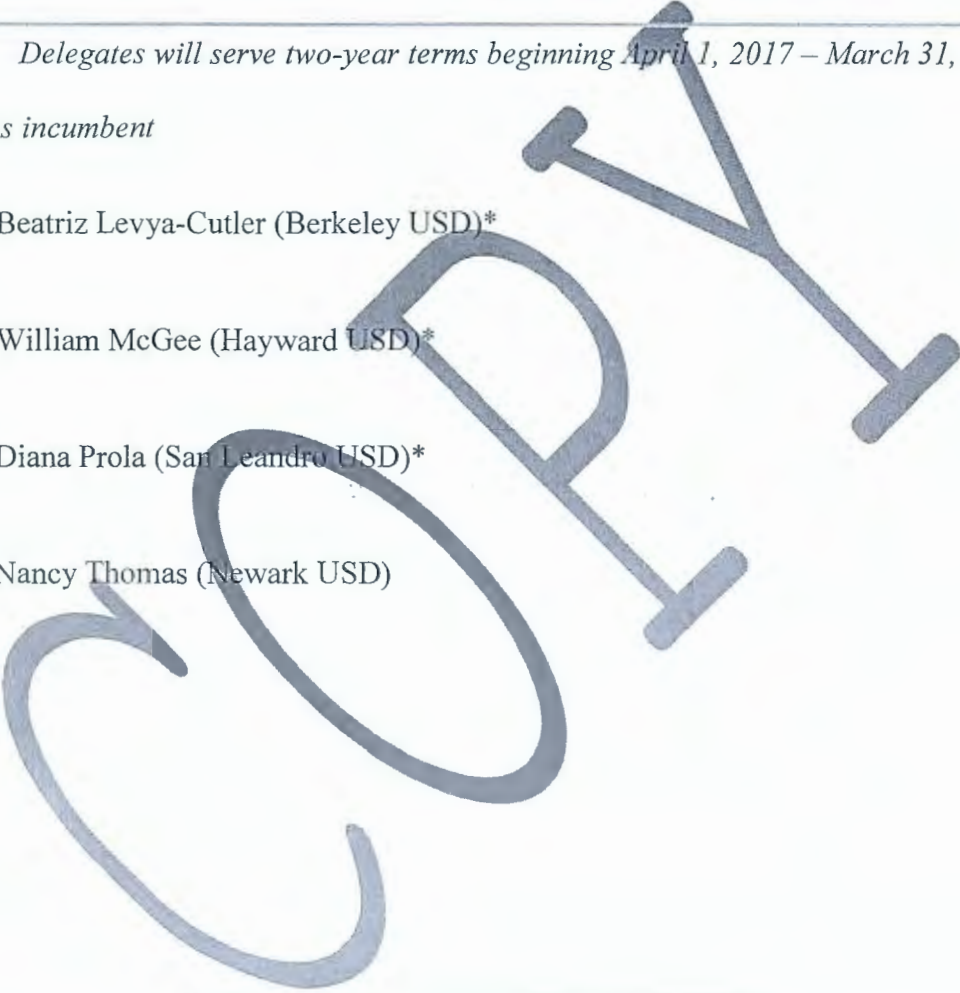
*\*denotes incumbent*

Beatriz Levya-Cutler (Berkeley USD)\*

William McGee (Hayward USD)\*

Diana Prola (San Leandro USD)\*

Nancy Thomas (Newark USD)



*Provision for Write-in Candidate Name*

*School District*

*Devin Sellen*

**Interim Board Secretary**

*Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk*

*Title*

**Oakland Unified School District**

**3/8/2017**

*School District Name*

*Date of Board Action*

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

## 2017 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

**DUE: Saturday, January 7, 2017**

Mail to: CSBA | Attn: Executive Office | 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 | fax: (916) 371-3407 | or email: [nominations@csba.org](mailto: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 Executive Office. Late submissions will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Office at (800) 266-3382.

Name: <u>Beatriz Leyva-Cutler</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>7B</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Berkeley Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>8 (Eight)</u>
Profession: <u>Executive Director /Child Care</u> Contact Number: <u>510-847-0784</u>	E-mail: <u>beatrizleyvac@gmail.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>2</u>	

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

In my career span of over 37 years I have been dedicated to bilingual early to school age care and education and focused my work as a school board member on the achievement gap and equity. In my participation at Delegate meetings I have stood up to support bilingual education, equity and access to services and resources to families, and supporting the recruitment, retention and hiring of more teachers of color. I am an experienced educator with a strong focus on family/community engagement, bilingual education, early to school age care and education (preschool and after school programming) and state funding regulations. I am a leader in my community and also currently running for Democrat Delegate in Assembly District 15. In this capacity I can take what I know about public education, families and children, immigration and bilingual education and be a stronger advocate for our students and their families.

