



SELF Board of Directors 2023 Election Results

All six SELF Board candidates up for election in 2023 will keep their seats for another four years following the end of a nomination period that garnered no opposing candidates.

Every two years, elections are held for half of the SELF Board. For 2023, seats in Areas II, IV, V, VI and in both northern and southern college regions were up for election. The nomination period for candidates was opened January 10, 2023 and nomination forms were sent out to all SELF members with a March 10 deadline.

No nominations were received for candidates in any of the Areas and in accordance with SELF's Bylaws, all incumbents were declared winners and will keep their seats for the new term beginning July 1. The SELF Board officially certified the declaration at its June 2 meeting.

The re-elected candidates are as follows:

- David Flores, Shasta Union High School District – Area II
- Susan Rutledge, Clovis Unified School District – Area IV
- Terese McNamee, Los Gatos Union Elementary – Area V
- Javier Gonzales, California Schools Risk Management JPA – Area VI
- Jeff Grubbs, ASCIP – Area VI
- Renee Hendrick, Orange County Dept. of Education – Area VI
- Joe Allison, Merced CCD – NCC
- Lisa Bailey, Chaffey CCD – SCC

The next SELF Board election will take place in 2025.

AB 218 Update

SELF sent out the second round of AB 218 Revived Liability Funding Plan invoices in early February, providing members with the option to receive a 4% discount if paying in full by June 30 of the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Those members who choose not to pay in full and receive the discount, will be billed in two equal installments in fiscal years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

This is the second funding call declared by the SELF Board of Directors for the revived liabilities created by the passage of The California Child Victims Act (AB 218) in 2019. The law opened a three-year revival window that allowed alleged victims to file a claim for childhood sexual assault from any point in the past, and, once that window closed in December of 2022, extended the statute of limitations for filing one of these claims from age 26 to age 40.

For more information on AB 218 and its impact on California public schools, visit our website at <https://www.selfjpa.org/ab218res>

SELF Risk Management Practitioner Program Now Accepting Applications

SELF is pleased to announce its continued partnership with CPS HR Consulting to bring the Risk Management Practitioner Certificate Program to our membership. We will be offering the five-course program through the fall/winter of 2023.

Classes will again be delivered in a hybrid learning format, with two hours of self-paced study to be completed before a live virtual meeting for each class is held. The dates for each live class are

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Conferences & Events

SEPTEMBER

CAJPA Annual Conference

South Lake Tahoe, Sept. 12-15, 2023

SELF Board Meeting &

Strategic Planning

Newport Beach, Sept. 27-29

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Our Mission

SELF is a member-owned, statewide partnership of public educational agencies providing quality pooled programs for excess coverage that benefit our students.

By the Numbers

SELF is the leading statewide excess liability provider for California's public schools and colleges, serving nearly 3 million students.

SELF Awareness

Comments should be sent to the above address or info@selfjpa.org.

Board

Area I	Thuy Wong
Area II	David Flores
Area III	Robert J. Kretzmer
Area IV	Susan Rutledge
Area V	Craig Schweikhard
Area V	Terese McNamee
Area VI	Jeff Grubbs
Area VI	Renee Hendrick
Area VI	Javier Gonzales
Area VI	Tony Nahale
Area VI	Toan Nguyen
Area VI	Steven Salvati

Community Colleges

Bernata Slater

Joe Allison

Lisa Bailey

A Message from CEO Dave George



As I write this, another school year is wrapping up across California. Graduation, promotions and other ceremonies are in full swing.

District business offices are working hard to finalize budgets and prepare for the uncertainty of California's budget forecasts next year and following. Enrollment and ADA are trending downward statewide as demographic shifts continue to play themselves out following COVID.

For anyone in school business long enough, these cycles are familiar. But the outcome and extent are never known for certain. Insurance follows economic cycles as well. Member-owned insurance pools such as SELF support schools in managing insurance costs over time. This comes from both being a partner when an unfortunate loss occurs, which could financially devastate any single district; but it also happens in managing the economic insurance cycles which occur.

