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## SBTA General Election 2022

SBTA's General Election will be held from February 28 through March 11, 2022. The following duties are for twelve (12) SBTA Board of Director's seats, State Council seats (number to be determined by CTA), and NEA-RA delegate seats (number to be determined by NEA). These positions are open to all members of SBTA, CTA, and NEA.

Elementary School (6), Middle School (2), High School (3), and Special Services (1) Positions:

(majority vote required)

- Attend all Rep Council and Board Meetings
- Work with SBTA Committee(s)
- Liason with assigned School(s) and their Reps
- Be responsible for the work and progress of the association
- Attend Association Conferences
- Review and recommend the annual budget to the Rep Council
- Direct the Bargaining Team
- Recommend Tentative Agreements to Rep Council
- Act as Rep Council when the majority of schools are not in session • Term expires June 30, 2024

NEA Local Delegate: For the year of 2022

Delegates will attend the NEA yearly meeting in Chicago, Illinois which is held July 2, 2022, through July 6 2022. SBTA funds delegates for up to \$1950.00 in expenses. Delegates are expected to attend all California State Meetings, as well as the NEA General Assembly meetings. This NEA Meeting sets policy for NEA for the year 2022. Term is for one year. Positions determined by plurality.

CTA State Council Position Seats 4 and 5: Term expires June 2025

One (1) position. State Council delegates attend four CTA State Council Meetings per year. The meetings begin on Friday night and end Sunday afternoon. Delegates also attend San Gorgonio Service Center Council meetings held four Saturdays per year. All expenses are reimbursed by CTA.

This edition of News and Views is intended to provide candidate information to the SBTA membership. All candidates are listed according to the CTA alphabetical order provided.

## Upcoming:

### **Rep Council:**

March 9, 2022

April 13, 2022

May 11, 2022

*Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 pm*

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The following statements were prepared by the candidates, and are printed in their own words.

# General Election Calendar 2022

January 14, 2022	Preparation of candidacy forms
January 19, 2022	Candidacy forms in e-mail/SBTA website
January 31, 2022	Candidacy forms due to SBTA Office by 5:00pm
January 31, 2022	Candidate's statements due by 5pm for the <i>News and Views</i>
February 1, 2022	Preparation of ballots
February 7, 2022	Sample ballots to candidates
February 9, 2022	Candidate's speeches at SBTA Rep Council
February 11, 2022	<i>News and Views</i> emailed/posted to SBTA website
February 23, 2022	Ballots in pony to sites & Special Services
February 28 - March 11, 2022	Balloting at the sites and SBTA Office
	All campaigning shall cease
March 11, 2022	Ballots due to SBTA office by 5:00pm
March 11, 2022	Counting of ballots starting at 5:00pm
March 11, 2022	Teller's report to the President
By March 15, 2022	Announcement of results (email, website)
March 15, 2022	Preparation of run-off ballots
March 26, 2022	Deadline to file challenge (no run-off)
April 30, 2022	Run-off ballots in Pony to sites & Special Services
April 4 - April 15, 2020	Balloting at the Sites & Special Services
April 15, 2022	Run-off ballots due at SBTA by 5pm
April 15, 2022	Counting of run-off ballots (after 5pm)
April 15, 2022	Teller's report to the President
By April 19, 2022	Announcement of results (email, website)
April 30, 2020	Last day to file a challenge by 5pm (if there is a run-off)

Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of each of the candidate statements, and are placed according to the CTA alphabetical order for 2019-2020. Some formatting was necessary due to the dimension and aspect ratio of the allotted space. The spellings of candidate names are transcribed from the Declaration of Candidacy forms. Font selections on printed submissions were matched as closely as possible, or assigned in the case of handwritten submissions. Statements in excess of 100 words, as per the Declaration of Candidacy, are limited to first hundred words only and are notated as such. Word count was made through utilizing the Microsoft Word Counting tool, and rechecked by the Elections Committee Chairperson. A set of three periods (...) and a statement in the lower right corner of the ad indicate truncation. Final photo quality is dependent upon the quality of the submitted photo; printed, copied, or emailed as a .jpg or .pdf file.

