

## 2019 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1/7/2019

Name: Heather Allgood

CSBA Region & subregion #: 16B

District or COE: District

Years on board: 2

Profession: Board Member Contact Number (please check  Cell  Home  Bus.): 760-963-2303

\*Primary E-mail: hallgood@helendalesd.com

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Are you an incumbent Delegate? Yes  No  If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

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 becoming a Delegate because when I decided to run for School Board its because I became aware of a California Law that was going to directly affect Education. It was in that learning process of the bill that I realized how many laws effect Education and not only how Districts were allowed to teach but also how they are allowed to allocate their funds.. I then went to my Assemblymen and through a lot of meeting I was able to be more involved in the process of this law. I being just a mother was able to have a small say about something I felt passionate about that a lot of parents didn't even have knowledge of. I then continued to follow the new bills rolling out that affected Education and got hooked. I asked myself how can I continue to be a representative of the process of these laws. How can I continue to learn and in turn share with other parents and get them involved in our children Education. Running for School Board was the next natural step for me. I soon learned of the Delegate position and my love and drive of Education and our Government Process made it apparent it was my next step. I look so forward to continuing to learn from my fellow Board Members and the ones all over California.. It was been a wonderful experience for me. In being on the Board now for over 2 years my desire only continues to grow stronger to learn about how the laws from Sacramento continue to trickle down and effect education. I want to build relationships to hopefully be able to be part of the solutions that we need to continue to be strategic and help lawmakers make informed decisions.

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

I am very active in my community. I have 3 children in our District and I am an active parent as well. I attend majority of the sports and activities at all sites.. I volunteer regularly as a parent as well. I did this before I was a board member and that hasn't stopped.. Community participation is essential to continue to support our staff at our sites. It's also a way to really be fulfilled seeing hands on how wonderful our district is. Seeing the progress of the children from the decisions that we have made together as a board. I also help regularly at the local church that does meals 2 days a week. I think it's important to be accessible to all people in our community and to give always if you can.

I also sit on the Recreation Committee for our Home Owners Association. I appreciate being able to continue to be an advocate for the youth in our Community for their needs as to how we allocate funds for them to continue to live in a community that supports them.

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

One of the biggest challenges that I see with governing boards is the disconnect to local government. They get so occupied with the commitments and duties on the grand scheme and local board members and CSBA can help be the communication link that they need to keep feeding them the needs and trends going on in local districts. Networking and sharing ideas and what works and what does not work benefit all involved.

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Signature: Tommy Courtney Date: 12/2/2018

Name: Tommy Courtney CSBA Region & subregion #: 16 B  
 District or COE: Lucerne Valley Unified School District Years on board: 24  
 Profession: General Contractor/Developer Contact Number (please v  Cell  Home  Bus.): 760-220-2252  
 \*Primary E-mail: tcourt45@aol.com  
 (\*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)  
 Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 1999

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

I see being a delegate as a very important position in being a part of guiding the direction of CSBA, I have been very actively involved as a delegate and implemented by CSBA. I enjoy advocating on behalf and feel I bring a great view of Small School Districts to the organization which contributes to "Smalls" being considered in any and all decisions or plans developed by the organization. I also have a great relationships with many of the leaders of CSBA both past and present and feel those relationships help to bring communication and information on the direction CSBA is heading as well

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

I have always been very active in my little town. I am a current member and Vice President of the Mitsubishi Cement Corporation Education Foundation and San Bernardino County School Boards for Better Schools as well as Vice President of our local Boards. I head our school districts Facility Committee and serve as the D2 Water Operator #35666 (Voluntary Position) for our local school water wells.

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

The biggest problem facing boards is the same as the biggest problem facing the USA and that is reuniting our belief systems so that we can respect each other to the point that every decision we make is the decision that is best for every student. The division and the notion that what I think is the best and only decision that is right and I will fight hard to insure it is the decision attitude, only serves to divide us further. I remember when we valued each other's opinion enough to work towards inclusion for all and I would love to be part of the team that brings that back. CSBA can help by setting that example in the Delegate Assembly and Executive Board.

