



Friday, November 29, 2019

Dear CEF Members:

Information for the election of CEF's 2020 Board of Directors on Friday, December 13, 2019

- **Nominations Committee memo and candidate profiles for next year's CEF board are attached** – Thanks to everyone who submitted nominations to serve on CEF's Board of Directors next year. CEF is fortunate to have so many effective and hardworking members who volunteer to be on its Board – double the number of positions up for election this year. The Nominations and Elections Committee met and deliberated to create a recommended slate that reflects the diversity of CEF's broad membership. While there is not room on the Board for all the qualified nominees, there are still many opportunities for all to share their expertise and take a leadership role in CEF's advocacy, events, and analysis throughout the year. CEF cannot function without our members' active involvement.

Many thanks also to the Nominations and Elections Committee, which is proposing the slate of nominees listed in the attached memo. The full CEF membership will vote on these candidates at the annual meeting on Friday, December 13, 9-11:30 a.m. at the University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave. All Board members, with the exception of officers, serve a term of two consecutive years. Per the bylaws, the incoming president will appoint two Board members in addition to those voted in by the membership. Along with the memo from Committee chair Becky Levin, I have also attached the candidate statements for the Committee's recommended slate:

Officers (one-year terms):

- President – Valerie C. Williams, National Association of State Directors of Special Education
- Vice-President – Luis Maldonado, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Treasurer – Emmanuel Guillory, United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

Board of Directors (two-year terms):

- Frank Ballman, National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs
- Sarah Cohen, American Federation of Teachers
- Rob Edwards, National Association for Music Education
- Jim Gelb, The California State University
- Jenny Smulson, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

- **Current Board members whose terms extend through 2020** – The members below will remain on the Board in 2020 serving the second year of their terms:
 - Stephanie Giesecke, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (this year's President, she stays for an additional year to serve as Past President)
 - Kelly Broughan, Teach for America
 - Jon Fansmith, American Council on Education
 - Meredith Hills, Advance CTE
 - Zachary Scott, National Association of Secondary School Principals
 - Corey Williams, National Education Association

- **Voting process for the annual meeting on Friday, December 13** – The CEF [bylaws](#) require a quorum of at least one third of all members to vote on both CEF's budget for the upcoming year and on the election of new board members, so attendance is vital on December 13!

Each CEF member in good standing gets one vote in the election, and a representative of the organization must be present or on the conference line to vote – CEF's bylaws prohibit giving someone else a proxy to vote on behalf of your organization. If you will need to call in on the conference line to vote, you will need to sign up in advance to request an "absentee" ballot by emailing Max Seltzer (Seltzer@acg-consultants.com) by December 12. When the voting starts, those who have already registered for absentee balloting will be directed to check in by email and we will then provide a link to an electronic ballot. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.

In case it is helpful, below are additional details on the voting process. These are excerpted from the elections memo we have circulated since the start of the nominations process:

- a)** Each CEF member organization in good standing and also present at the annual meeting shall cast one vote. Proxy voting is not allowed.

- b)** Any CEF member who participates in the annual meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar means of communication which allows for those attending the meeting to simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting shall be deemed present at the meeting.

- c)** The order of elections will be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and then the Board of Directors.

d) Voting will be by secret ballot.

e) If a candidate is unopposed for an office, the election may take place by voice vote if such a motion is approved by unanimous consent. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.

f) To the extent that paper or secret ballots are used for voting, those who participate by means of a conference telephone or similar means of communication may cast such ballot electronically after their presence is confirmed during the meeting.