-News & Views Staff

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# Candidates for the General Election 2022

## **Elementary School Executive Board:**

Lisa Stark  
Faith Hurst-Bilinski  
Alexandra Chapin  
Adrienne Cook  
Jennifer Mullen  
Sandy Owens

## **Middle School Executive Board:**

Veny Jimenez  
Connie Jones

## **High School Executive Board:**

Erin Moran  
Roberta Figueroa  
Marc Pollitt

## **Special Services Executive Board:**

Ryan Harsch  
Lynette Hill  
Mary Ellen Abilez Grande

## **CTA State Council Seat 4:**

Daniel A. Solkowitz  
Faith Hurst-Bilinski  
Mary Ellen Abilez Grande  
Jerry Kimery

## **CTA State Council Seat 5:**

Daniel A. Solkowitz  
Sheila Houston  
Mary Ellen Abilez Grande  
Jerry Kimery  
Desiree Thomas

## **NEA Local Delegates:**

Lisa Stark  
Daniel A. Solkowitz  
Steven Hurst-Bilinski  
Faith Hurst-Bilinski  
Robert Varela Rodriguez  
Alexandra Chapin  
Mary Ellen Abilez Grande  
Jerry Kimery  
Ashley Bettas-Alcala  
Desiree Thomas  
Connie Jones  
Christina M. Marquez  
Erin Moran  
Christina LeRoy  
Barbara Pastuschek

# Candidacy Statements



My name is **Lisa Stark** and I'm currently a member of SBTA Executive Board for elementary (4 years) and I'm seeking reelection. I'm asking for your vote to represent SBTA as an NEA/ RA Local Delegate in Chicago. I've been to 7 previous RAs and I'd like to represent you again! I've also been a member of the elections committee for 9 years. Thank you! **DON'T BE IN THE DARK! VOTE FOR STARK!**



I am Daniel Solkowitz. I need your support to send me as a local delegate to this year's Representative Assembly. Three years ago, I submitted a proposal to change the standing rules. People were closing debate after only a single speaker which frustrated delegates who work hard to craft their NBI's and to line up speakers. I need to be there to move this motion or it will die. I would also like to utilize my legislative skills as a member of CTA council. Your support is appreciated!



Hello, my name is Ryan Harsch and I would very much like your vote! I have been involved with special education for over 20 years, as a teacher, department chair, and program specialist. I have acted as an SBTA rep for over 10 years and an NEA local delegate for 2021-2022. I am also your alternate CTA State Council delegate for 2021-2024. I am hard-working, resourceful, dependable, and possess strong leadership skills. With your help, I am prepared to bring a fresh and much-needed perspective to this new era of education.

# Lynette Hill

Special Services Board of Directors



# Candidacy Statements



My name is **Steven Hurst-Bilinski**. I have been representing teachers as a Union Rep and a NEA Local Delegate nearly as long as I have been a teacher. I work hard for you and our union, both as the Communications Chair and also as a past NEA Local Delegate. I have volunteered in the union for almost a decade before teaching and I understand the importance of the union and the power of our voice! I am hopeful that you elect me to represent our members, our county, and California at the Representative Assembly. **Thank you!**

**FAITH HURST-BILINSKI**  
for

**Elementary Executive Board and NEA Local Delegate**



I've previously served as **site rep, Elections chair, NEA Local Delegate, and IPD chair**. I *currently* serve as one of your **Elementary Executive Board members and on CTA State Council**.

Please allow me to continue serving you as your local delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly and to continue on as your voice on the Executive Board.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**SHEILA HOUSTON**  
for  
**STATE COUNCIL**

I am asking you to allow me to serve you for another 3 years as your representative on the CTA State Council. I have enjoyed working on your behalf these past few years and would like to continue this journey for you.

Thank you for your vote.

VOTE  
HOUSTON

**Robert V. Rodriguez**



**NEA RA Local Delegate**

I am a special education teacher and Past-President of SBTA. Currently, I serve on the National Education Association Executive Committee representing you at the national level. I will always fight to protect our rights in the classroom and our students!!!

# Candidacy Statements

## ALEXANDRA CHAPIN

for  
Executive Board &  
NEA Local Delegate



Current Executive Board Member

An active member of several committees & workgroups (Teacher Advisory Committee, Later Start, SPED advisory, SPED/SBTA workgroup & more).

Multi-year NEA Local Delegate at the NEA Representative Assembly.

Dedicated Special Education Teacher

Gigantic Nerd

A passionate advocate for positive change!

Hello all! My name is Adrienne Cook. I am a proud 39 year member of the San Bernardino teachers association. I have served SBTA as a Rep for 38 years, SBTA secretary, and I currently serve on the Board of Directors. I am honored to represent all educators in our district. I enjoy working with all who stand in unity and support of one another in all things, especially as we navigate our current climate. I am excited to continue to serve on the Board of Directors and would be humbled by your vote. Thank you so much.