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Signature: Shari S. Megaw Date: 12/10/2018

Name: Shari S. Megaw CSBA Region & subregion #: 16  
District or COE: Chaffey Joint Union High School District Years on board: 11  
Profession: Middle School Teacher Contact Number (please v  Cell  Home  Bus.): 909-908-0356  
\*Primary E-mail: mentorteacher@yahoo.com

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Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I would like to continue to be a Delegate to our Delegate Assembly because I would like to be actively involved in the decision making, policy setting and governance of our Association. I have been on a large governing body for another association and feel my experience there would be an asset to CSBA. I was trained in lobbying Sacramento, Parliamentary procedures, and policy writing. My experience as a public school teacher for 28 years would be a benefit to bringing insight and classroom teaching experience to CSBA.



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

I have held all the offices on our board. I have been the county commission representative for 8 years. I hold perfect attendance for board meetings in my 10 years. I have attended all of the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show while I have been a board member. I have completed my Masters in Governance through CSBA.

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

I think budget and funding are the biggest challenge facing our governing boards. When the legislature started believing that meeting the prop 98 minimum was adequate funding for our schools, our work was cut out for us. We need to communicate the needs of our schools and districts clearly to our legislature.

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**Shari Megaw – Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees**  
Elected – November 2008 / November 2012 / November 2016

**11 years with the California School Board Association**

- Delegate Assembly Member 2018 – present
- Attended all Annual Education Conferences since 2008
- Completed CSBA Masters in Governance Training Courses:
  - Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance | Setting Direction
  - Course 2: Policy & Judicial Review | Student Learning & Achievement
  - Course 3: School Finance
  - Course 4: Human Resources | Collective Bargaining
  - Course 5: Community Relations and Advocacy | Governance Integration

**11 years on the Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees**

- President (2), Vice President (2), Clerk (3), Member (4)
- Instrumental in the passage of Measure P - \$848 Million Bond – Approved by the voters in 2012
- Chaffey Joint Union High School District Representative on the County Committee of School District Reorganization 2008 – 2016
- Attended District trainings in Marzano Research and other instructional strategies

**29 years in Education**

- Teacher
- Teacher on Assignment – Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment
- Instructor District Intern Academy
- California Teachers Association State Council
  - Lobbyist
  - Staff Development Trainer
- Local Association
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (4years), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (4years), Service Center Representative (10 years), Chief Negotiator (5 years)

**35 years of Community Service**

- Lions Club
  - Eye Sight Chair
  - Fundraising Chair
  - Baby Quilts for Charitable Organizations
- Boy Scouts of America
  - Den Leader
  - Committee Chair
  - Eagle Board of Review
  - Merit Badge Counselor
- Alta Loma High School Marching and Entertainment Corps Band Boosters
  - Vice President
  - Prop Management
  - Seamstress/Tailor

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Date: 1/7/2018

Name: <u>Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh</u>	CSBA Region & subregion #: <u>16 B</u>
District or COE: <u>Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint USD</u>	Years on board: <u>April 2018</u>
Profession: <u>Realtor/Field Rep. for CA Assembly Elected</u> Contact Number (please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Bus.): <u>909 709-5905</u>	
*Primary E-mail: <u>Rosilicie_Ochoa-Bogh@ycjUSD.us</u>	
(*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)	
Are you an incumbent Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   If yes, year you became Delegate: _____	

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

I believe that it will be an invaluable experience, one which will allow me to learn from other district board members, keep me updated on the current and up and coming issues and help keep me engaged.

I am a brand new member, and as a parent of current students in our school district, I have been active in our schools by volunteering in the classroom, I have built personal and professional relationships with our community businesses, local, state and federal electeds.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

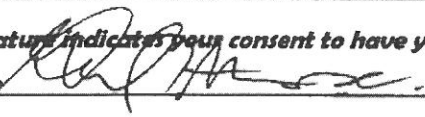
Being a relatively new board member, I have experienced the exhilarating learning curb of serving. I have served on the District's Community Cabinet Committee, I am currently serving on the East Valley Association Board of Realtors. I am Past President/Chair and Board Member of our local Chamber of Commerce. Served as a Public Affairs Region Representative for our Church as well as currently working as a Field Representative for our District 42 Assemblymember.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

It is my understanding, that full and fair funding is one of our biggest challenge. It is my belief, that we must advocate through successful communication and relationship building in order to garner support from all school board members.

