

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2014 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
WEST RIVER AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE
TERM: JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

West River At-Large Representative—Representative to be filled by a principal. A principal/assistant or vice principal is considered a principal and would be eligible only for those seats open to principals. This position is currently held by Mr. Darren Paulson, Activities Director at Rapid City Central High School. The west river At-Large Board of Directors member must be elected from the west river region. The Missouri River shall be the dividing line between the east and west regions. In the event that the boundaries of a school district are located on both sides of the Missouri River, the physical location of the high school shall determine whether said school district is east river or West River. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.**

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 27, 2014**

☐ Steve Morford, Spearfish High School, Principal

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2014 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
NATIVE AMERICAN AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE
TERM: JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

Native American At-Large—Representative to be filled by a superintendent. This position is currently held by Mr. Eldon Marshall, Activities Director at White River High School. One member shall be elected as an At-Large member from a SDHSAA member Native American school. Native American school shall be defined as any SDHSAA member school with a Native American student population of at least 50% in grades 9-12 as determined by the SD Department of Education.

NOTE: Nominees for this position shall be a superintendent from one of the following member schools: Andes Central, Bennett County, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, Crazy Horse, Crow Creek, Dupree, Flandreau Indian, Little Wound, Lower Brule, Marty Indian, McLaughlin, Oelrichs, Pine Ridge, Red Cloud, St. Francis, Takini, Timber Lake, Tiospa Zina, Tiospaye Topa, Todd County, Wakpala, and White River. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.**

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 27, 2014**

☐ Dr. Roger Bordeaux, Todd County High School, Superintendent

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2014 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
LARGE SCHOOL GROUP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPRESENTATIVE
TERM: JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

Large School Group Board of Education—Representative to be filled by a school board member. The Large School Group Board of Education member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 1,579.756 to 477.070. The large school group includes those schools from SF Roosevelt High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 1,579.756 to Harrisburg High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 477.070. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a four year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 27, 2014**

- ☐ Sherman Gose, Huron High School
- ☐ Jim Hansen, Rapid City Area Schools
- ☐ Sandy Klatt, Brandon Valley High School
- ☐ Todd Kolden, Aberdeen Central High School
- ☐ Deb Olson, Mitchell High School
- ☐ Tammy Rieber, Watertown High School
- ☐ Todd Thaelke, Sioux Falls Public Schools

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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Mr. Sherman Gose

Huron school board member Sherman Gose has spent most of his life in his hometown.

He and his wife Deena are raising 5 active children grades 4th to College.

The various interest of their children led the Gose's to support football, wrestling, track, choir, basketball, volleyball, band, swimming, baseball and softball. They've been to many state tournaments enjoying a state champion in wrestling and pole vault.

Sherman Gose is a 1988 graduate of Huron High School and earned his B.S. in Economics from SDSU in 1992.

He has been a financial advisor for 22 years and is currently a Partner with Avail Wealth Management, LLC.

Gose gives back to his community in many ways that are directly connected to youth activities, serving previously as president of Huron Junior Athletics and Huron Youth Wrestling. He was founder of the Ravine Lake Triathlon, a Little League coach, former vice-chair of Huron Parks & Recreation, and current vice-chair of Greater Huron Development Corporation. He has served as a Subject Matter Expert for the Board of Certified Financial Planners®. Sherman is on the Bishops Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Sherman's background in finance, leadership on community boards, and his commitment to youth all contribute to his preparation for serving on the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

Jim Hansen

I am privileged to be among those being nominated for a position to serve on the State of South Dakota High School Activities Association Executive Board. I bring a unique prospective to the committees and boards I have been on and to the School Board I serve on in Rapid City.

