

State Student Board

- California State Student Board officers are elected at Festival to one year terms.
- Each troupe may nominate up to two active members of the Thespian Society to run for office with the recommendation of the Troupe Director.
- Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater and have attended California State Thespian One Day Leadership or a Student Activities' state leadership training.
- **If the student is elected, the Troupe Director automatically becomes a member of the State Board and is required to attend ALL board meetings with the newly elected officer and participate in Adult State Board activities.**
- Serving on the State Board requires a substantial time commitment and may involve some expense to the student, Director or troupe. (Airfare is reimbursed.)
- Candidates and their sponsors are required to help out during the Festival to gain experience for the subsequent Festival they will help plan.
- Student State Board offices consist of a President, Vice President, Secretaries, Treasurer, Central Representative, Northern Representative, Southern Representatives, Newsletter Editor, Historian, and Junior Troupe Liaison.
- All candidates will run as members-at-large. Specific positions will be decided by a consensus of the newly-elected Student State Board. Additional candidates may be appointed after ballot tabulation and inducted at Festival with other incoming board members.

Student and Director will:

- Attend the September, January, March and April general State Board meetings. (Meetings are often held in conjunction with other Board activities.)
- Assist in establishing state policies.
- Attend Summer Student State Board Training.
- Contribute news and articles for the California State Thespian on-line newsletter.
- Assure successful regional representation.
- Encourage affiliation among nonaffiliated high schools, middle schools and junior high schools.

DUTIES OF STUDENT STATE BOARD MEMBER AND SPONSOR

- Plan, coordinate, and preside at the California State Thespian Festival.
- Attend and lead Southern and/or Northern One Day Leadership [end of September, beginning of October], the California State Thespian Festival and all planning and evaluation meetings for each.
- Maintain a log of work done during term in office.
- Serve in other ways to further California State Thespians.

PRESIDENT

- Preside at State Board meetings and events with the State Director.
- Coordinate all activities with the student officers.

VICE PRESIDENT

- Assume duties of the president in his/her absence.
- Serve as liaison between the International Thespian Officers and the California State Board.

SECRETARY

- Take accurate minutes at State Board meetings.
- Type and deliver minutes to the State Director within ten days following the meeting.

TREASURER

- Assist the State Director with Festival registration.
- Assist as needed with the Thespian Store.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

- Be responsible for media coverage of State Thespian activities.
- Publish at least three state newsletters during term of office.

HISTORIAN

- Create a record of Board activities.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Establish and maintain contact with troupes in a given area of the state.
- Recruit troupes in the assigned area.

JUNIOR TROUPE LIAISON

- Serve as the liaison between Junior Troupes and the State Board.

STATE STUDENT BOARD APPLICATION

Each candidate must submit a completed application which includes the following:

- **Student Officer Application**
- completed Troupe Director recommendation section of the application. (A troupe or Director should, prior to Festival, revoke the nomination of any candidate who demonstrates a decline in commitment to Thespians or a change in behavior or attitude.)
- a letter of recommendation from an employer or a teacher other than the Troupe Director
- a 200-300 word typed essay explaining the candidate's qualifications
- a copy of the exact text of the candidate's speech, approved and signed by the candidate's Director
- a headshot photo, at least 2 1/4" x 3".

CANDIDATE SPEECH

- The election speeches will be given at Festival and must be the same speech submitted with the candidate's application.
- Speeches have a time limit of one and one-half minutes.
- No visual aids may be used with the speech. Candidates are encouraged to be creative, but "novelty" speeches are discouraged.
- Speeches should feature qualifications (leadership experience, troupe

responsibilities, and personal qualities) and reasons for seeking the position.

- Candidates must deliver the pre-approved speech and may not ad-lib. Directors should rehearse candidates prior to Festival.
- Candidates should also be prepared to answer questions at the Student Representative Meeting.

CANDIDATE POSTER

- All candidates should bring a poster to be displayed at Festival. The poster should be no larger than 11" x 17" and contain a headshot of the candidate no smaller than 5" x 7". The rest of the poster may be decorated, in good taste, to highlight the candidate's qualifications and may include the application essay.
- The State Board has the right to decline displaying any poster not in good taste or not in compliance with these guidelines.

**Mail the Student Officer Application, photo,
letter of recommendation, essay and speech
on or before FEBRUARY 1st to
Krista Carson Elhai
Student State Board Application
242 Eagle Grove
Claremont, CA 91711**