



Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association
of Southern California

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2024 CESASC Board of Directors' Election

Candidates from the Nomination Committee

CESASC Board Positions	2023/2024 Current Board	Term for Election	Open for Election	Nominated Candidates	Self-nomination Candidates
Chairperson	Chenxi Guo	2024/07 – 2025/06	No	<i>[Jonathan Jiang]</i>	
President	Jonathan Jiang	2024/07 – 2025/06	Yes	Ying Zhan	Not received
Vice President	Ying Zhan	2024/07 – 2025/06	Yes	Lei Xu	Not received
Treasurer	Kenny Wang	2024/07 – 2025/06	Yes	Alex Ma	Not received
Secretary	Jia Fan	2024/07 – 2025/06	Yes	Jia Fan	Not received
Director 1	Bruce Liu	2024/07 - 2025/06	No	Chenxi Guo	
Director 2	Jiachen Zhang	2023/07 – 2025/06	No	Jiachen Zhang	Not received
Director 3	Jinxing Li	2023/07 – 2025/06	No	Jinxing Li	Not received
Director 4	Alex Ma	2024/07 – 2026/06	Yes	Kenny Wang	Not received
Director 5	Lei Xu	2024/07 – 2026/06	Yes	Xuemei Wei	Not received
Director 6	Jingtang Su	2024/07 – 2026/06	Yes	Yongping Zhang	Not received


Only the positions in **GREEN** are up for 2024 election.


CESASC bylaw [link](#)

Deadline for self-nomination was Sunday 12/31/2023.


Online vote to start at 1/28/2024, finish at 2/20/2024.


<p>2024 – 2025 President Candidate</p>	<p>Jessie Ying Zhan, PhD</p>
	<p>My name is Ying Zhan. I am delighted to be running for the position of President of CESASC. Over the past several years, I have had the honor of working with our incredible team. As a seasoned professional investor with over 30 years of experience in the financial industry, I have led and participated in nearly 150 high-profile projects, including IPOs, refinancing, mergers, acquisitions, and reorganizations. Throughout my career, I have gained extensive expertise in financial ethics, investment banking, investment management, and risk control.</p> <p>Since 2015, I have been supporting the development of CESASC through personal contributions and funding from my invested companies. I have also provided volunteer services and utilized my resources to promote and provide assistance for association activities. I am thrilled to work with fellow philanthropists and share my resources for the future development of the association, making a modest contribution.</p> <p>I am deeply dedicated to social welfare activities and charities. I have long been donating to foster children with parents in prison, supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and regularly contributing to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Eisenhower Presidential Museum rebuilding, among others. I also donate to various organizations such as the Tsinghua University Southern California Alumni Association, Chinese American Professors and Scholars Association, and gifts for the annual conference of the Federation of Chinese American Women. Additionally, I have been a long-term volunteer at my local community high school.</p> <p>I consider it a privilege and honor to have the opportunity to contribute my skills and knowledge to CESASC. If elected as President, I am committed to driving the association forward, fostering growth and innovation, and creating a positive and inclusive environment for all members. With your support, I will work tirelessly to enhance our community, promote collaboration, and maximize the potential of CESASC.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you as President of CESASC.</p>

<p>2024 – 2025 Vice President Candidate</p>	<p>Lei Xu, PhD</p>
	<p>I am Dr. Lei Xu. I received my B.S. degree in Urban Planning and Environmental Sciences from Peking University, and my M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Geography from McMaster University, Canada. I am a Professor in the Department of Geography & the Environment at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), and my specialty is population geography.</p> <p>I have actively involved and played leadership roles in various non-profit organizations in Southern California. I served as the Chairwoman of Peking University Alumni Association of Southern California (PUAASC) from 2020 to 2023, and served as the President of PUAASC from 2016 to 2019. I am also the Executive President of Boya Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit educational charity organization.</p> <p>Since 2016 I have participated in the annual conventions and other activities of CESASC. I also served as a committee member for the CESASC Scholarship in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Furthermore, I have been serving as a Board Director of CESASC since July 2023. As a long-term supporter and volunteer of CESASC, and a leader for several non-profit organizations, I hope I could have the opportunity to serve as the Vice President of CESASC. If I have the honor to be elected, I will follow the CESASC bylaws, and work with CESASC’s executives and the board to advance CESASC’s missions, help organize various events of CESASC, promote the interests of CESASC members, actively seek more sponsorship & funding for CESASC, and continuously build and improve our community.</p>

