

# **California School Boards Association**

## **BYLAWS**



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# **BYLAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE**

### **Section 1. Name**

The name of this Association is CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED (CSBA).

### **Section 2. Purposes**

The purpose of the Association is specified in the Articles of Incorporation, attached hereto as Attachment 1. The Association is guided in its work by strategic goals that fulfill the vision and mission as adopted by the Board of Directors: (A. 5/12).

### **Vision**

The California School Boards Association envisions a state where the public schools are widely recognized as the foundation of a free and democratic society, where local citizen governing boards are fully vested with the means to advance the best interests of students and the public, and where the futures of all children are driven by their aspirations, not bounded by their circumstances.

### **Mission**

Boards of education are entrusted by their diverse communities to ensure that a high quality education is provided to each student. CSBA promotes success for all students by defining and driving the public education agenda and strengthening school board governance at the district and county levels. To achieve this mission, CSBA will be the leader in providing: (A. 12/08)

**POLICY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND STUDENTS.** CSBA conducts non-partisan research and policy analysis, and advocates aggressively for state and federal policies that are coherent and focused on providing educational opportunities for all students.

**COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR GOVERNANCE TEAMS.** CSBA provides training, support, resources and inspiration to governing boards and superintendents to maximize their effectiveness in carrying out their critical leadership functions.

DIRECT SERVICES TO DISTRICTS AND COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION. CSBA provides high quality fiscal, policy, executive search and other services to school districts and county offices of education to assist them in meeting the needs of their students.

EDUCATION TO OUR COMMUNITIES ABOUT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARD LEADERSHIP. CSBA develops and implements communications strategies that increase the public's understanding about the value of public education and the importance of local school governance.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Active Membership**

Active membership shall be held only by member districts as defined in the Standing Rules. A California public school governing board having jurisdiction over any or all of grades kindergarten through twelve or a California county board of education shall be considered a member board upon commitment of payment in full of the district's or county office's annual membership dues. A member district shall belong to the geographic region in which its district or county office is located.

### **Section 2. Other Membership**

Past Presidents no longer holding office in the Association shall automatically be honorary members whether or not they are members of member boards. The Board of Directors may elect additional honorary members. Honorary members of the Association shall pay no dues, and shall have no voting privileges except as provided in Article III, Section 2. Honorary members shall retain their membership unless revoked by the Board of Directors. (A. 7/84)

The Association may offer other types of non-voting memberships, which may include associate membership granted to any individual, organization or corporation interested in the purposes of the Association upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3. Membership Dues**

A dues formula for membership in the Association shall be adopted by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 4. Term of Membership**

Membership shall be for the period commencing July 1 and expiring on June 30.

### **Section 5. Affiliation with Other Organizations**

The Board of Directors may determine affiliation with other organizations upon such terms as may be appropriate, consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws. (A. 7/82)

## **ARTICLE III DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

### **Section 1. Authority**

The Delegate Assembly is comprised of Delegates who are elected by local board members in 21 geographic regions throughout the state. Region boundaries shall be established by the Board of Directors, and approved by the Delegate Assembly.

The general purposes of the Delegate Assembly are to provide policy direction for the Association, elect officers, and ensure the Association reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education.

The Delegate Assembly shall have the following principal duties:

- Adopt the Policy Platform every two years. The Policy Platform provides a broad framework for implementing the Association's Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals, and as such guides the Association's policy and political leadership activities
- Adopt policies and positions as needed to supplement the Policy Platform.
- Provide testimony or input on critical issues during special hearings at Delegate Assembly meetings.
- Elect the Association's Officers and Board of Directors.
- Serve on standing committees, councils, task forces and focus groups.
- Adopt the corporate Bylaws.
- Provide two-way communication with local board members
- Provide advocacy on behalf of children, public education, school boards and the Association.
- Support and participate in the Association's activities and events.

### **Section 2. Membership**

The Delegate Assembly shall consist of representatives from member boards of districts and county offices of education. Each Delegate shall be a member of a member board in the region represented. No Delegate may represent two regions simultaneously.

