



CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION

April 5, 2019

Dear Area 3 member schools and coaches,

As many of you may know, Kathy Graber has resigned effective immediately as Area 3 Chair. This recent decision is not easy to share given Kathy's decades of service to the activity and the state. These recent events are truly sudden and heartbreaking.

Sharon James (WBFL President) has kindly agreed to handle scripts for Area 3 and deliver them to the CHSSA State Tournament. Gratitude is owed to Sharon for agreeing to make sure everything moves smoothly for the students and schools that qualified from Area 3. Should any of you have questions concerning scripts, please direct them to Sharon at wbflinfo@gmail.com. If there are Area issues that arise and need to be immediately addressed, please direct those to me at reedniemi@hotmail.com and I will address those issues through the Executive Board members.

All that said, the Executive Board has called a special election for Area 3 Chair. Terry Abad of Lowell HS, and a non-board member of CHSSA, has agreed to be the election official for Area 3 (again). Terry will send out the link to the ballot to all member schools in Area 3, but first we wanted to let everyone know of the election and the call for nominations. Any coach from a CHSSA member school in Area 3 is welcome and encouraged to apply. Terry will need a short statement from you, and ideally a photograph to put on the Area 3 Chair ballot.

Please send the above information to Terry at terry.abad@lowellalumni.org and me at reedniemi@hotmail.com. I truly hope many of you will consider serving as Area 3 Chair, as more choices make for a better and more balanced election.

- Nominations are due by April 20 by 11:00 AM
- Voting will be held April 22-May 6
- Area 3 Chair announcement May 8
- Board approval May 18 in San Jose

I am sorry for sharing this awful information, and hope we can make the best of a very bad situation.

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Reed Niemi, President

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