<p>2024 – 2025 Treasurer Candidate</p>	<p>Wan-Chun Alex Ma, PhD</p>
	<p>My name is Wan-Chun Alex Ma and I would like to run for the Treasurer position of CESASC.</p> <p>I was born in Taipei, Taiwan and received my B.S. and Ph.D. from National Taiwan University in 2000 and 2008, respectively. Currently I hold the staff research scientist position at Meta (formerly Facebook). Prior to Meta, I was affiliated with ByteDance, Google, Activision Blizzard, ETH Zurich, Weta Digital, University of Tokyo, and USC Institute for Creative Technologies in the past. My work on motion capture has been employed in many feature films and video games, including the Hobbit trilogy, Iron Man 3, the reboot Planet of the Apes series, Furious 7, BFG, Call of Duty series. I was also very honored to receive the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Award (Oscars) for Technical Achievement in 2019 for my Ph.D. work on the Polarized Spherical Gradient Illumination facial appearance capture system, which is extensively used in creating photoreal digital actors nowadays.</p> <p>For my volunteering experience, I have been an active member at both Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques (ACM SIGGRAPH) and Visual Effects Society (VES), previously serving positions such as reviewers, judges, conference program chairs, and committee members for both societies. Since 2023, I have the honor to serve as a Board of Directors of CESASC.</p> <p>It would be my great privilege to serve CESASC and members, bringing everyone in the Chinese American community closer. I am confident that my past experiences will be an asset to the CESASC board. As Treasurer, I will be dedicated to effectively planning and budgeting for events and activities. If elected as Treasurer, I will adhere to the CESASC bylaws and collaborate closely with the President, Chairman/Chairwoman, and other board members to advance the missions and initiatives of CESASC.</p>

<p>2024 – 2025 Secretary Candidate</p>	<p>Jia Fan, MS</p>
	<p>Ms. Jia Fan applies for the Secretary position of CESASC. Jia is a modeler focusing on groundwater management at Geoscience. She has eight years’ professional experience in environmental engineering, sustainability, groundwater remediation, construction management and project control. Her interests and expertise are located in the intersections of energy, environmental engineering, project management, and data science.</p> <p>Jia started the volunteer service with CESASC in 2014 and had the honor to be elected as the Secretary in 2017 and 2020. During her term, she has taken active part in CESASC events including annual convention and been in charge of CESASC website maintenance. In the field of social events and commonweal, she is collaborative and eager to dedicate. She has accumulated the experience on volunteer management and event organization. Jia will try best to serve with the goal to advance the CESASC’s mission if she is elected.</p> <p>Ms. Jia Fan has Master’s Degree in Environmental Engineering from University of Southern California and Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science from Donghua University of China. She is also a LEED Accredited Professional specialized in Building Design and Construction.</p>