(a) **Delegates-at-Large**

Past presidents of the Association and the Immediate Past President of the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) shall be ex-officio members of the Delegate Assembly. These at-large members shall hold all privileges of membership, and shall sit and vote so long as they are members of a member board. If the Immediate Past President of CCBE holds an elected position in CSBA, then the most recent Past President who is a member of a member board shall be an ex-officio member of the Delegate Assembly. (A. 12/02)

(b) **Board of Directors**

Members of the Board of Directors shall be ex-officio members of the Delegate Assembly with all privileges of membership. (A. 7/91)

**Section 3. Nomination of Delegates**

- (a) Any member board may nominate as many individuals as it wishes for the position of Delegate for the region or sub-region.
- (b) A nominee for a geographic region or subregion must be a member of a member board within that geographic region or subregion.
- (c) A nominee for the county board's member must be a member of a county board of education that is a member board within the region.
- (d) Nomination procedures for Delegates shall be maintained as part of the Standing Rules.

**Section 4. Election of Delegates**

- (a) Each member board shall have one vote for each Delegate position to be filled within the region to which that board belongs except that a member board within a sub-region may vote only for the positions to which that sub-region is entitled. When there is more than one position to be filled, each board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. Each member county board shall have one vote for the Delegate position to represent county boards within the region. (A. 7/91)
- (b) In those cases where the same board serves both as a county board and a school district board, the board is entitled to one vote. Whether the vote is for the county Delegate or a regional Delegate is at the option of the board. (A. 8/92)
- (c) Balloting procedures shall be as delineated in the Standing Rules.



## **Section 5. Term of Office**

- (a) The term of office of each elected and appointed Delegate shall be two years and shall begin April 1. Half, or as close to half as is practicable, of the Delegates of each region, and of each subregion which is entitled to more than one Delegate, shall be elected each year for two-year terms. (A. 12/05)
- (b) County board Delegates from even-numbered regions shall be elected or appointed in even-numbered years and Delegates from odd-numbered regions shall be elected or appointed in odd-numbered years. (A. 7/91)
- (c) A Delegate who, within thirty (30) days prior to a Delegate Assembly meeting, ceases to be a member of a member board may continue to serve as a member of the Delegate Assembly until the conclusion of that Delegate Assembly meeting. (A. 7/91)
- (d) The regional Director shall have the responsibility to implement this section as to the initial allocation of Delegate positions to subregions and areas. In doing so, the regional Director may provide that the first term of office of a Delegate position assigned to a subregion or area shall be one year, but existing terms of office of incumbent Delegates shall not be impaired.

## **Section 6. Meetings**

- (a) The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least twice annually at times and places to be determined by the Board of Directors. Delegates shall be notified of the time and place of the meeting at least 45 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- (b) Special meetings of the Delegate Assembly may be called by the President. The President shall notify the members of the Delegate Assembly of the time, date and place and subject matter of the special meeting at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## **Section 7. Quorum and Voting**

- (a) A majority of the qualified Delegates shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. If no quorum is present, a meeting may be called to order, and a meeting may be continued, but no action may be taken until a quorum is present. (A. 7/84)
- (b) A Credentials Committee appointed by the President shall certify eligibility of Delegates. A voting Delegate shall have the right to one vote on any issue being considered at the Delegate Assembly meeting. No member shall vote by proxy.

## **Section 8. Filling Vacancies**

- (a) A vacancy in the Delegate Assembly shall be filled by appointment by the regional Director for the duration of the existing term. The appointment shall be in writing to the President of the Association and shall be subject to ratification by the Delegates of that region or subregion. The vacancy shall be filled within 45 days of the vacancy. The newly appointed Delegate shall take office immediately. (A. 12/05)
- (b) If a vacancy occurs on or after November 1 of the second year of the Delegate's term, no appointment shall be made to fill that vacancy. The normal process of nominations and elections, according to Article III and all sections pertaining thereto, shall apply.
- (c) If a vacancy occurs on or after November 1 of the second year of a county Delegate's term, an appointment shall be made to fill that vacancy. The term will expire upon the election of a county Delegate through the normal process of nominations and elections, according to Article III and all sections pertaining thereto. (A. 5/03)
- (d) Any Delegate who fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Delegate Assembly during his or her term without reasonable cause may be removed from office by majority vote of the current Delegates of that region. Upon such failure to attend the second meeting, the Delegate and regional Director shall be notified by the President that the Delegate may be subject to removal from office under this rule. The Director from the defaulting Delegate's region may then notify the remaining Delegates of the region that there exists a cause for removal of the Delegate in question under this section. The regional Director shall poll the Delegates of the region to determine if they wish to remove the member from office. To effectuate a removal, there must be a majority vote of the currently seated Delegates in that region. Any vacancy shall be filled according to the provisions of these Bylaws. (A. 12/98)

## **Section 9. Expenses**

Expenses of the Delegate Assembly members shall not be reimbursed from Association funds.