I am from Rapid City but have lived all over the world as a USAF dependant. I have been with the Rapid City Police Department since 1987. During the late 1990's, I was assigned as a school liaison at Rapid City Central High School for 3 years. My wife Connie and I have six children, 5 are grown and one still in attendance in the Rapid City School District. I have followed my children through their activities and assisted in coaching where needed all the way through to my eldest sons' All American Football 2010 honors from DWU in Mitchell, SD. As a parent and a professional whom is involved with the children in my community, I see serving on the Executive Board as an opportunity to assist in the growth of our children and all the children across the state.

I have been active in the following:

- Past President Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 2 Rapid City – 2008 to 2014
- Past Vice President Fraternal Oder of Police State Lodge – 2009 to 2013
- Knight of Columbus Member
- North Rapid Civic Association Member
- SD Division of Criminal Investigators Reserve Agent
- RCPC Gang Task Force member – Since 1989
- Neighbor Works Committee Member Lemmon St Project – Rapid City, SD
- Crime Free Multi-Housing Instructor
- Board of Education – 2011 to Present – Currently 1st Vice-President

I would be honored to serve you in this capacity as a South Dakota High School Activities Association Executive Board member.

Sandy Klatt

Sandy Klatt is an active mom of four and is passionate for kids and keeping their best interest in mind. Sandy believes devotedly that when we focus on today's kids and doing what's best for them, then our governing bodies will make better decisions. Sandy has spent the last few weeks contacting school districts across South Dakota with this message, and to inform member schools that she will truly represent each school, regardless of size or location, should she be elected to serve on the board of the SDHSAA. Sandy has a listening ear and common sensibility, with a desire to bring back fair and unbiased governance that puts our student athletes and performers before dollar signs and back into first place.

Sandy Klatt was born and raised in South Dakota, attending kindergarten in Madison, and elementary schools in Salem and Pierre. She participated in athletics and the fine arts all through high school, graduating in 1990 from T. F. Riggs High School in Pierre. She then moved to Brookings to attend SDSU and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Sandy and her husband of almost 19 years, Kevin, have four kids that are their delight. Carter, 16; Courtney, 14; Caleb, 12; and Colten, 3, keep the family's schedule joyfully busy with their involvement in numerous sports and the fine arts. Sandy is blessed to be a stay-home mom and loves to attend and support her kids' events. The Klatts have always open-enrolled their children to the Brandon Valley school district and moved into the city limits three years ago. The move allowed Sandy to run for an open seat on the school board and is serving her first term. She is Brandon Valley's delegate to ASBSD, a member of Brandon's Board of Equalization, a member of the district's Safety Committee, chair of the Child Nutrition & Wellness Committee and chair of the City Affairs & Legislation Committee. Sandy is an active PTSO member and is also a past president of Fred Assam Elementary's PTA. Sandy is a member of both the Fine Arts Booster Club and the Athletic Booster Club at Brandon Valley. She is a member of First Evangelical Free Church in Sioux Falls, where she has enjoyed ministry to children through Awana for 14 years.

Sandy's big heart for kids and their achievements along with her energy, enthusiasm, and empathy make her the right person for the SDHSAA Board of Directors. She will listen to your district's needs and work courageously to find solutions through better communication and greater collaboration. Please feel free to contact her at any time via email at sandy.klatt@k12.sd.us, or cell at 605-254-5035.

Todd Kolden

Todd Kolden has been with the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (SDDLRL) since September of 2002, currently serving as the Director of Employment Services. Some of the programs he oversees for the department:

- Veterans' Employment and Training
- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)
- SDWORKS (SDDLRL's online employment delivery system)
- Dakota Roots (SDDLRL recruiting project)
- New South Dakotans
- Project Portfolio Management (IT project coordination)
- Employment Security (ES) performance and reporting.

Todd serves as the Employment Chairman for the South Dakota Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is an active member of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) Veterans Affairs committee.

Todd is retired from the United States Navy serving in Operations and Intelligence during his time in service. He has operated in various theaters including the Middle East, Southern Europe, North and East Africa, South America and Central America. Some of his awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards), Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Unit Commendation and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Southern Illinois University and graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1980. In high school sports he participated in football and track, excelling in both. He has attended and graduated from numerous military schools. He has also completed the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course.

