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To: Federated Council

Date: February 29, 2024

Re: President-Elect Election

Proposal Reviewed

11/13/2023 - Nominating Committee
02/02/2024 - Federated Council
04/05/2024 - Federated Council

Proposal Recommendation

Forward Candidates to Federated Council
First Reading - Nominations Closed
Election

Type: Election

Proposal Summary: As per the CIF Constitution and Bylaw 70.F. the following Federated Council members have volunteered to be candidates to serve as President-Elect.

The following candidates have been nominated and have agreed to place their name for consideration to serve as President-Elect of the CIF: Elect One (1)

Paula Hart Rodas, Southern Section
Alton Nelson, North Coast Section

F. Elections

- (1) Elections will occur at the final meeting of the year of the Federated Council.
- (2) Elections for Executive Committee members, other than officers and the at-large committee member, will be held annually.
- (3) Should a second candidate be nominated from any Section or the group of Allied Organizations, only the candidate with the most votes (more votes) from that Section/or group is eligible for election.
- (4) The nominees who receive the most votes, from among those eligible for election, will be elected.
- (5) In the event of a tie between/among candidates whereby there is only one (1) seat available and/or remaining, a revote for the remaining position will take place only between/among the candidates that are tied.
- (6) In the event there is still a tie vote after the first revote, one (1) more vote will take place and if the tie is not broken, a flip of a coin will determine the winner.



CIF State President-Elect Nominee

Name: Dr. Paula Hart Rodas

Organization/Position: Director of Secondary Educational Services, Monrovia USD

CIF Section: Southern Section

EXPERIENCE

In one way or another I have been involved with CIF-SS for nearly 40 years: in the 1980s I was a CIF-SS athlete in 4 sports; in the 1990s I was a CIF-SS coach; in the early 2000s I was the parent of a CIF-SS athlete; I have been a CIF-SS athletics administrator since 2008, and I have been part of the CIF-SS Executive Committee since 2015.

Education Administration/ Teaching Positions:

Director of Secondary Educational Services, Monrovia Unified School District, 2022 – present

Principal, Lawndale High School, Centinela Valley Union HSD, 2014 - 2022

Associate Principal of Athletics, Leuzinger High School, Centinela Valley Union HSD, 2013 - 2014

Vice Principal & Director of Athletics, Mira Costa High School, Manhattan Beach USD, 2008 - 2012

Vice Principal, Manhattan Beach Middle School, Manhattan Beach Unified School District, 2007 - 2008

Microbiology Professor, Marymount College, Palos Verdes, 2006 - 2007

Science Teacher/Department Chair, Miraleste Intermediate School, Palos Verdes Peninsula USD, 1998 - 2007

Science Teacher/Volleyball Coach, David Starr Jordan High School, Long Beach USD, 1996 - 1998

Athletic Administration/Oversight:

NFL Chargers/Rams League of Champions Girls' Flag Football Head Coach, Lawndale HS, 2021 - 2022

United States Youth Volleyball League, Head Coach, 11 & Under (Co-Ed), 2013

Director of Athletics & Vice Principal, Mira Costa High School, 2007- 2012

David Starr Jordan High School Volleyball Coach, Girls Volleyball Head Coach; Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach, 1996 - 1998

Other professional positions related to education-based athletics:

CIF Pursuing Victory with Honor Trainer Certification, 2009

CIF Southern Section Athletics Administrators Summit, Principal's Roundtable Panelist, 2021

CIF Southern Section Athletics Administrators Summit, Principal's Roundtable Panelist, 2023

CIF Southern Section Executive Committee, President-Elect, 2023 - present

CIF Federated Council, Southern Section Representative, 2018 - present

CIF Southern Section Executive Committee, Coast Area Representative, 2015 - 2022

CIF Southern Section, Athletic Trainer Task Force, 2018 - 19

CIF Southern Section, Public/Private Committee, 2013 – present

California PBIS Coalition Annual Conference, Presenter: *Building School Culture & Community*, 2018

Citrus Belt Area Athletic Directors' Association, Women in Sports Conference Presenter, 2018

Girls Got Game: Women in Sports Celebration & Conference Speaker, 2017

Los Angeles Rams Women's History Month Youth Empowerment Webinar Panelist, 2023

NFHS Coaching Principles and First Aid for Coaches Trainer Certification, 2011

NCAA Division II National Tournament, Women's Volleyball, Regis College, 1989

Southern California Commission for Women Annual Convening Panelist, Los Angeles County Commission for Women, 2023

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - 2024 Woman of the Year Award Recipient in Sports (Athletics) - "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion"



CIF State President-Elect Nominee

Name: Alton Nelson, Jr.

Organization/Position: Making Waves Academy/CEO

CIF Section: North Coast Section (NCS)

EXPERIENCE

Education Administration/Teaching Positions

Athletic Administration/Oversight

Education Administration Positions/Teaching Positions

- **CEO** – Making Waves Academy, Richmond, CA (2015-Present)
- **Upper School Founding Director** – Making Waves Academy, Richmond, CA (2011-2013)
- **Founding Principal** – S.A.C. Prep (middle school), Sacramento, CA (2002-2011)
- **Assist. HR Manager** – Northwestern University Office of Development, Evanston, IL (2000)
- **Teacher/Coach/Department Chair** – The Branson School, Ross, CA (1993-1999)
- **Teacher Intern** – East Bay Conservation Corps/Frick Middle School, Oakland, CA (1992-1993)

Athletic Administration/Oversight

- **North Coast Section Past President** Term (2025-27)
- **North Coast Section President** (2023-25)
- **North Coast Section President Elect** (2021-2023)
- **Bay Counties League President** (around 2017-21)
- **North Coast Section Board of Managers** as a rep from the BCL (around 2015 to 2021)
- **Bay Area Conference Board of Governors** (2014 – Present)
- **Upper School Founding Director**, Making Waves Academy (2011-2015)
 - Led efforts to join the Bay Counties League, Bay Area Conference, and NCS as a new school (2011)
 - Hired, supervised, and worked with the Athletic Director to support our new athletics program (2012-2015)

Other professional positions related to education-based athletics

- **CIF Federated Council Member** as North Coast Section President (2023-25)
- **CIF At Large Executive Committee Member** (2023-25)
- **Girls JV volleyball coach**, The Branson School (1994-1997)
- **Boys JV basketball coach**, The Branson School (1994-1999)
- **Boys Varsity basketball assistant coach**, The Branson School (1993-1999)