## **ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1. Authority and Responsibilities (A. 5/12)**

Members of the Board of Directors establish the vision, mission and goals for the Association, and ensure that Association activities and programs remain focused on those goals and the issues identified in the Policy Platform. The Board of Directors has the following powers and duties: (A. 12/08)

### STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP

- Adopts the Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals of the Association, and annually reviews progress toward achieving them.
- Adopts final positions and policies that are consistent with the Policy Platform. Interim positions on statewide initiatives may also be adopted when the Policy Platform is silent on the issue, but only after a reasonable effort has been made to obtain input from the Delegates between Delegate Assembly meetings. A reasonable effort includes, but is not limited to, surveying Delegates using U.S. Mail, using email, and/or by using other reliable methods. Survey responses will be compiled by region and shared with the Board of Directors and Delegate Assembly.
- Adopts final positions on legislation that are consistent with the Policy Platform. Final positions on legislation may also be adopted when the Policy Platform is silent on the issue, but only after a reasonable effort has been made to obtain input from the Delegates between Delegate Assembly meetings. A reasonable effort includes, but is not limited to, surveying Delegates using U.S. Mail, using email, and/or by using other reliable methods. Survey responses will be compiled by region and shared with the Board of Directors and Delegate Assembly.
- Provides advocacy on behalf of children, public education, local boards and the Association.
- Serves on Board of Directors and other standing committees, councils, task forces and focus groups.
- Receives reports and updates on major programs, consistent with the Vision, Mission, and Strategic Goals of the Association.

### REGIONAL AND CONSTITUENCY LEADERSHIP

- Provides two-way communication with Delegate Assembly members and local board members.
- Supports and participates in the Association's activities and events.

### CORPORATE LEADERSHIP

- Adopts the Association's budget.
- Adopts and amends the Association's Standing Rules.
- Receives reports on corporate operations.
- Approves the hiring and terms of employment of the Executive Director, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- Comments annually on the performance, and acts on the contract of the Executive Director, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- Abides by the Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Whistleblower Policy as adopted by the Board of Directors and included in the Association's Policy Statements. (A. 5/12)

## **Section 2. Membership**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the regional Directors, the President, President-elect, Vice-President, Immediate Past President of the Association, and any officer or Director of the National School Boards Association who resides in California. In addition, there shall be five Directors-at-Large representative of ethnic minority groups and county boards. These Directors-at-Large shall be designated as American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islanders, African American, Hispanic, and County Boards. (A. 12/13)

- (a) Each region shall be represented by one Director who must be a member of a member board within that region. In order for a member of the Los Angeles county board to serve as a regional Director, he or she may only represent the region in which he or she resides. (7/94)
- (b) County boards of education shall also be represented by the current President of CCBE (California County Boards of Education) provided the President's board is a member of CSBA.

## **Section 3. Nomination of Directors**

- (a) Each regional Director must be nominated by a Delegate from that region in writing to the President of the Association. Delegates shall be notified by August 1, or at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which Directors are to be elected that nominations are due. Nominations must be received at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

A nominee must be a member of a member board within that region. Each nomination shall be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the nominee. Each nominating Delegate must certify that the nominee has consented to be nominated.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any Delegate from that particular region.

- (b) If there is more than one nominee from a region, Delegates of that region shall meet and select one nominee to recommend to the full Delegate Assembly for election. (A. 12/91)
- (c) If, by the close of nominations, there is no nomination for regional Director, the President or designee shall contact Delegates in that region to submit a name for consideration. In the absence of a nomination, that position will be considered vacant and will be filled as set forth in Article IV, Section 9, of the Bylaws. (A. 12/91)
- (d) The Directors-at-Large may be nominated in writing by any member board to the President of the Association at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the Directors-at-Large are to be elected. Each nominee for Director-at-Large must be a

member of a member board. Each nominating board must certify that the nominee has consented to be nominated at the time of nomination.