Todd is married and has two children attending college in Arizona.

Deb Olson

Deb Olson graduated from Northern State University with a BS degree in elementary education and from SDSU with a MS in Educational Administration. She served as a teacher and administrator in Winner, State Training School in Plankinton and Mitchell, South Dakota, and left her last position as an elementary principal in Mitchell to help care for an ill parent. She was elected to the Mitchell Board of Education in 2013. In the Mitchell community she has served on the Safehouse Board, Dakota Mental Health Board, served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and been involved in various booster clubs for her children's activities. "I would like to serve on the South Dakota High School Activities Association to give back for the wonderful opportunities my children and the children of the State of South Dakota have had through the activities provided for them," Deb states.

Tammy Rieber

Tammy Rieber has served the Watertown School District as a member of the Board of Education since 2011 and is the current board president. Tammy is a strong supporter of the Watertown community as a volunteer for a number of boards and organizations. She has held several leadership positions including Secretary/Treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown board of directors for the past eight years, Past President of her church's congregational council, and also served on the Watertown Human Service Agency Foundation Board of Directors. She is also currently the Treasurer of the South Dakota Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs board. Tammy has also successfully chaired two of the largest community fundraisers in Watertown; the Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation BASH fundraiser in 2008 and 2009 and the Arrow Education Foundation HARVEST fundraiser in 2011 and 2012.

Tammy graduated from North Shore High School in Makoti, North Dakota. While in high school she participated in the two girls sports that were offered at North Shore and was a five year Varsity letter winner in basket ball and track. To keep Tammy busy and out of trouble in the summers as a child, her parents had their tomboy play boys baseball. Tammy continued to play baseball on the High School boys and local American Legion baseball teams thru high school.

Tammy graduated from Minnesota State University –Moorhead (1993) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Life Science Teaching with a coaching certificate. She attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota – Duluth. Tammy was employed for seven years as a chemistry and math teacher and tutor in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Minot, North Dakota before moving to Watertown, South Dakota in 2002.

Tammy and her husband, Gerald, have three children –Kaitlyn (2013 WHS grad), Abbey (11th) and Evan (7th). Their family is very involved in extracurricular activities including tennis, soccer, band, softball, swimming, wrestling, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Todd Thaelke

Todd A. Thaelke is 51 years old, has 33 years of real estate experience and is currently a Home Loan Specialist at Home Federal. Todd has served on many different boards including being elected as President of Realtors Association of the Sioux Empire, Government Affairs and Legislation committees for the South Dakota Association of Realtors as well as Home Builders of the Sioux Empire. Todd also continues to be involved in the El Riad Shrine Circus, being elected Circus Chairman in 2009 and 2010, overseeing 20+ sub-committees. Todd has served on the Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues Board of Directors and for the past 15 years has served as the accounting chairman for the Society's premier annual event, Jazzfest. Todd was elected to the Sioux Falls School Board in 2012, and has served on numerous boards and committees affiliated with this position. Among others, he is currently serving on the Sioux Falls Sports Authority Board of Directors.

Todd has a clear understanding of the importance of utilizing his individual strengths while working together with a committee or board to conquer and resolve any issue. He has the knowledge, foundation and vision to be able to work with the South Dakota High School Activities Association always keeping in mind what is best for the students.

Todd grew up in Columbia, Missouri, playing every sport available. He attended Rock Bridge High School, lettering in multiple sports as well as in drama. He was elected to Student Council becoming Vice President as a senior. He attended the University of Missouri as well as USD with emphasis on education and mass communications. After moving to Sioux Falls he began coaching and playing adult baseball and softball.

Having two daughters in high school, Todd has coached both of them in soccer and SEBA baseball. Todd has a firm belief that high school activities create a pathway to success for many students that help them build a strong foundation of team work and friendships that last a lifetime.