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

For six years now I have participated in the Students Attendance Review Board (SARB) to address truancy and absence of our students in Berkeley Unified. This has helped me be a vocal champion for how we as a school district can better support, understand and remedy the needs of our students to reduce truancy and absenteeism in our schools and through our LCAP. I have also attended the State Review Board to speak to the issues and concerns we have for our students as a district, county and state. I recently finished my term as Board President and I helped our board be more efficient in our time, agendas and meetings by working closely with the superintendent and fellow board members. For 8 years I have been and active participant in the DELAC Committee. In the community, I am the Executive Director of an well-established and respected quality bilingual early to school age care program in Berkeley. I am currently on the Transitional Kindergarten Professional Learning Steering Committee of which both Vernon Billy and Anne White, the CSBA Region 7 Director submitted my name for consideration to this steering committee that provides input into learning/training modules for TK/K teachers.

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

The biggest challenge facing governing boards today is the newly elected President, his administration, leadership and the new Secretary of Education in Washington, D.C. How can we as school districts, state, county address the threats of this newly elected president and his administration to dismantle, weaken or take apart public education. Our work towards equity in education and the vision that all children are entitled to a quality education from birth to college is being threaten as are the parents of our students who are valued partners. We all have a responsibility to say loudly and clearly to our communities that our schools are safe places and sanctuaries for our students and their families, it is no longer a simple understanding -- but must be clearly articulated, stated and practiced because our students and their families are threaten with deportation, registration and separation. This is a threat we must be prepared to respond to. As a CSBA Delegate I will help to address this issue by being a vocal advocate that school boards, campuses and policies and procedures will be in place to protect our students, families, teachers and public education.

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

Signature: 

Date: January 6, 2017

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Name: <u>William McGee</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>7-B</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Hayward Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>Six</u>
Profession: <u>Principal, Middle School</u> Contact Number: <u>510-999-8092</u>	E-mail: <u>wmcgee@husd.k12.ca.us</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>Two</u>	

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

I have been on the Delegate Assembly (DA) for one term. I would like to continue on the DA in order to see the work we have done as a region continue. The City of Hayward is one of the most diverse cities in California, and being a resident and Trustee in this city brings a lot of experience. I also bring the practice of being an educator to the Delegate Assembly. I am able to use my skills as an educator to intersect practice and policy, and help create policy that leads to increases in student achievement.

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

My involvement and activities on my local board include work for at-risk students. Since I became a Board member, I was able to champion an achievement initiative for African American students that was supported by our Board. Our Board has also created policy which allows fosterr youth to revieve and transfer variable credit while in high school. I also garnered support to have our district create an Academic Sub-committee which meets throughout the school year and focuses on academics. Our Board is also creating a Board Policy Sub-committee to have deepr conversations about board policies. My involvement with CSBA is with the Delegate Assembly, legislative action days, lobby days, and more. I am also a member of the National Hispanic Caucus and the National Black Caucus. I am active with the National School Boards Association and the Council of Urban Boards of Education.

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

I feel the biggest challenge facing governing boards is school board leadership, board members knowing their role, ad working with the Superintendent as a governance team. CSBA can address these issues by creating an adhawk committe of various school board members or Delegates to discuss how CSBA can improve Masters in Governance and CSBA's retreat delivery.

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

Signature: William Lowell McGee

Date: 1/6/2017



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Name: <u>Diana Prola</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>7-B</u>
District or COE Name: <u>San Leandro Unified</u>	Years on board: <u>8</u>
Profession: <u>retired educator</u> Contact Number: <u>510-483-0744</u>	Email: <u>dprola@yahoo.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>6 years</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 being re-elected to the Delegates Assembly for two reasons. First, I value the knowledge I get from attending the meetings, and the opportunity to network with people in other districts with similar concerns. Second, the information I bring back to the local Board is valuable to all of us in making decisions and in learning what is happening around the state. I bring to the position 40 years as a teacher and administrator in the public schools and 8 years of experience on the San Leandro School Board. I am also an elected member of the Democratic Central Committee and I have political connections around the state, as well as a strong background in financial, facilities and curricular issues.

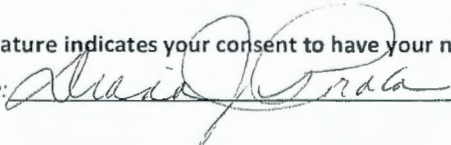
**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

I was elected to the San Leandro Board in 2008 during a 4-member turnover election. The Board and the City had a contentious relationship, and the Superintendent had some serious issues, which ended in her removal from the job. At my first meeting, we began the process of cutting \$56 million from the budget due to the recession. I guess you would say these were strong introductions to the office of trustee!! I have served as chair of the Facilities Committee for 6 six years, implementing \$150 million in bond projects. I have also served as Board president twice. During my second term I guided the hiring of a new Superintendent, and--with him--we have formed a public/private partnership with the City and with a multinational corporation, connecting all of our schools to a new fiber-optic loop and implementing technology, training teachers and purchasing 1:1 computers for use by every student in the District

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

I feel that our biggest upcoming challenge is the projected teacher shortage—especially in the areas of math and special education. My desire would be for CSBA to focus on this issue in a future conference. There are ways—such as wage and staff development incentives, creating a supportive workplace, training administrators to evaluate for positive improvement, rather than punitively, and so on. Because the coming teacher shortage will most likely be a nationwide problem, it is important for CSBA and California to get out in front of this issue.