These nominations shall be placed before the Delegate Assembly as follows:

- (a) Directors from even-numbered regions as well as the Directors-at-Large Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic shall be nominated in even-numbered years.
- (b) Directors from odd-numbered regions as well as the Directors-at-Large, American Indian, African American and County shall be nominated in odd-numbered years. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by Delegate Assembly members. (A. 12/13)

#### **Section 4. Election of Directors**

Election of Directors shall be at the Delegate Assembly meeting held prior to the Annual Education Conference of the Association. Directors from even-numbered regions as well as the Directors-at-Large Asian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic shall be elected in even-numbered years. Directors from odd-numbered regions as well as the Directors-at-Large, American Indian, African American and County shall be elected in odd-numbered years. (A. 12/13)

Directors shall be elected by written or electronic ballot if there are two or more candidates for a position. Directors shall be elected by majority vote of the Delegate Assembly members present and voting. If more than two candidates are nominated, and none receives a majority vote, a second ballot shall be required between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The one receiving a majority shall be declared elected.

#### **Section 5. Term of Office**

- (a) Directors shall serve for a term of two years, and take office commencing immediately upon the close of the Association's Annual Education Conference following the adjournment of the Delegate Assembly meeting at which they were elected.
- (b) A Director who, within thirty 30 days prior to a Delegate Assembly meeting, ceases to be a member of a member board may continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors until the conclusion of that Delegate Assembly meeting.

#### **Section 6. Meetings**

- (a) Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time and place determined by the Board. All Directors shall be notified of the time and place of the meeting at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- (b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President. In addition, the President shall call a special meeting if so petitioned by at least nine Directors. The President shall notify all members of the Board of the time, place and

subject matter of this special meeting at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

- (c) Board meetings and any other meeting organized by CSBA may be held with the assistance of electronic communications. Any meetings held or assisted by electronic communications, when applicable, will conform to the requirements of the California Corporations Code.
- (d) Participation in Executive Session of the Board of Directors via electronic communications must first be approved by the Board, and the process followed as outlined in the Standing Rules. (5/12)

### **Section 7. Quorum and Voting**

- (a) A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting. If less than a quorum is present, a meeting may be conducted, but no action may be taken until a quorum is present. (A. 12/05)
- (b) Unless otherwise specifically provided by these Bylaws, a majority vote of those present shall govern at any regular meeting. No member shall vote by proxy. (A. 12/05)
- (c) A two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors present will be required to take action at any special meeting.

### **Section 8. Removal From Office**

When in the judgment of the Delegate Assembly the best interests of the Association would be served, any Director of the Association may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a duly called meeting of the Delegate Assembly. The person being considered for removal from office shall be given special written notice of the meeting and its purpose.

### **Section 9. Filling Vacancies**

- (a) Vacancies on the Board of Directors, other than officers, shall be filled by appointment by the President. The appointment shall be subject to ratification of the Board at the next meeting and shall be for the unexpired term of the vacancy.
- (b) Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without reasonable cause may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Delegates from the member's region. Upon such failure to attend the second consecutive meeting, the Director and the regional Delegates shall be notified by the President that the Director may be subject to removal from office under this rule.

- (c) Any Director-at-Large who fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without reasonable cause may be replaced by a majority vote of the Delegate Assembly upon request to so act by the Board of Directors. Any such vacancy shall be filled under the provisions of this article.

## **Section 10. Expenses**

The expenses of the Board of Directors shall be reimbursed from Association funds within guidelines established by the Board of Directors and detailed in the Standing Rules.

# **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

## **Section 1. Titles**

The Association shall have three elected officers: President, President-elect, and Vice President. The Immediate Past President shall also be an Association officer, and need not be a member of a member board at the time of succeeding to the office. The Association shall have two officers that are not elected but are filled by the Association's professional staff: Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. The office of Secretary shall be filled by the Association's Executive Director and the office of Chief Financial Officer shall be filled by the Association's Chief Financial Officer or other employee of the Association responsible for managing the financial affairs of the corporation. (A. 12/13)

## **Section 2. Qualifications for Office**

Each of the elected officers shall be a member of a member board. Any elected officer who ceases to meet this requirement during the term of office may continue to hold office for the remainder of that year with approval of the Board of Directors. If no longer a member of a member board, the President-elect shall not succeed to the office of President at the end of that year. (A. 12/13)

