



Elections Issue
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SBTA General Election 2023

SBTA's General Election will be held from February 24 through March 9, 2023. The following are positions and duties of the positions open to all members of SBTA / CTA / NEA. NEA Delegates Election is by plurality. All others are by a majority vote.

SBTA President: Term of Office 2023 - 2025

Prepares agendas for and presides at all meetings of the Association; is the official spokesperson for the Association; appoints all committees and the bargaining team; co-signs all checks; suggests policy and plans activities which carry out policy; is held responsible for the progress and work of the Association. This position is currently full-time release.

SBTA Vice-President: Term of Office 2023 - 2025

Serves as an assistant to the president; in the president's absence, assumes the duties of the president.

SBTA Secretary: Term of Office 2023 - 2025

Keeps careful and accurate records of the proceedings of official association meetings; is responsible for all notices and minutes of meetings to members of Rep. Council, Board of Directors and members where appropriate.

SBTA Treasurer: Term of Office 2023 - 2025

Has official custody of all funds of SBTA; directs preparation of a yearly budget to be adopted by Rep. Council; submits membership and financial reports as required by law; serves as treasurer of Political Action Group for Education (PAGE) Committee and is responsible for all legal reports for PAGE.

NEA Local Delegate:

Number of positions to be determined. Delegates will attend the NEA yearly meeting in Orlando, FL between July 2—July 6, 2023. 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 2023-2024. Term is for one year.

CTA State Council Position: Term of Office 2023 - 2026

Two (2) positions. 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 Geronio 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:

February 8, 2023

*Meeting Called to
Order at 5:00 pm*

Monte Awards

May 18, 2023

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General Election Calendar 2019

January 11, 2023	Preparation of candidacy forms
January 13, 2023	Candidacy forms in email/SBTA website
January 27, 2023	Candidacy forms due to SBTA Office by 5:00pm
January 27, 2023	Candidate's statements due by 5pm for the <i>News and Views</i>
January 30, 2023	Preparation of ballots
February 6, 2023	Sample ballots to candidates
February 8, 2023	Candidate's speeches at SBTA Rep Council
February 10, 2023	<i>News and Views</i> emailed/SBTA website
February 23, 2023	Ballots ready for distribution
February 24 - March 9, 2023	Balloting at the sites / Special Services All campaigning shall cease
March 9, 2023	Ballots due to SBTA office by 5:00pm
March 10, 2023	Counting of ballots
March 10, 2023	Teller's report to the President
March 13, 2023	Announcement of results (email & website)
March 15, 2023	Preparation of run-off ballots
March 25, 2023	If no run-off, deadline to file challenge*
April 3, 2023	Run-off ballots ready for distribution
April 3 - April 14, 2023	Balloting at the Sites & Special Services All campaigning shall cease
April 14, 2023	Run-off ballots due at SBTA by 5pm
April 17, 2023	Counting of run-off ballots
April 17, 2023	Teller's report to the President
By April 18, 2023	Announcement of results (email & website)
May 2, 2023	Last day to file a challenge by 5pm*

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 2023-2023. 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

Candidates for the General Election 2023

SBTA President:

Ashley Bettas-Alcala

SBTA Vice-President:

Barbara Pastuschek

SBTA Secretary:

Jessica Robles

SBTA Treasurer:

Sheila Houston

CTA State Council Representative (seat 6):

Alexandra Chapin

Daniel Solkowitz

Jerry Kimery

CTA State Council Alternate:

Steven Hurst-Bilinski

Jerry Kimery

Ashley Bettas-Alcala

NEA Local Delegates:

Erin Moran

Robert V. Rodriguez

Jessica Robles

Alexandra Chapin

Faith Hurst-Bilinski

Steven Hurst-Bilinski

Daniel Solkowitz

Dr. Shirley Jean

Jerry Kimery

Ashley Bettas-Alcala

Lillian Terry

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Candidacy Statements

Erin Moran

For NEA Local Delegate

A trusted voice working hard for
YOU!

- More than 4 years experience as your SBTA Board Rep
- 7 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 19 years as an English, Film, and sports literature teacher for SBCUSD

Barbara Pastushek

Vice President

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



- More than 6 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
- 25 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

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!!!



ROBLES FOR SECRETARY!
& NEA LOCAL DELEGATE

Candidacy Statements

ALEXANDRA CHAPIN

for
State Council #6
&
NEA Local Delegate



I am a dedicated Special Education Teacher
I am a current Executive Board Member
I am an active member of several committees & workgroups
I currently represent you at State Council
I have been a multi-year NEA Local Delegate at the NEA RA
Proudly, I am a Gigantic Nerd
I am committed to being a passionate advocate for positive change!

FAITH HURST- BILINSKI for

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.

Thank you for your continued support!



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!**



Sheila Houston
For Treasurer

I am asking for you to allow me to serve you for another 2 years as your Treasurer. I have enjoyed working for you for the past few years and would like to continue my work as SBTA Treasurer.

Thank You for Your Vote

**VOTE
HOUSTON**

Candidacy Statements



I am Daniel Solkowitz. I am a candidate for NEA RA Local Delegate and CTA State Council. My "Shero" is Barbara Lee. She cried "No" when everyone else said "Yes".

My favorite writer is Kurt Vonnegut. He stands as close to the edge as possible without going over. I believe it is our moral responsibility to be involved in the decisions that will affect our students. I do not stand idly by and have been actively involved in the 7 previous RA's for which I have been elected, both as a speaker and as an author of New Business Items.



I am currently serving as an Adapted Physical Education Specialist at 27 schools in the district. Within this position, I have the pleasure to speak with many of our own amazing educators regarding educational issues. In 2021, I served as an NEA delegate and had the opportunity to vote on many NBI's and policies affecting our nation. I currently serve as a CTA State Council Representative and have had the opportunity to vote on educational policies, awards, legislation, and candidates running for various positions within CTA and throughout the state. I hope to gain your vote.

Dr. Shirley Jean



I am Dr. Jerry Kimery, and I am running for the following: CTA State Council Seat 6, CTA State Council Alternate, and NEA Local Delegate. My prior experience includes being a teacher at Pacific High School for eighteen years; a site representative for seven 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. Regardless of their zip code, all our students deserve the tools and time to learn; moreover, I have a Ph.D. in labor unions from UCLA.

Re-Elect

Ashley Bettas-Alcalá

SBTA President

State Council – Alternate

NEA 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. As your president, I will continue to be your voice as we navigate through these changing times. We are stronger together and I would be honored to have your vote to lead SBTA into the future.



My name is Lilian Terry. and I'm a Special Education Teacher. I've worked for the SBCUSD school district for 23 years. I've worked as an RSP, SDC, and ED. I've been a SBTA Rep. for ~~apx~~ 20 years, I've represented you at the RA in San Diego, Pennsylvania, Florida, and I would love the opportunity to represent you again in July 2023. I believe we need to fight for smaller class sizes & caseloads, teacher safety, and equitable treatment of all employees.

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.



Invites you on

Friday, March 3, 2023



Join us at

Escape Brewery

440 Oriental Ave
Redlands, CA 92374



Vote
Balloting Held

February 24, 2023

through

March 9, 2023