Keeping costs within budget, setting sustainable rates over time and maintaining partnerships over the long term – all of these are benefits of member owned and driven organizations like SELF. Thirty-seven years strong, and proud to partner with members educating 2.85 million students across the state of California.

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below and all classes are scheduled for a 1 p.m. start:

- Overview of Public Sector Exposures & Risk Management - August 10
- Insurance Administration, Review & Risk Transfer – September 14
- Property & Liability Claims, Safety & Loss Control – October 12
- Workers' Compensation – November 16
- Disability Management & Early Return to Work – December 14

To get on the waiting list for one of these coveted spots, fill out to application on our website at: <https://www.selfjpa.org/risk-mgmt-prac-cert-pgm>. Upon acceptance, staff will provide confirmation and access to the needed materials and link for the live meeting.

SELF and its Board would like to extend congratulations to all of those who have completed the program and received their certificates!

RMP Graduates

BJ Cain	Riverside Community College District
Colleen Thompson	Union School District
David Daniels	Morongo Unified School District
Jodie Argueta	Ventura Unified School District
Maribel Lozano	San Diego Unified School District
Michael Schiller	Santa Clara County Schools Insurance Group
Monica Esqueda	Riverside Community College District
Tasha Lane	San Mateo County Schools Insurance Group
Victor Hayek	Conejo Valley Unified School District
Yanely Pulido	San Mateo County Community College District
Ashley Cook	Hesperia Unified School District
James McGuirk	Los Angeles County Office of Education
Kaye Johnson	Moorpark Unified School District
Mari Montgomery	Temple City Unified School District
Melanie Olson Zavala	Adelanto Elementary School District
Rosemary Martinez	El Centro Elementary School District
Tamra Fry	Glendora Unified School District
Michelle Ellis	Bear Valley Unified School District
Roxanne Brewer	California Charter Schools Joint Powers Authority
Kimberly Alonzo	California Charter Schools Joint Powers Authority

SELF Rates Remain Stable Despite Hard Market

The SELF Board of Directors approved a modest increase to Excess Liability Program rates for the 2023/24 fiscal year while continuing to provide members with \$55M in limits – the most robust excess coverage offering for schools and colleges statewide.

The rates adopted at the March Board of Directors meeting represent a negligible 9.8% increase, in spite of a year marked by inflated claim frequency, nuclear verdicts and new pending legislation that threatens the future availability of CSA coverage in the state entirely.

The 2023/24 Excess Liability Program rates further SELF's goals of preserving program health and stability and meet the Board's equity policy.

Those attaching at \$5M will see an additional \$1.90/ADA for K-12 members for the new program year, and an additional \$1.10/FTES for our community college members. The adopted rates for 2023/2024 are as follows:

Excess Liability Program

Coverage	K-12	CCDs	Non-ADA	Minimum
\$50M x \$5M	\$21.28/ADA	\$12.33/FTES	\$10,240	\$1,840

Legislative Updates



Assemblymember Chris Holden (D - Pasadena) introduced the Hazing Accountability Bill, which would allow for civil action to be brought against an educational institution for an instance of hazing involving one or more students if that educational institution knew, or should have known, of the dangerous hazing practices of an affiliated organization. This bill, AB 299, applied to public and private schools serving grades kindergarten to 12 and public or private institutions of higher education.

SELF joined with other statewide groups in a coalition to oppose the bill. SELF's legislative advocate, Leilani Aguinaldo, Director of Governmental Relations at School Services of California, Inc., was one of the lead opposition witnesses at an April hearing of the Assembly Higher Education Committee. She emphasized that K-12 entities are already liable for hazing under current law because of the higher standard of care for educators serving minor students. She also pointed out that some requirements of the bill did not make sense in the K-12 setting that serves kindergarten and elementary students.

These advocacy efforts resulted in the removal of K-12 educational entities from AB 299.