## **Section 3. Nominations for Officers – Nominating Committee (A. 11/12)**

- (a) A Nominating Committee shall be established to interview and nominate candidates for the offices of Vice President and President-elect. The committee shall ensure that the nomination process is well-defined and highly publicized, so that all capable candidates possessing strong leadership skills have an opportunity to be nominated.
- (b) The committee shall be comprised of eight Delegates from the 21 regions established in Article III. These Delegates will be nominated and elected to serve as members on the committee consistent with the procedure established in the Standing Rules. The committee will also have one (1) carry-over member as provided for in paragraph (g) below. (A. 11/12)

For the purpose of nominating and electing Delegates to serve on the Nominating Committee, the regions shall be grouped into three geographical sections– North, Central and South. The North section shall consist of regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The Central section shall consist of regions 8, 9, 10, 12 and 20. The South section shall consist of regions 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24. The number of members on the Nominating Committee from each section shall be based on a ratio of one (1) member for approximately every 30 to 35 Delegates in the section. (A. 11/12)

- (c) The term of the committee shall be one year, commencing at the conclusion of the Delegate Assembly meeting held before the Annual Conference. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. (A. 11/12)
- (d) Only members of the Delegate Assembly who are members of a member board may serve on the Nominating Committee. Prior to service on the Nominating Committee, it is preferred that members have completed both one term as a school board member and one term as a member of the Delegate Assembly. No officer or former officer of the Association may serve on the committee. (A. 11/12)
- (e) No member shall serve on the committee for more than two consecutive years.
- (f) Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be candidates for a CSBA office in any year they serve on the Nominating Committee. (A. 11/12)
- (g) Prior to the expiration of their terms on the Nominating Committee, the Committee members shall select a sitting member to serve a second term. That member shall be designated as the carry-over member whose duties shall be provided for in the Standing Rules. The Association President shall be advised of the individual selected as the carry-over member prior to the completion of the election of the succeeding Nominating Committee. (A. 11/12)
- (h) Candidates for President-elect and Vice President shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee subject to the procedures provided in the Standing Rules. The nominations shall be made public at least 45 days before the election. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Delegate Assembly consistent with the procedure established in the Standing Rules. (A. 11/12)

#### **Section 4. Election of Officers**

The Delegate Assembly shall elect officers by written or electronic ballot at the meeting held prior to the Annual Education Conference and Trade Show of the Association.

Election of officers shall be by majority vote of the Delegate Assembly members present and voting. If more than two candidates are nominated, and none receives a majority vote, subsequent ballots shall be required between the two candidates receiving the highest number of



votes. The one receiving a majority in the subsequent voting shall be declared elected.

## **Section 5. Term of Office**

The term of office of each elected officer shall be one year commencing immediately upon the close of the Annual Education Conference and Trade Show of the Association. Upon completion of his or her term, the President-elect shall succeed to the office of President, and the President shall succeed to the office of Immediate Past President. (A. 12/13)

## **Section 6. Duties of the Officers**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors and Executive Committee and shall perform any other duties as may be prescribed by the Delegate Assembly or Board of Directors. The duties of the President-elect, Vice President, and Immediate Past President shall be determined by the President, or as may be prescribed by the Delegate Assembly or Board of Directors. The Secretary is responsible to maintain the corporate records of the Association, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible to manage the financial affairs of the Association, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws. (A. 12/13)

## **Section 7. Removal From Office**

When in the judgment of the Delegate Assembly the best interests of the Association would be served, any elected officer of the Association may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at a duly called meeting of the Delegate Assembly. The person being considered for removal from office shall be given special written notice of the meeting and its purpose.

## **Section 8. Filling of Vacancies**

- (a) Should the office of President become vacant, the President-elect shall assume the office of President for the remainder of the unexpired term, and serve the following term as President. In such an instance, the Vice President shall not succeed to the office of President-elect for the unexpired term, but shall perform all the duties of President-elect for the remainder of the year. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, select a Vice President pro tempore to perform the duties of the Vice President for the remainder of the term.
- (b) Should the office of President-elect become vacant, the Board of Directors shall, after meeting and consulting with the Nominating Committee, select one of the following options:
  - 1. Retain the current President for an additional term, providing that the President is eligible and willing to serve;

2. Elevate the President-elect selected at the next Annual Education Conference to the office of President for a two-year term; or
3. Elevate the President-elect selected at the next Annual Education Conference to the office of President, and request the Nominating Committee to nominate and the Delegate Assembly to elect a second President-elect, who would assume office upon conclusion of this same Annual Education Conference.

