

Area III Chair Candidate – Teja Vepa



Colleagues:

My name is Teja Vepa. I've dedicated the last ten years to coaching forensics; I first worked at Claremont, before moving to Polytechnic School. I have spent most weekends in tabrooms across California, where I've had myriad opportunities to exercise leadership. As a result, I have developed a comprehensive understanding of the rules and norms that accompany our 17 competition events.

I am excited to embrace technology! I believe that contemporary communication tools can be used to ensure the responsibilities of Area Chairperson are executed efficiently and transparently. Communication will help demystify CHSSA.

I also feel the Area Chairperson's role is to be proactive in ensuring our coaches and students understand the rules and deadlines. Much of the "protest culture" we sometimes find ourselves embroiled in can be avoided. I do not support punishing students for the mistakes of others or punishing schools for preventable violations.

Most importantly, I will always act and vote to defend our students from harassment. I was saddened to learn that some Area 3 representatives recently voted against CHSSA's anti-harassment policy. I vehemently disagree with our Area being represented this way at CHSSA council and thus feel compelled to request your vote.