Additionally, SELF worked with the authors of AB 452, Childhood Sexual Assault: Statute of Limitations and another statewide coalition, to bring amendments to that bill. Originally written to completely eliminate the statute of limitations for the recovery of damages suffered as a result of childhood sexual assault both prospectively and retroactively, it was amended in February 2023 to be prospective only, in keeping with a similar change in federal law.

SELF has taken active measures to either support or oppose the following bills, including but not limited to visits with key legislative stakeholders, letter writing, and joining coalitions to support or oppose a bill. These positions are communicated to members of the Legislature as bills work their way through the legislative process.

For a full list of bills SELF is watching or taking action on, visit our website at www.selfjpa.org/legislation and for the most, up-to-date information on any bill visit <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

Oppose

AB 1699 (McCarty)

Would require vacancies of an education employer to be open only to current classified employees before the vacancy may be posted publicly for the general public to apply. The bill calls for training, paid by the employer, to assist the employee in meeting the qualifications for the job.

AB 960 (Mathis)

By 2030, public schools with 100+ students must adopt a web/app-based safety program. It features a digital map with floor plans, building IDs, gate locations, and more. It enables the school to send emergency alerts to first responders and provides detailed school site information, including location, size, student populations, staff details, Wi-Fi, and emergency procedures.

AB 1558 (Gallagher)

Requires each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request each campus of the University of California, to take action after receiving a credible threat to student

or staff safety: (1) determine, through a third-party risk assessment, whether the threat is credible; and (2) if the campus determines the threat is credible, the campus must determine whether the individual poses an immediate threat to the physical health or any student, or other individual on campus, which justifies their removal from campus.

AB 19 (Patterson, Joe)

Oppose Unless Amended

Requires all public schools to maintain at least two doses of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist for use by voluntary trained personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an opioid overdose.

SB 234 (Portantino)

Oppose Unless Amended

Requires all public schools to have naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist at all times, and to ensure at least two employees are aware of the location.

Support

AB 1651 (Sanchez)

Requires local educational agencies to store emergency epinephrine auto-injectors in an accessible location upon need for emergency use and authorizes a school employee that is not a school nurse or trained personnel to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person exhibiting potentially life-threatening symptoms of anaphylaxis if a school nurse, trained personnel, or a physician is not available. A school employee who administers an epinephrine auto-injector shall be immunized from liability.

Watch

AB 1071 (Hoover)

Expressly authorizes local educational agencies to provide teen dating violence prevention education, as defined, and would encourage school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide comprehensive teen dating prevention education to all pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, from teachers trained in comprehensive teen dating prevention education, at least once in junior high or middle school and at least once in high school.

SB 47 (Roth)

Requires an agency that receives a report of known or suspected child abuse to take specified actions, including requiring an investigator to make contact with the person who made the report and visit the child, who is the subject of the report, in person to determine if the child should be removed from the home during the pendency of an investigation into a report of child abuse or neglect.

AB 456 (Maienschein)

Requires each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely.

SB 10 (Cortese)

Requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to embed opioid overdose prevention and treatment in their School Safety Plans, including synthetic opioids. The bill would also distribute Opioid Antagonist Training & School Resource Guides to all LEAs regarding the emergency use of opioid antagonists on school campuses. The bill would also establish a State Working Group on Fentanyl Overdose/Abuse Prevention focused on public education, awareness, prevention and minimizing overdoses.

Presentation Recap

SELF Shares Valuable Insight

This spring, SELF offered helpful presentations across the state and online. These presentations provided valuable insights and actionable steps to understand insurance structures, address workplace realities, combat sexual abuse misconduct in educational settings, and tackle the fentanyl crisis.

Public Agency Risk Management Association Conference, Sacramento

SELF CEO Dave George, along with Jon Paulsen of Sedgwick and Carrie Wilson of the State of California, led a panel discussion entitled How to Make a Perfect Layer Cake — Understanding the Key Elements of Your Insurance Tower.