If necessary, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President-elect until a new President-elect is elected, but shall not succeed to the office without an election. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion select a Vice President pro tempore to perform the duties of the Vice President until a new Vice President is elected. If necessary, the Board may also request the Immediate Past President or another Past President to serve an additional year in the office of Immediate Past President. (A. 12/01)

(c) Should the office of the Secretary become vacant, the office shall remain vacant until filled by the Board of Directors hiring of the Executive Director. Should the office of Chief Financial Officer become vacant, the office shall remain vacant until filled by the Executive Director's hiring of the Chief Financial Officer or any other employee of the Association responsible for managing the financial affairs of the Association. (A. 12/13)

## **Section 9. Expenses**

The expenses of the elected officers shall be reimbursed from Association funds within guidelines established by the Board of Directors and detailed in the Standing Rules. (12/13)

## **ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Association. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board and perform the duties assigned to it by the Board of Directors and the Delegate Assembly. The Executive Committee shall serve as a direct resource to the Executive Director to ensure that operational decisions are derived from the Policy Platform, and the Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals of the Association. (12/13)

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- Provide overall, ongoing policy direction to the Association's Executive Director.
- Authorize programs and activities which implement the Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals of the Association.
- Monitor major programs and policy implementation to ensure compliance with the Policy Platform and the Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals of the Association.

- Adopt final positions and policies that are consistent with the Policy Platform. Interim positions on statewide initiatives may also be adopted when the Policy Platform is silent on the issue but only after a reasonable effort has been made to obtain input from the Directors between Board of Directors meetings. (A. 11/12)
- Adopt final positions on legislation that are consistent with the Policy Platform. Final positions on legislation may also be adopted when the Policy Platform is silent on the issue but only after a reasonable effort has been made to obtain input from the Directors between Board of Directors meetings. (A. 11/12)
- Evaluate the performance of the Executive Director on an annual basis.
- Serve as spokesperson for the Association's agenda.
- Serve as liaison with external groups on behalf of the Association.
- Fulfill CSBA's corporate functions and fiduciary responsibilities between Board of Directors meetings.

## **ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE STAFF**

### **Section 1. Employment of Executive Director**

There shall be an Executive Director whose appointment shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The Board shall comment annually on the performance and act on the contract of the Executive Director upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

### **Section 2. Duties**

Within the authority delegated by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, the Executive Director shall manage, supervise and direct the operations of the Association including employment, management, supervision, and discharging of staff. The Executive Director, as the Secretary of the Association, shall be an ex-officio member, without voting rights, of the Delegate Assembly. (A. 12/13)

### **Section 3. Chief Financial Officer**

The Chief Financial Officer of the Association shall be an ex-officio member, without voting rights, of the Delegate Assembly. (A. 12/13)

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, TASK FORCES, FOCUS GROUPS AND CONFERENCE GROUPS**

The Board of Directors may create committees, councils, task forces and focus groups as it deems necessary. Except for the conference groups and the nominating committee, the President shall appoint individuals to those committees, councils, task forces and focus groups subject to the ratification of the Board of Directors. (A. 7/84)

**ARTICLE IX**  
**AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS**

CSBA, from time to time, may organize non-profit corporations to assist in achieving the vision, mission and goals of the Association.

**ARTICLE X**  
**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the official parliamentary authority for the Association, when not in conflict with these Bylaws. (A. 7/84)

**ARTICLE XI**  
**AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended only by vote of the Delegate Assembly. Amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by the Delegate Assembly, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, any CSBA committee or task force, or any member board. A two-thirds vote of those members of the Delegate Assembly who are present and voting shall be required to approve amendments to these Bylaws, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been mailed by the U.S.P.S. to each Delegate at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the meeting, and upon request, a hard copy of the proposed amendment(s) is to be mailed by the U.S.P.S. to any member(s) of the Delegate Assembly who made the request at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting (A. 5/12)

Amendments to these Bylaws may be considered without prior notice by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. If the Delegate Assembly agrees to consider an amendment without prior notice, approval of the amendment shall require a two-thirds vote. (A. 11/12)

**ARTICLE XII**  
**MONITORING OF BYLAWS**

CSBA recognizes the need to periodically monitor consistency with its governance documents. A review and update of the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and other governance documents shall be completed at reasonable intervals, not to exceed every five (5) years. (A. 5/12)