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**Signature:**  **Date:** 01/02/19

Name: Gabriel L. Stine, D.C. CSBA Region & subregion #: 16 / B  
 District or COE: Victor Elementary School District Years on board: 19  
 Profession: Chiropractor Contact Number (please V  Cell  Home  Bus.): (760) 245-1691  
 \*Primary E-mail: docgstine@gmail.com  
 (\*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)  
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**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. (Character count limit: 700)**

This is my 19<sup>th</sup> year on the Victor Elementary School District Board of Trustees. I pride myself in being a leader on our board. I enjoy coaching new members, resolving differences and advocating for students. I bring a well-rounded perspective for school district stakeholders including students, staff, parents, business and community leaders. I am open minded and a huge believer in transparent relationships. One of the reasons I believe the VESD Board has been collaborative while keeping students first is the training we have received from California School Boards Association. I would love to be a part of the CSBA culture.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. (Character count limit: 700)**

As a board member I attend as many district activities as possible. I attend the board activities such as board tours, question and answer forums with our bargaining units, as well as CSBA and NSBA events. As a business owner and chiropractor I contribute to my community constantly. I have been an active member of the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce for over 25 years. I am team physician for three local high schools. I have developed and implemented health programs at schools across Victor Valley. I feel very strongly about being a positive, active member of our board and community.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? (Character count limit: 700)**

To a layman, the funding for California school districts sounds enormous but the citizens of California don't realize the needs our students are coming to school with every day. Our schools and specifically our teachers are expected to not only insure that academic standards are met, but many, many classrooms are finding it necessary to implement social emotional learning as well. An educator's job is ever-changing and professional development, trained professionals in academics and social emotion health and time are needed to meet our students' needs. CSBA is already aware of the lack of adequate funding. It may behoove us to educate Californians as to why we advocate for more funding.

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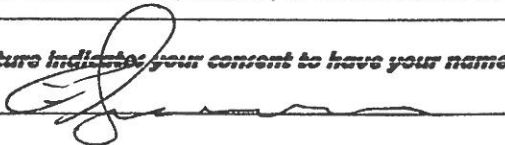
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**Date:** 12 / 20 / 2018

Name: Eric Swanson

CSBA Region & subregion #: 16 B

District or COE: Hesperia Unified School District

Years on board: 13 years

Profession: Worldwide Internet Service Contact Number (please  Cell  Home  Bus.): 760-617-1143

\*Primary E-mail: eric.swanson@hesperiausd.org

(\*Communications from CSBA will be sent to primary email)

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 2015

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. (Character count limit: 700)**

My experience and understanding of the needs of our students -not today, but tomorrow- drives me to bring together other local and regional school districts to help find the 21st century solutions that our students will need to be successful, by being fully prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. (Character count limit: 700)**

I am a community advocate that believes participation across our community helps to drive a successful educational system. I have been a CSBA delegate for four years, and have been a member of our local Tri-Agency Committee which communicates and coordinates between the three elected bodies in our community: the City of Hesperia, the Hesperia Unified School District and the Hesperia Recreation and Park District. Communication and collaboration between local and regional school districts, along with county schools, CSBA and legislative bodies in Sacramento, is key to the success of our students.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? (Character count limit: 700)**

The three most important topics for setting the new educational bar are:

- > The 4 C's - Creativity, Collaboration, Communication and Critical Thinking.
- > Reaching beyond the boundaries of Common Core through blended learning.
- > Closing the widening gap between technology advancement and student learning.

The above are valuable concepts that will help our schools provide quality educational programs that will better equip our students. CSBA's role involves exploring and informing local board members across the state of the challenges that tomorrow's students face.