The trio created this presentation for attendees who have been assigned the responsibility of risk management without formal training. Using everyday terminology, they presented actual cases as examples to help attendees understand their agency's insurance structure.

Handouts for all PARMA sessions can be found on their website at parma.com. The organization will celebrate 50 years at next year's conference in Indian Wells.

California Association of School Business Officials Conference, Long Beach

Renee Hendrick of Orange County DOE, Melissa Asher of CPS HR Consulting, and Lois Gormley, SELF, led a panel discussion regarding ways to keep up with the ever-evolving expectations of workplace cultures.

Entitled Transforming your Organization to Meet the New Workplace Realities: Lessons Learned in the Trenches, experienced Chief Business Officers and Human Resource professionals shared their insights on adapting workplaces to meet changing employee expectations, such as more flexibility, a focus on wellbeing, ways to handle negativity and equity. They offered strategies to implement to retain, attract and accommodate employees.

California Charter Schools Association Conference, Sacramento

CharterSAFE CEO Thuy Wong, CEO of Making Right Choices Dr. Glenn Lipson, and Lois Gormley presented Protecting Our Students: Prevention Strategies to Combat Sexual Abuse/Misconduct (SAM) in Schools.

Their session focused on the legal and legislative changes surrounding child sexual abuse and provided strategies, tools, and best practices to maintain a safe learning environment. Attendees learned about grooming techniques used by abusers, warning signs of abuse, and actionable takeaways to support prevention efforts and establish appropriate boundaries for student/staff interaction.

Webinar for SELF Members

Matthew Soleimanpour, Founder & Managing Partner of Soleiman, APC, presented California's Fentanyl Crisis: How Schools & Colleges Can Make a Difference.

He addressed the growing threat of opioid use, particularly unintended fentanyl use, among California's youth. The importance of having Naloxone available on campuses was emphasized, following the passage of SB 367, which requires community college districts to have Naloxone available on their campuses.

Although the effort is voluntary for K-12, Soleimanpour shared the benefits and pitfalls districts should be aware of when implementing, or choosing not to implement, a Naloxone Program on campus. He offered attendees a starter kit, containing policies, procedures and forms that could be adapted by individual districts for use.

To view this webinar log into the SELF Resource Center via our website. Contact our office for access to the Naloxone starter kit provided by Soleimanpour.

SELF's presence at conferences and its webinar offerings showcase the organization's commitment to support members in navigating important issues and creating a safer and more inclusive environment. We look forward to offering more for our members in the months ahead.

Member Spotlight: SISC



Bob Kretzmer

The Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) has provided invaluable support to school districts across the state since 1979. As the Director of SISC's Property and Liability Division, Bob Kretzmer shares insights into the organization's mission and how SELF supports their efforts.

SISC operates as a risk retention pool, catering to the needs of 156 school districts in approximately 20 counties throughout California. Kretzmer's department handles property and liability insurance for school districts, underwriting losses up to \$2 million.

To supplement their coverage, SISC collaborates with commercial brokers to secure additional policies such as crime coverage, boiler and machinery coverage, and cyber liability coverage.

In recent years, the commercial insurance market has become increasingly challenging and expensive, so SISC looked to SELF for support, joining in July of 2022.

"As the market became harder on the commercial insurance side, we knew that we could probably negotiate better premiums by working with the SELF program," he explained. "And that is, in fact, what happened."

Kretzmer listed additional benefits of being a member of SELF, such as the connection with industry peers who manage public entity pools or large school districts.

"Having those people as your peers, you have the benefit of just speaking the same language and having access to the same sorts of resources. That is a huge benefit."

He also appreciates the level of support offered by SELF, emphasizing that he feels like the members are in very good hands.

"When we are going through the sort of hard market we're going through now, the challenging times with respect to recent legislation in the state of California, it's really important to be with a group of like-minded people who understand the challenges," he says. "SELF certainly does understand the challenges, and they have the personnel to help us navigate through those waters."

For more information about SELF, visit selfjpa.org.