### **ARTICLE XIII INDEMNIFICATION**

Reference is made to Title 1, Division 2, Sections 5230-5239 (California Corporations Code), as it may be amended from time to time. Particular reference is made to the class of persons (hereinafter called “Indemnitees”) who may be indemnified by a California nonprofit corporation pursuant to the Code. CSBA shall indemnify the Indemnitees when CSBA is obligated to make such indemnification pursuant to the Code. CSBA shall also indemnify the Indemnitees when pursuant to the Code, CSBA is not obligated, but is otherwise permitted, to make such indemnification. When applicable, CSBA shall make or cause to be made, by any of the methods established in the Code, a determination as to whether each Indemnitee met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Code. No indemnification shall be made unless it is first determined that an Indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct as set forth in the Code. (A. 5/12)

### **ARTICLE XIV RECORD RETENTION**

CSBA records shall be maintained and destroyed in accordance with its Record Retention Schedule included in a Policy Statement as adopted by the Board of Directors. (A. 5/12)

### **ARTICLE XV DISSOLUTION**

This Association is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public purposes and no part of the funds of the Association shall benefit, or be distributed to, the members of the Association. Upon the dissolution of the Association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Association, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors. (A. 7/84)

Attachment 1 – CSBA’s Articles of Incorporation

*Last amended at December 2014*

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In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
of  
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION  
(a Non-profit Corporation)

FEB 11 1952

FIRST: The name of this corporation is:

FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Deputy

SECOND: The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is: The promotion and advancement of public education through research and investigation, and the cooperation with persons and associations whose interests and purposes are the betterment of the educational opportunities of the children of the State of California.

The general purposes are: To preserve, advance, and improve the public free schools; to publish reports on educational problems; and to attain these objectives within the limits of a just and fair tax burden upon the citizens of California.

THIRD: This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California.

FOURTH: All of the assets of this corporation shall during its existence be deemed to be held in trust by the directors of the corporation for the purposes set forth in these articles. In the event of a winding up or dissolution, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the directors shall dispose of any remaining assets for educational purposes in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the State of California upon petition filed for that purpose by said directors.

FIFTH: The county in this State where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is located is the County of Kern.

SIXTH: The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors until the selection of their successors are as follows:

Jack Merchant	P. O. Box 836	Crockett
Chas. Whitmore	Rt. 1, Box 35	Ceres
Carl B. Munck	1419 Broadway	Oakland
Mrs. I. E. Porter	#4 Professional Bldg.	Bakersfield
J. Paul Elliott	Suite 415 - 639 So. Spring St.	Los Angeles
Mrs. J. G. Cheney	296 E. Durien St.	Coalinga
Mr. Bert Levit	Merchants Exch. Bldg.	San Francisco
Mr. Linton Forrester		Freedom
Mr. R. D. Willett	R.F.D. #1, Box 1812	Ventura
Mrs. G. C. Hudson	635 Terraine Ave.	Long Beach
Mrs. Marie Bonnett	7515 Victoria Ave.	Riverside
Mr. Ellsworth Williard	P. O. Box 179	Camino

SEVENTH: The name of the existing unincorporated association being incorporated by these articles is:

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of California, the undersigned presiding officer and executive secretary of the California School Trustees Association, an unincorporated association, have executed these articles of incorporation on January 20, 1952.

Jack Merchant  
Presiding Officer

Mrs. J. E. Porter  
Secretary

Restriction of right  
to amend articles

(No)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ (SS:

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1952,  
before me, Dorothy Graham, a Notary Public in  
and for the said County and State, residing therein, duly commis-  
sioned and sworn, personally appeared Jack Merchant  
and Mrs. I.E. Porter, who, being sworn, each for himself,  
deposes and says: That the said Jack Merchant  
is the President of California School Trustees Ass'n  
and that the said Mrs. I.E. Porter is the Executive Secretary  
of California School Trustees Ass'n. That  
California School Trustees Ass'n is an unincorporated  
association and that said association has duly authorized its in-  
corporation. That Jack Merchant and  
Mrs. I.E. Porter have executed these articles  
of incorporation in their official capacity and by authority of  
such association,

Jack Merchant  
Mrs. I.E. Porter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1952

(Seal)

Dorothy Graham  
Notary Public in and for said  
County and State

My Commission Expires Aug. 23, 1955

Notary Public in and for the  
County of Contra Costa, State of California

State of California        )  
County of Contra Costa    ) ss

On this 6th day of February, 1952, before me, DUNSTAN GRANSHAW, a Notary Public in and for the County of Contra Costa, State of California, personally appeared JACK MERCHANT and MRS. I. E. PORTER, known to me to be the presiding officer and secretary, respectively, of the CALIFORNIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation, and acknowledged to me that they executed the within instrument as such officers for said corporation.

