



**Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association
of Southern California**

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2025 CESASC

Board of Directors' Election


Candidates from the Nomination Committeea


CESASC Board Positions	2024/2025 Current Board	Term for Election	Open for Election	Nominated Candidates	Self-nomination Candidates
1. Chair	Jonathan Jiang	2025/07 – 2026/06	No	Ying Zhan	Not received
2. President	Ying Zhan	2025/07 – 2026/06	Yes	Lei Xu	Not received
3. Vice President	Lei Xu	2025/07 – 2026/06	Yes	Jinxing Li	Not received
4. Secretary	Jia Fan	2025/07 – 2026/06	Yes	Jia Fan	Not received
5. Treasurer	Alex Ma	2025/07 – 2026/06	Yes	Xuemei Wei	Not received
6. Director 1	Chenxi Guo	2025/07 - 2026/06	No	Jonathan Jiang	
7. Director 2	Jiachen Zhang	2025/07 – 2027/06	Yes	Jian Peng	Not received
8. Director 3	Jinxing Li	2025/07 – 2027/06	Yes	James Lin	Not received
9. Director 4	Kenny Wang	2024/07 – 2026/06	No		
10. Director 5	Xuemei Wei	2025/07 – 2027/06	Yes	Anthony Tsai	Not Received
11. Director 6	Yongping Zhang	2024/07 – 2026/06	No		


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Deadline for self-nomination was Sunday 01/7/2025.


Online vote to start at 01/10/2025, finish at 2/20/2025.


<p>2025 – 2026 President Candidate</p>	<p>Lei Xu (徐蕾), 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. 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 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, and as Vice President since July 2024. As a long-term supporter and volunteer of CESASC, and a leader for several non-profit organizations, I hope to have the opportunity to serve as the President of CESASC. If I have the honor to be elected, I will follow the CESASC bylaws and work closely with CESASC's executives and the board to advance CESASC's missions. I will lead our team to organize various events, promote the interests of CESASC members, actively seek sponsorship & funding for CESASC, and continuously build and improve our community.</p>

2025 – 2026 Vice President Candidate	Jinxing Li, PhD
 A portrait of Dr. Jinxing Li, a middle-aged man with short dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light-colored checkered shirt, and a blue and white striped tie. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with greenery.	<p>Dr. Jinxing Li received his bachelor's degree in physics from Xi'an Jiaotong University in 2009, and received his PhD in space physics from Peking University in 2009. He is now an assistant researcher at UCLA. He is now the principal investigator of a number of NASA and NSF projects. His research focuses on exploring the space environment by analyzing satellite data and developing numerical models. He also leads a team developing machine learning models for geospace environments. Dr. Li is now serving as the chair of the CESASC Scholarship and Lisa Lu Scholarship.</p>

<p>2025 – 2026 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>

2025 – 2026 Treasurer 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>2025 – 2026 Board Member Candidate</p>	<p>Jian Peng, PhD</p>
	<p>Dr. Jian Peng is a Project Director at AtkinsRealis, a global infrastructure company. He manages water quality, water resources, and related market sectors in Southern California and provides technical support for other markets across the US. Prior to this, Dr. Peng worked at OC Environmental Resources, OC Public Works, County of Orange, where he oversaw water quality and hydrological monitoring, data management, and water quality programs. He was a leading water quality expert at OC Public Works, where he led several award-winning stormwater and water quality projects. Dr. Peng received his PhD from USC and MBA from UC Irvine. Dr. Peng enjoys nurturing younger generation on environmental issues. He started the water quality internship program at OC Public Works. He is a part-time lecturer at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Irvine (2018-19, and since 2024). He was an adjunct professor at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Cal State Fullerton in 2013-14. He currently serves as cochair of the Monitoring and Science Subcommittee for the California Stormwater Quality Association. As a lifetime member of Southern California Chinese-American Environmental Protection Association (SCCAEPA) and its former vice president in 2015-2017, Dr. Peng advocates Sino-US collaboration on various environmental issues. He is a lifetime member of CESASC and has attended and supported many CESASC events in the past. Dr. Peng has published a textbook, two book chapters, and dozens of research articles on peer-reviewed international journals. He promotes science-based, effective, and sustainable solutions to complex and challenging water quality and water resource issues. Dr. Peng lives in Irvine. He is an active triathlete and enjoys many outdoor activities.</p>

<p>2025 – 2026 Board Member Candidate</p>	<p>James Lin</p>
	<p>My name is James Lin. For the last 15 years, I have served as the agency director of TransGlobal Holding Company. This one-stop shop Wealth Management firm helps people with Family, Group, and Medicare insurance selection, Lifetime Income planning, Long-term care benefits, and Estate planning. I have been in financial services since 1988 after spending 10 years as an Electrical Engineer in the aerospace industry upon graduation from UCLA.</p> <p>I am a firm believer in helping the local community. Therefore, I served as the South Bay Chinese Culture Association chair, Principal of South Bay Chinese School, Peninsula Friends of the Library Board Member, and Chair of the South Bay Evergreen Seniors Association.</p>

<p>2025 – 2026 Board Member Candidate</p>	<p>Anthony Tsai, Ph.D.</p>
	<p>I am Anthony Tsai, and I am honored to submit my candidacy for the position of Board Director. I currently serve as a Board Director of the Chinese Institute of Engineers (since 2022), CKUAASC (since 2019, former President 2022-2023), and JCUAA (since 2024). With over 15 years of industrial experience in liquid biopsy—including circulating tumor cell isolation, enumeration, and molecular analysis—as well as expertise in autoimmune and allergy-related laboratory equipment and other medical device development, I am eager to bring my skills and passion to serve our esteemed association. Throughout my career, I have focused on advancing innovation and improving outcomes in healthcare. My contributions include leading the development of cutting-edge medical technologies, conducting market analysis, and driving business development initiatives for healthcare products. I am proud to hold over 20 patents and related publications, reflecting my commitment to translating research into impactful solutions. In addition to my technical expertise, I bring a wealth of leadership and organizational development experience. As a Certified Coach (Coach A) with 10 years of coaching experience, I have supported professionals in achieving their full potential and fostering collaborative team environments. My certification as a Six Sigma Lean Project Leader further underscores my ability to streamline processes, enhance efficiency, and deliver measurable results.</p> <p>If elected to the board, I would like to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Organizing and hosting scientific conferences to foster knowledge exchange, collaboration, and networking opportunities within our community. -Promoting the integration of innovative technologies within our field to advance research and clinical applications. -Enhancing collaboration between industry and academia to accelerate the translation of scientific discoveries into real-world solutions. <p>I am committed to leveraging my diverse background and skills to contribute to the growth and success of our association. I am confident that my experience, combined with a collaborative and forward-thinking approach, will enable me to make a meaningful impact as a Board Director.</p>

2024/2025 Nomination Committee

Role	2024/2025
Chairperson	Jonathan Jiang
President	Ying Zhan
Chair appointed	Chenxi Guo
Chair appointed	Bruce Liu
President appointed	Nancy Huang
President appointed	Liping Yan
President appointed	Yue Rong