Mod/severe teacher Anderson School 19 years, site rep alternate, beginning teacher support provider, H&H, 4 RA's, including our first virtual RA in history as a CTA rep. Looking to find how teachers are doing in teacher training, and how could value of CTA National Board Jump Start Training Pre-Candidacy Program be recognized, then purchased for teachers. District pays for software, added program specialists, and Certificates for Neurodiversity & Inclusion, buy this for us. I believe in training that brings out our current best, that excites us to show our knowledge of content, and get column advancement units for it.

I am Dr. Jerry Kimery, and am running for the following: CTA State Council Delegate, and NEA Local Delegate. My prior experience includes being a teacher at Pacific High School for fifteen years; a site representative for four years; a member of the SBTA Board of Directors for six years; and treasurer for three years.

My commitment is to the success of every student and teacher. All of our students, regardless of their zip code, deserve the tools and time to learn; moreover, I have a Ph.D. in labor from UCLA and teach labor studies at LA Trade Tech.



# Candidacy Statements

## Re-Elect Ashley Bettas-Alcalá NEA Local Delegate



As your President, I have fought to ensure that our district has put the safety of **ALL** SBTA members as a priority, while also protecting your rights. I will continue to be your voice as we navigate together through these unprecedented times. We are stronger together and I would be honored to have your vote and to represent SBTA at the NEA-RA.



Hello members,

As I move into the 6<sup>th</sup> year of serving as your Grievance Chair I offer two very important qualities, Dedication and Experience, I've Represented SBTA and CTA at the NEA Representative Assemblies as a voice for our chapter. Each year, momentous issues and directives have impacted school districts across the country, and this year is no exception.

I am devoted to strengthening our positions as educators and delivering the best education imaginable to our students and preserving our professions and unions.

Please vote for me as a new voice in **State council** and NEA Delegate.

Thank You, Desiree Thomas-Grievance Chair

## **VENY JIMENEZ** FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL EBOARD POSITION



**-17 YEARS ELA/ELD**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER**

**-2 YEARS BARGAINING TEAM MEMBER**

**-17 YEARS SBTA REP**

**-WILL REPRESENT ALL TEACHERS**

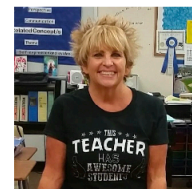
**-COLLABORATIVE-PASSIONATE-INQUIRER**

**-I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE**

**GRACIAS AND THANK YOU!**

## **Connie Jones**

**For SBTA Middle School Executive Board of Directors  
and  
NEA Local Delegate**



**Working with and for SBTA teachers!**

- More than 6 years experience as your SBTA Middle School Executive Board of Directors Representative
- Experience as a site union representative
- SBTA District Committees: District Technology, Strategic Planning, Assessment, Literacy Task Force, Teacher Leadership, PAR Joint Panel
- More than 30 years teaching in SBCUSD and involved in Curriculum Writing



# Candidacy Statements

I represented SBTA at both virtual NEA/RAs. Due to the unprecedented challenges of these times, important work was left unfinished. I want to finish the job!  
I serve on rep council, and I regularly attend school board meetings and Cabinet Hours to ask the tough questions. My top priority is to fight for strong and science-based Covid protocols to keep our students, teachers, families & staff safe!  
I would appreciate your vote.  
Thank you.

- SBCUSD's Crystal Apple
- SBTA's WHO award
- San G's Teacher in Politics Award
- CTA's Theodore Bass Award
- CTA State Council Political Involvement Committee



## Erin Moran

**For High School Board Rep and NEA  
Local Delegate**

**A trusted voice working hard for YOU!**

- More than 3 years experience as your SBTA Board Rep
- 6 years as a NEA-RA Rep
- 15 years as a site rep
- SBTA District committees:
  - Negotiations
  - SBCUSD Co-Op
  - Grievance Committee
  - PAR Committee
  - JET Team
- More than 18 years as an English, Film, and sports literature teacher for SBCUSD

## For Elementary Executive Board Member

Your TRUSTED, loyal voice for intelligent,  
informed choice and effective  
communication!



- Experienced as an Elementary SBTA Rep. and SBTA Board of Directors
- SBTA District committees: Calendar, Safety Task Force, and Strategic Planning

VOTE

## SANDY OWENS

for

**Elementary Board of Directors**

Experience:

- Site Representative
- Incumbent-Elementary Board of Directors
- Bargaining Team

I would be honored to continue to work  
on your behalf!