*Dunstan Granshaw*  
Notary Public in and for said County  
of Contra Costa, State of California

My Commission Expires Aug. 23, 1955



CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

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CALIFORNIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

The undersigned, HILLAS COLE and LAWRENCE B. WHITE, do hereby certify that they are, respectively, the duly elected and acting President and Secretary of the California School Trustees Association, a nonstock corporation, and further that:

One: At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, duly held at its authorized place for the transaction of business at Long Beach, California, at 9:00 A.M. on the 9th day of October, 1957, at which meeting there was at all times present and acting a quorum of the members of said board, the following resolution was duly adopted:

RESOLVED: That Article "FIRST" of this corporation's Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows:

"The name of this corporation shall be:

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION."

Two: At the annual meeting of the members of said corporation, duly held at Long Beach, California, at 2:00 P.M. on the 12th day of October, 1957, the following resolution was duly adopted:

RESOLVED: That Article "FIRST" of this corporation's Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows:

"The name of this corporation shall be:

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION."

Three: The foregoing amendment was adopted and approved at said members' meeting by the total vote of five hundred and seventy-five (575) members, which included a quorum of one member from each of 25 separate school districts (totalling ~~four hundred and seventy-five (475) members of said corporation entitled to vote on 25 members~~), all of whom voted for said amendment. ~~no consent to the adoption of such amendment was eight (800) members.~~

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate of Amendment this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1957.

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of the State of California

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FRANK M. [Signature]  
Secretary of State

[Signature]  
Deputy

[Signature]  
President of California School Trustees Association


[Signature]  
Secretary of California School Trustees Association

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,     )  
                                  ) ss  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.    )

HILLAS COLE, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the President of the California School Trustees Association, the California corporation mentioned in the foregoing Certificate of Amendment; that he has read said certificate and that the statements therein made are true of his own knowledge, and that the signature purporting to be the signature of said Hillas Cole is the genuine signature of said Hillas Cole.

  
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Hillas Cole

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1957

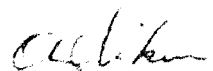
  
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Notary Public, in and for the County of  
Riverside, State of California

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA,     )  
                                  ) ss  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.    )

LAWRENCE B. WHITE, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is the Secretary of the California School Trustees Association, the California corporation mentioned in the foregoing Certificate of Amendment; that he has read said certificate and that the statements therein made are true of his own knowledge, and that the signature purporting to be the signature of said Lawrence B. White is the genuine signature of said Lawrence B. White.

  
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Lawrence B. White

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 12 day of November, 1957

  
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Notary Public, in and for the County  
of Los Angeles, State of California.

C. J. Allen

Notary Public, Los Angeles County, California



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EDMUND G. BROWN, Jr., Secretary of State  
By Richard M. Patton  
Deputy

Dr. Georgiana Hardy and Joseph M. Brooks certify:

1. That they are the President and the Secretary, respectively, of the California School Boards Association, a California corporation.
2. That a meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, duly held at Sacramento, California, on June 7, 1971, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED that Article <sup>FIFTH</sup> of the Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

"FIFTH: The county in this state where the principal office for the transaction of the business of the corporation is located in Sacramento County."

3. That the members have adopted said amendment by resolution at a meeting held at Sacramento, California, on June 7, 1971. That the wording of the amended article as set forth in the members' resolution is the same as that set forth in the directors' resolution in Paragraph 2 above.
4. That the number of members who voted affirmatively for the adoption of said resolution is 26, and that the number of members constituting a quorum is 13.

Georgiana Hardy  
Dr. Georgiana Hardy, President

Joseph M. Brooks  
Joseph M. Brooks, Secretary

Each of the undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that the matters set forth in the foregoing certificate are true and correct. Executed at Sacramento, California, on June 7, 1971.

Georgiana Hardy  
Dr. Georgiana Hardy, President

Joseph M. Brooks  
Joseph M. Brooks, Secretary

