



Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association
of Southern California

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2026 CESASC

Board of Directors' Election

Candidates From the Nomination Committee

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

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Deadline for self-nomination was January 7th, 2026.


Online vote to start at 02/05/2026, finish at 2/20/2026.

2026-2027 President Candidate	Kenny Wang (汪康熙), Ph.D.
	<p>My name is Kenny Wang (汪康熙), and I am honored to run for the position of President of Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California (CESASC).</p> <p>I currently serve as an Engineer at the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA) Regional Water Quality Control Board in the Los Angeles Region. I have over 20 years of professional experience in surface water quality management across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. My work includes developing and managing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address complex environmental challenges such as bacteria, nutrients, metals, trash, and toxic pollutants. This role has strengthened my experience in science and engineering, public service, regulatory compliance, stakeholder coordination, and long-term program management.</p> <p>My service to professional and community organizations spans more than a decade. I have been an active member of the Chinese American Professionals Association (CAPA) since 2012 and was elected Vice President (2014–2015), President (2016), and Chairman (2017). I also served as Vice President of the National Taiwan University Alumni Association of Southern California (NTUAASC).</p> <p>Within CESASC, I was elected to the Board of Directors in 2019, served as Vice President in 2022, and as Treasurer in 2023. During my tenure, I have actively participated in and supported numerous CESASC-hosted seminars, forums, and annual conventions—helping deliver high-quality scientific, engineering, and professional content to our members and the broader Chinese-American community.</p> <p>If elected President, I will serve the Board with integrity and strictly follow CESASC By-Laws. I will take responsibility for strategic planning, budgeting, and the successful execution of CESASC programs. Having supported CESASC in multiple leadership roles, I fully understand the importance of transparency, teamwork, and continuity.</p>

2026-2027 Vice President Candidate	Yongping Zhang, Ph.D.
	<p data-bbox="646 289 1424 396">Hello everyone. My name is Yongping Zhang, and it is my great honor to run for the Vice President position of CESASC.</p> <p data-bbox="646 417 1424 1026">I am a Professor of Transportation Engineering in the Civil Engineering Department at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona). My research interests include traffic safety, travel behavior, and transportation planning applications. Prior to joining academia, I worked as a Senior Transportation Modeler at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) from 2009 to 2015, and as a Senior Transportation Analyst at Wilbur Smith Associates from 2007 to 2009. I have also served on the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Standing Committee on Transportation Planning Analysis and Application, the Task Force on Understanding New Directions for the National Household Travel Survey, and a National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Project Panel.</p> <p data-bbox="646 1047 1424 1346">From 2017 to 2023, I served in multiple leadership roles with the International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association – Southern California Chapter (ICTPA-SCC), including Treasurer/Secretary (2017–2019), Vice President (2019–2021), and President (2021–2023). Since July 2024, I have been serving as a Board Member of CESASC, where I have helped organize multiple CESASC events.</p> <p data-bbox="646 1367 1424 1591">With these experiences, I am eager to contribute more to the broader CESASC community by taking on a leadership role as Vice President. I am deeply committed to supporting professional development, strengthening community connections, and advancing CESASC’s mission.</p> <p data-bbox="646 1612 1424 1751">Thank you for considering my candidacy. I would be honored to serve CESASC and its members, and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to our shared goals.</p>

2026-2027 Secretary Candidate	Jia Fan, MS
	<p>Ms. Jia Fan applies for the Secretary position of CESASC. Jia is a modeler focusing on groundwater management at Geoscience. She has nine 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. 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. 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>

2026-2027 Treasurer Candidate	Xuemei Wei, MBA
	<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. Thank you for your consideration!</p>

2026-2027 Board Member Candidate	Yijia Guo, Ph.D.
	<p>My name is Yijia (Veronica) Guo, an Associate Professor of Business Communication at the USC Marshall School of Business. I work closely with professionals and students from various disciplines, especially the STEM majors, on leadership communication, cross-cultural collaboration, and professional development. My work is intended to complement, rather than replace, technical expertise, by helping it be clearly articulated, widely understood, and effectively applied across teams, organizations, and communities.</p> <p>I am grateful for the opportunity to run for Board Member and for the trust CESASC has extended to me over the past several years.</p> <p>In addition to actively participating in the association's social and professional events, I have served as a panel guest speaker at two annual CESASC conferences and as the MC of the 2024 conference banquet. Through these experiences, I have had the opportunity to engage closely with members across disciplines and career stages. They have deepened my appreciation of CESASC's technical excellence, professionalism, and strong sense of community, and helped me identify where my background may be most useful in supporting the association's continued growth.</p> <p>I view this role as one of service, collaboration, and continued learning. I look forward to listening, supporting, and contributing where my experience can be most helpful, alongside the outstanding technical leaders who make CESASC a strong and respected organization.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

2026-2027 Board Member Candidate	Sarah Liu
	<p>My name is Sarah Liu, and I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors of CESASC.</p> <p>I received my bachelor's degree from Tsinghua University and a master's degree in Finance from Peking University. Early in my career, I worked as a financial journalist at Phoenix Television, where I covered macroeconomic trends, capital markets, and corporate developments. This experience shaped my data-driven mindset, structured analytical approach, and ability to communicate complex topics clearly to diverse audiences.</p> <p>I later worked at an international public relations firm and in the Corporate Communications Department of Boeing China, where I was responsible for corporate communications, media relations, and cross-cultural engagement. During this period, I was also involved in external partnerships and corporate social responsibility initiatives, gaining hands-on experience in stakeholder coordination and long-term relationship building with corporations, institutions, and community organizations.</p> <p>After relocating to the United States, I transitioned into a role as a real estate investment strategy advisor, primarily serving high-net-worth individuals and family investors. I provide investment analysis, asset allocation, and risk management guidance, working closely with entrepreneurs, investors, and professionals across finance, technology, engineering, and related fields. Through this work, I have developed a trusted professional network and extensive experience in connecting resources, partners, and opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, I currently serve as the Director of External Relations and Director of Community Service for the Tsinghua University Southern California Alumni Association. In this role, I have been directly involved in external collaboration, sponsorship coordination, and resource integration efforts. I have practical experience in fundraising-related communication and understand</p>

	<p>the importance of sustainable funding, long-term partnerships, and effective external engagement for nonprofit professional organizations.</p> <p>I believe that a strong association for engineers and scientists not only excels in technical and professional exchange, but also relies on sound governance, strategic planning, effective external collaboration, and stable financial support. While my background is not in science or engineering, I hope to contribute in a complementary capacity, offering strengths in strategic thinking, external relations, resource integration, and fundraising support.</p> <p>If elected, I would be honored to work alongside fellow board members to support CESASC's mission in professional development, member networking, and community engagement, and to help strengthen the association's long-term growth and impact.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time and consideration.</p>
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2025/2026 Nomination Committee

Role	2025/2026
Chairperson	Ying Zhan
President	Lei Xu
Chair appointed	Chenxi Guo
Chair appointed	Bruce Liu
Presidente appointed	Nancy Huang
Presidente appointed	Liping Yan
Presidente appointed	Yue Rong