Thank you!

# Candidacy Statements

## Roberta "Birdie" Figueroa

For High School Board of Directors



- Five years on the High School Board
- Served on SBTA/District committees: Human Civil Rights, Social, Community Engagement, Retirement, Health, Safety and Wellness
- More than 22 years as a High School SBTA Representative at Pacific and San Andreas
- More than 22 years as a Science Teacher and Career Academy Lead

I am a passionate voice with the utmost integrity advocating for you!



## Christina LeRoy

Candidate for NEA Local Delegate

I have been a proud SBTA member and special educator for over 37 years, working with children with speech and language needs. It has been an honor to be elected by you to be a local delegate for the last six Representative Assemblies. These last 2 years have been hard for everyone due to the pandemic. I will continue to be a strong advocate for all students, parents and teachers and will work hard to support positive solutions for the challenges we now face in education.

**I appreciate your support!**

## Barbara Pastuschek NEA Local Delegate

Your TRUSTED, loyal voice for intelligent, informed choice and effective communication!



- More than 5 years experience as your SBTA Vice President
- Served on the NEA Priority Schools Presidents' Forum in Washington D.C.
- SBTA District committees: SBCUSD Co-Op, Calendar, Safety Task Force, and Strategic Planning
- CTA Institute for Teaching Moreno Valley Think Tank
- More than 20 years as a Special Education Teacher & Moderate/Severe Frameworks Curriculum Writer for SBCUSD
- C.T.E. Certified Teacher
- Experienced as a High School SBTA Rep. and SBTA Board of Directors

It has been my privilege to serve on our SBTA Board of Directors, representing High Schools, since 2009, and I am asking for your support for re-election to the SBTA Board of Directors for the next two years. In addition to my experience as a teacher and as an elected union representative, I bring a strong business, industrial safety, and professional background to these positions. I represent equality and equity in all my actions, and I will heed your voices in everything I do and say on behalf of our Association.

Sincerely,  
Marc Pollitt



# Candidacy Statements

**Vote**  
**Balloting Held**

**February 28th**  
**to**  
**March 11th, 2022**

## UNION CODE OF CONDUCT

**I will not criticize any union colleague except to the individual directly.**

**If any union colleague is being criticized in my presence, I will confront the criticism and ask that it stop.**

**I will not participate in any conversations with administration that criticize, or negatively speculate about any union colleague.**

**I will settle my difference with colleagues within my union.**

**I will engage in debate, offer others every opportunity for debate and respect minority viewpoints, but I will observe and support the majority mandate of my union.**

**Are you coming to the San Bernardino Teachers Association office?**



**Please remember to wear a mask!**



## Leadership & Contact Info 2021-2022

<b>President</b>	Ashley Bettas-Alcalá	San Bernardino Teachers Association
<b>Vice President</b>	Barbara Pastuschek	San Andreas High
<b>Secretary</b>	Jessica Robles	Riley College PREP Academy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sheila Houston	Lytle Creek Elementary
<b>Senior High School Reps</b>	Roberta Figueroa Erin Moran Marc Pollitt	San Andreas High Cajon High San Gorgonio High
<b>Middle School Reps</b>	Connie Jones Kathryn (Kathy) Poole	Chavez Middle Richardson Prep
<b>Elementary School Reps</b>	Alexandra Chapin Adrienne Cook Faith Hurst-Bilinski Jenifer Mullen Sandra Owens Lisa Stark	Riley College PREP Academy Hillside Elementary Davidson Elementary Salinas Elementary Wilson Elementary Lytle Creek Elementary
<b>Special Services Rep</b>	Lynette Hill	Psych Services - San Bernardino High
<b>Grievance Chair</b>	Desirée Thomas	Sierra High
<b>State Council Reps</b>	Barbara Pastuschek Christine Marquez Dr. Shirley Jean Faith Hurst-Bilinski Sheila Houston Alexandra Chapin	San Andreas High Fairfax Special ED Davidson Elementary Lytle Creek Elementary Riley College PREP Academy
<b>State Council Alternates</b>	Joe Salas Desirée Thomas Ryan Harsch	San Bernardino Sierra Special ED
<b>Regional UniServ Staff</b>	Justin Arnold Peg Tracey	San Bernardino Teachers Association San Bernardino Teachers Association