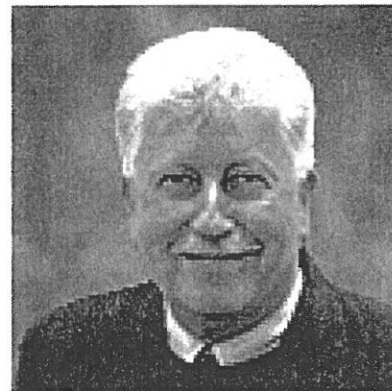
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# Biographical Sketch

Eric Swanson  
10232 Arroyo Ave.  
Hesperia, CA 92345  
760-617-1143

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Eric Swanson is serving in his fourth term on the Hesperia Unified School District board of trustees as well as serving four years as a CSBA Assembly Delegate in region 16. He is the CEO of a world-wide Internet company and has been a technical educational consultant for over 25 years.



Eric and his wife, Rebekah, have been residents in the City of Hesperia for over 30 years and, with his son in his second year of college and a daughter in her first year of college, have a strong connection to the school system.

He has spoken out about the importance of our educational system reaching out beyond the limits of the 14-17 years we invest in our children, going well into the future, with a career and job market that has more positions becoming extinct each day.

Eric Swanson has been part of the driving force behind Hesperia Unified School District's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Plan, which steps beyond Common Core to help deliver tomorrow's educational tools to our students today.

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Signature: Mondi M. Taylor

Digitally signed by Mondy M. Taylor  
DN: c=United States, o=Etiwanda School District, ou=Trustees,  
email=mm.taylor@etiwanda.org, ou=CSBA, cn=Mondi M. Taylor

Date: 1-7-19

Name: Mondi M. Taylor

CSBA Region & subregion #: 16 B

District or COE: Etiwanda School District

Years on board: 21

Profession: Owner - Music Academy Contact Number (please v  Cell  Home  Bus.): 909-260-1608

\*Primary E-mail: ESDBoard\_Taylor@etiwanda.org

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**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

My career as an educator supports my goal of putting children first. Being a board member for 21 years has taught me how to prioritize resources and make tough choices. As a leader I have guided the school district through rapid growth periods insuring that all children had access to safe and beautiful schools equipped with the latest technology. I have fought to keep arts education in conjunction with science, technology, engineering and math. I believe I have the leadership skills and knowledge of the education system necessary to positively represent all children.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

Current member of the Etiwanda School District Board of Trustees. Served on many school committees such as PTA President, Treasurer, Auditor, and Fundraising Chair and Board member for the E3 Education Foundation. Volunteered to lead a children's performing choir, serve as Community Outreach Director for my church and teach religious instruction to high school students. I have also organized community service projects and was instrumental on the committee that helped pass our local bond measure, ensuring the committee stayed in compliance with local and state political reform laws. Currently active on the SANDABS Board, uniting efforts to influence legislators.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

The biggest challenge facing governing boards in California is to ensure that every child, regardless of background or location, has access to qualified teachers with sufficient funds to guarantee that child has every opportunity to learn in a way that best serves the student. CSBA has been key in helping the elected officials in California understand the need for fair and adequate funding as well as local control of those funds to best serve the students in the local school district. I hope to help ensure that CSBA will fight for the rights to education for all students.

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# Mondi M. Taylor

## Etiwanda School Board of Trustees

### School Board Experience

Mondi M. Taylor has served as a member of the Etiwanda School Board of Trustees for 21 years. She was first elected in 1991. She served 14 years before moving out of state with her family. Upon her return to Etiwanda, she was appointed back to the Etiwanda School Board of Trustees and has since been elected twice to her seat. During her service to the Etiwanda Community, she has emphasized the need for technology and arts education.

### Education

Mondi M. Taylor graduated from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah in April 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Family, Home, and Social Science.

### Professional

Mondi M. Taylor is the sole proprietor of the Mondi M Taylor Music Academy. This music academy provides individual instruction on the piano. Mondi began her music academy in May of 1987 and has instructed hundreds of children and adults in the art of piano performance and accompaniment. Mondi has performed in several venues including accompaniment for school musical performances and soloists.