2024 – 2026 Board Member Candidate	Kenny Wang, PhD
	<p>My name is Kenny Wang (汪康熙). I would like to run for the board member position of CESASC. I am currently an Engineer at the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA) Los Angeles Water Board. I had more than 17-year experience in dealing with surface water quality in the area of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. I developed and managed the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address the bacteria, nutrients, metals, trash and toxic pollutants.</p> <p>I have been a member of Chinese American Professionals Association (CAPA) since 2012 and was elected as a Vice-President (2014-2015), President (2016), and Chairman (2017). In 2019, I was elected as a CESASC Board of Directors. In 2022, I was elected as a Vice President of CESASC. During my services, I have participated and assisted in various CESASC hosted events and activities, such as seminars and the annual convention which successfully conveyed technology and professional information to individuals and local Chinese community.</p> <p>If I am elected as a board member, I will serve the CESASC Board and follow CESASC By-Laws. I will be responsible for planning and budgeting events and activities. After hosting and helping so many different events, I understand the importance of this position. I will devote myself to support the CESASC to organize and participate in various scientific and technical activities. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve CESASC and members. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

2024 – 2026 Board Member Candidate	Xuemei Wei, MBA
	<p>Dear all,</p> <p>My name is Xuemei Wei. Currently, I'm a Managing Director at UBS Financial Services, Inc., a wealth management company with over 160 years' of history headquartered in Switzerland. I have been working on Wall Street for over 17 years, providing customized and comprehensive investment strategies, pre-IPO planning and post-IPO wealth management solutions for entrepreneurs, ultra-high net worth individuals and families domicile in the US and Greater China.</p> <p>Being so fortune and blessed, I have decided over a decade ago that part of my financial resources, time and energy will be dedicated to charities that are professional and do great things for the societies. Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California (CESASC) is one of those charities with a great reputation. It consistently offers high quality events for its members and friends, and creates great energy in Chinese American communities. I started sponsoring CESASC's annual conventions in 2017 and have been doing so annually since then. Besides financial support, I would like to get more involved with CESASC and be part of its greatness in the future. Becoming a CESASC board member will help me to get more involved.</p> <p>Currently, I'm a board member of Interval House, Crisis Shelters and Centers for Victims of Domestic Violence. I'm also a board member of Pathways to Independence, a charity transforming the life of single young women and breaking the cycles of poverty and abuse. I started volunteering at Interval House in 2002. I used to volunteer at Peking University Alumni Association of Southern California (PUAASC), and once served its Vice President. Besides annual contributions to Interval House and Pathways to Independence, over the years, I have donated to CESASC, PUAASC, CUAAASC Song Zhu Mei Scholarship foundation, OC Chinese-American Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Foundation, LA Food Bank, Elizabeth House, Lake Shrine Self-Realization Fellowship, National Philanthropic Trust(dedicating to Ukraine War Humanity Crisis), etc.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration!</p>

<p>2024 – 2026 Board member Candidate</p>	<p>Yongping Zhang, PhD</p>
	<p>Hello everyone. I am Yongping Zhang. It is my great honor to run for the Board Director position of CESASC.</p> <p>I am an Associate Professor of Transportation Engineering in the Civil Engineering Department at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. My research interests include traffic safety, travel behavior, and transportation planning applications. From 2009 to 2015, I worked as a Senior Transportation Modeler for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). I was a key member in developing and applying SCAG’s regional travel demand models to support the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. From 2007 to 2009, I was a Senior Transportation Analyst for Wilbur Smith Associates, specializing in congestion pricing and tollway studies. I served on the Transportation Research Board (TRB)’s Standing Committee on Transportation Planning Analysis and Application and Task Force on Understanding New Directions for the National Household Travel Survey. Currently, I serve as a TRB’s NCHRP Project Panel member.</p> <p>From 2017 to 2023, I served as the treasurer/secretary (2017-2019), vice president (2019-2021), and president (2021-2023) of the International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association—Southern California Chapter (ICTPA-SCC). I am eager to bring this leadership experience and my dedication to the field to CESASC.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my candidacy. I am honored by the prospect of serving CESASC and its members. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to our shared goals.</p>

2024/2025 Nomination Committee

Role	2024/2025
Chairperson	Chenxi Guo
President	Jonathan Jiang
Chair appointed	Charley Lu
Chair appointed	Bruce Liu
President appointed	Yue Rong
President appointed	Liping Yan
President appointed	Yutao He