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

Signature: 

Date: 3 Nov. 2016

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Name: <u>Nancy Thomas</u>	CSBA Region-subregion #: <u>7B</u>
District or COE Name: <u>Newark Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>14</u>
Profession: <u>Retired engineer</u> Contact Number: <u>510-219-2718</u>	E-mail: <u>nancy@thomas94560.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____	

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

Although I am not currently a member, I was elected to the Delegate Assembly and previously served for seven years. My experience as a member has helped me understand the issues facing California School Boards and has provided me tools to advocate for my district's and the State's students, parents and community members. My 25-years' experience in tech industry engineering and management positions has given me a deep understanding of planning and budgeting issues. My participation in the CSBA Leg Action Day and my membership in the Alameda County Central Democratic Committee have helped me speak knowledgeably and share school board concerns with my local and state elected officials. I believe it is my responsibility as a board member to learn about and advocate for local control to effectively deal with the issues my district faces: high poverty, high numbers of English Learners, and drop-out and absenteeism rates that need to be improved.

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

I have served on the Newark Unified School District Board for 14 years. My CSBA experience has enabled me to be an effective advocate for our students as we move to manage our LCFF dollars and develop our LCAP. As a board appointee to our Mission Valley ROP Board, I continue to advocate for increased Career Technical Training opportunities for high school students in the region. I served on the recently-formed CSBA Adequacy Committee and am one of two CSBA representatives to the California Interscholastic Federation. Continuing education is important for all board members. Although I successfully completed the CSBA Masters in Governance Program years ago, I have repeated many of a modules a second time around with new members of our Board. I am an elected representative to the Alameda County Central Democratic Committee, a 13-year member of my local Rotary Club, and a 13-year member of the Kidango Board of Directors; Kidango educates and supports 4,000 pre-school children in the Bay Area. I am a member of the Ohlone College President's Advisory Committee. I attend the CSBA Annual Education Conference most years.

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

I think funding adequacy and the concomitant teacher shortages are the biggest challenges facing governing boards. Not only are fewer teachers entering the field as a result of the economic downturn of 2009, the rebounding economy where my district is located has put housing out of the reach of teachers entering the profession. Special Ed, math and science teachers are in short supply across the state. The increase burden on districts and teachers with STRS cost increases and escalating encroachment of special education are just two areas eating away at the recent increased LCFF dollars. Music and the fine arts, so important for brain development and student achievement, are out of the reach of many district budgets. I believe CSBA can and will continue its relentless focus on funding adequacy!

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

Signature: Nancy Thomas

Date: Dec 14, 2016

# Nancy Thomas

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Newark, California 94560

(510) 792-4835

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## Experience

- Board Member, Newark Unified School District, 2002 – present
- CSBA Representative to CIF Federated Council, 2012-present
- CSBA Delegate Assembly Member, Region 7B Alameda County, 2007-2012, 2014-2016
- CSBA membership in the Adequacy Committee
- Hewlett-Packard Company, Engineer and Contributions Manager, 25 years, retired

## Newark Unified School District Activities

- Mission Valley ROP Board, 2012-present, currently clerk, alternate in other years
- Audit Committee, 2010-2016
- City/District Joint Task Force on Youth Issues, 2006-2009
- Alameda County School Board Association, various years through 2010
- Volunteer for passage of Measure G, our successful 2011 bond
- Co-Principal Investigator on a \$7 million NSF Math Science Partnership Grant and Noyce Supplemental Grant in which Newark science teachers participated, 2003-2013

## Professional Development

- Masters in Governance
- New Board Member Workshop
- Board President Workshop
- Brown Act and Ethics Workshops
- Attendance at most CSBA Annual Conferences

## Community Involvement

- Newark Rotary Club, 2003-present; president in 2010-11
- Newark Optimist Club, 2005-present
- Kidango Board Member, 2006-present
- Drivers for Survivors, associate board member, 2012-present
- Past Board member of RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching),
- Past Board member BSCS (Biological Sciences Curriculum Study), and California Science Advisory Committee

## Other

- BS Electrical Engineering, San Jose State University
- MS Electrical Engineering, Stanford University
- Family – widow, three adult children, five grandchildren
- Hobbies – playing bridge, cycling, gardening