Mondi M. Taylor runs a campaign treasurer business providing services to local candidates to help them stay in compliance with local and state political reform laws. Mondi organizes political events and social events through her event planning company.

### Volunteer Work

Mondi M. Taylor volunteered to lead a children's performing chorus for 12 years at the local elementary school providing vocal musical experience to hundreds of children. Mondi has also lead Parent Teacher groups in the role of President, Treasurer, Fund-Raiser, Public Liaison, and classroom volunteer. She has volunteered her time to teach religious instruction to High School students each day. Mondi has also served as a Public Affairs Director for her church organizing volunteers for community service projects and being involved in local political affairs.

### Personal

Mondi M. Taylor has raised four wonderful children. Each of her children has graduated from college. Her children are all married and have provided her with 13 grandchildren. Mondi loves to spend time with her family at their lake cabin.



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Signature: Kathy A. Thompson Date: 1/2/19

Name: Kathy A. Thompson CSBA Region & subregion #: 16-B  
District or COE: Central School District Years on board: 23  
Profession: Teacher Contact Number (please v  Cell  Home  Bus.): (909) 241-5754  
\*Primary E-mail: rckathy9216@gmail.com  
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Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No | If yes, year you became Delegate: 1997

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.** (Character count limit: 700)

As a delegate since 1997, I have attended each meeting from beginning to end. I come to each meeting prepared to engage and contribute. As a newly elected member of the Nominating Committee, I am looking forward to being able to use my skills to help select effective leaders for CSBA. I believe that the ability to communicate the impact of decision-making in Sacramento at the local level is essential to the legislators' grasp of education related decision making that he or she must make, and this is a personal priority for me.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.** (Character count limit: 700)

I have been a school board member since 1995. I have served as Board President and am currently the District Clerk. I feel that it is important to be visible at schools and frequently visit school sites. As an advocate for music programs, I particularly like attending school performances at both the elementary and middle school level.

The SBCSBA meets monthly. Our Region's Director attends and gives reports. She solicits our opinions on the impact of current issues in our areas. Our very large county consists of urban, suburban and rural districts, which gives a broad perspective. By participating in these discussions, I am able to communicate with both my Director and CSBA staff.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?** (Character count limit: 700)

The biggest challenge I see is adequate stable funding for local school districts. Working to clarify and streamline the LCAP process will benefit every school district in California. This requires educating both the public and legislative bodies in order to communicate the needs of public schools. While accountability is welcomed, it must be meaningful and genuine to make a positive change.

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# KATHY THOMPSON

## OBJECTIVE

To continue as a member of the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

1995 - 2019 Central School District Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Central School District Trustee

Member since 1995; ran unopposed in 1999, 2003 and 2008. Re-elected in 2012, 2016.

Specifically relevant to the Delegate Assembly is my investment of time in 1998 achieving the Master of Boardsmanship, as well as serving as Board Clerk in 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2012. I served as Board President in 1998, 2003 and 2008. I was elected to serve as Board President in 2013. I have attended all Delegate Assembly meetings. I am the area representative for Upland, Cucamonga and Central School districts. Currently I have just been elected to the Delegate Assembly Nominating Committee.

Golden Bell Evaluator 1999 – present

2001- May, 2010 Baldy View Regional Occupational Program

August, 2010 – Present Riverside County Office Of Education

Teacher, Health Services

## EDUCATION

1978 – 1980 Citrus College Azusa, CA

Licensed Vocational Nurse

Specialization of Field: Neonatal and Pediatric Nursing

2001 – 2002 California State University San Bernardino, CA

Full-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential, Medical Services

2017

Bachelor's Degree Grand Canyon University

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

I am elected to my school's site council, a member and volunteer of the PTA, an advisor for the Health Occupation Students of America, and an active member of Hillside Community Church.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Since 1990, I have been very active in the school district. I served as a School Site Council member and president, and also as the Parent/Teacher organization president. My service on district committees includes Business Partners in Education and the District Goals committee. I am involved in the activities of our individual school sites, and volunteer as a CPR instructor when needed. I firmly believe that volunteering for the benefit of children does not end when one becomes a Trustee.