

**2017 CANDIDATE FOR CHSSA PRESIDENT
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AREA II**



My first involvement with CHSSA started in 1982 and since then I have served in multiple capacities: competitor, assistant coach, coach, Vice President Activities, Secretary, League President, and Pit-boss, to name a few. I have been fortunate to have met, learned from, and collaborated with many of California's best coaches and leaders.

Besides having been involved in California speech and debate for over 32 years, I also have a unique background in other leadership and state-sanctioning organizations. Currently a member in good standing of both the California Association of State Athletic Directors (CASAD) and California Association of Director of Activities (CADA), I bring a multifaceted understanding of organizational leadership and enforcement while demonstrating a true belief in student learning outside the classroom.

Going forward, it is crucial that CHSSA continue to advocate for speech curriculum at the state level, as well as adapt to the ever-changing world of competitive forensics by leading rather than following trends in the activity, in and out of the classroom.

As President of CHSSA, I would actively and strongly advocate for students, coaches, teachers, and speech and debate in California. I hope for your support.