



Hello California School Social Workers,

The need for school social workers has rarely been as highlighted as it is now in this time since the start of the pandemic. Students, families, and school staff need resources and support, and school social workers are stepping up. Our association is working diligently to connect you with other school social workers throughout the state and to provide you with much needed resources for you to do your jobs.

Our bylaws state that we hold elections every 2 years for our Board positions. We are asking you to step up to become a leader in our field by joining the California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) State Board.

CASSW is an all-volunteer organization and is responsible for:

- Creating and managing this listserv
- Organizing and hosting annual conferences
- Supporting professional development in regions and throughout the state
- Advocating to support school social work, students, families, and quality education at the state and national levels
- Networking with other professional pupil services organizations

Current Board openings include:

President: Provides overall leadership to the organization, presides at all meetings of CASSW and the Board, and calls special meetings when deemed necessary; is one of the three primary official representatives of the organization to other organizations and institutional bodies; is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice President: Performs necessary duties as directed by the President; assumes the duties of the President should the President be unable to fulfill his or her duties or complete the term of office; monitors the progress of all committees.

Secretary: Keeps the minutes of the meetings of CASSW and the Board and shall send out notices to the membership as needed. Post the minutes on the CASSW website after they have been approved by the Board.

Treasurer: Is responsible for collecting all CASSW dues; maintains a complete file of the paid members of CASSW; receives all monies due CASSW; pays all bills as authorized by the Board; keeps a proper set of account books; makes a report or provides written correspondence of the financial standing of CASSW at each Board meeting or conference call; renders an account annually to CASSW.

Legislative Chair: Studies matters pertaining to legislation on a national, state, and local level; promotes legislation of concern to CASSW; helps increase sophistication and involvement of membership in legislative matters, both pro and con; serves as Chair of the Legislation Committee.

Membership Chair: Is responsible for correspondence on all matters pertaining to membership; provides verbal and/or written membership reports at each Board meeting or conference call; maintains a current list of all members of CASSW; establishes an active program of locating prospective CASSW members; promotes interest in CASSW membership; serves as the Chair of the Membership Committee.

Professional Development and Continuing Education Liaison: Works to provide statewide and Regional professional development opportunities for peer support, credential renewal requirements, to enhance the knowledge and skills of members; coordinates the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) program.

Organizational Liaison: Assists the President and the Board to maintain positive relationships with key governmental agencies and other organizations to promote the goals of CASSW and School Social Work.

Student Affairs and PPSC Programs Liaison: Coordinates with the CASSW-PPSC/SSW program liaisons to promote the recruitment of graduate students enrolled; develops relationships and initiatives with University Program Coordinators to assist and encourage student involvement in Regional and Statewide CASSW activities.

Website Moderator Liaison: Works cooperatively with the Board and membership to maintain and moderate the Association's website ensuring that the website stays current, relevant, and user friendly; Work collaboratively with any necessary website contractor retained by the Board to assist the contractor in overseeing design and upgrades to the website.

Graduate Student Representative : Represents the interests of students enrolled in PPSC/SSW programs; helps interpret the goals of CASSW to other students.

Please note that some areas have openings for Regional Coordinators who help lead activities and organize training for school social workers in specific parts of the state. These are appointed positions, not elected positions. If you are interested, please contact Paul Brazzel at casswpresident@gmail.com.

The steps to nomination are:

1) You must be a CASSW member to apply. If you aren't a member, click here to join:

<https://www.cassw.net/>

2) Complete the nomination form at the following link and **submit by April 1, 2022:** [CASSW Board Application Form](#)

Whether or not you are running for a position, we ask that all members participate in the voting process! Please look for important timelines soon.

Respectfully,

Jenée Peevy, CASSW Board Secretary
California Association of School Social Workers