Todd has been a strong advocate and instrumental in getting high school sanctioned soccer on the 2014-2015 Sioux Falls School District budget.

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2014 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT
DIVISION III REPRESENTATIVE
TERM: JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2016

Division III Representative--Representative to be filled by a superintendent. A superintendent/CEO in any combination is considered a superintendent and would be eligible for only those seats open to superintendents. The Division III Board of Directors member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 193.086 to 7.000. The Division III group includes those schools from Canton High School to School for the Blind/VI. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a two year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

DIRECTORS MEMBERS: "Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to one five-year term. Nominations for membership on the Board of Directors shall be made orally at the Annual Meeting of the Association. An election shall be determined by a majority of votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority, a run-off election shall be held between the top two vote getters." This complete section may be found on page eight (8) of the Constitution and Bylaws.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 27, 2014**

- ☐ Mike Lodmel, Tri-Valley High School
- ☐ Dan Martin, Stanley County High School
- ☐ Keven Morehart, Philip High School
- ☐ Linda Whitney, Sanborn Central High School

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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Mike Lodmel

I was born and raised in Huron, SD, and I am a 1998 graduate of Huron High School. While in high school, I began coaching youth sports such as basketball and baseball; as I knew I wanted to be a teacher and coach 'when I grew up.' As a junior in high school, I was voted upon and became a member of the Huron Little League Board of Directors.

After high school, I attended Huron University for one year where I was a member of the men's basketball team which finished in the Elite Eight at the NAIA national tournament. I then attended Dakota State University where I was also a member of the men's baseball team. While at Dakota State, I took my first varsity coaching position for the Rutland School District, where I was the varsity girls and assistant boys' basketball coaches.

After college, I accepted a teaching and coaching position in the Warner School District. During my five years in Warner, I taught junior high language arts and high school computers. I also coached, at one time or another, varsity and junior high girls basketball, junior high and assistant football, and junior varsity and junior high volleyball. During this time I completed my master's degree from Northern State University.

After five years in Warner, I accepted my first principal position for the Agar-Blunt-Onida School District, also known as Sully Buttes junior and senior high schools. While being the 7-12 principal and special education director, I also coached both varsity and junior high boys' basketball. The highlight of my coaching experiences was winning the state B boys' basketball tournament in 2009. During this time, I completed my specialist degree from the University of Sioux Falls.

In July of 2012, I began my current position as Superintendent of Schools for the Tri-Valley School District. The Tri-Valley School District is composed of the communities of Colton, Lyons, Crooks, and northwest Sioux Falls.

I am married to my wife, Mandy, who is a special education teacher in the Brandon Valley School District. We have two sons, Lawson (6) and Lane (1).

I feel with my background in South Dakota school districts of all sizes (AA,A,B) and my experiences and involvement with various co-curricular activities and leadership positions, that I can be an effective member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

Dan Martin

I grew up in Yankton and Vermillion, South Dakota, and later obtained college degrees from both Dakota Wesleyan University and South Dakota State University. I am currently in my 21st year of education. I have had the privilege to teach, coach, and/or administrate at the following South Dakota schools: Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Hanson, Dakota Valley, Spearfish, and Stanley County. As a coach, I had an opportunity to teach and learn from many student athletes. I was honored to be named, "South Dakota High School Coaches Association Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year" in 2002. I have been an active member of many organizations within South Dakota and had the privilege of being President of the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association from 2005-2006.

Keven Morehart

My name is Keven Morehart and I have been the Superintendent / Elementary Principal for the Haakon School District 27-1 (Philip) for the past nine years. I am also the Head Football Coach and also the Assistant Wrestling Coach along with driving school bus when needed. I have been in Education for 22 years and have enjoyed every minute of it.

I am originally from North Dakota and after spending nine years in the military decided to go after my dreams of teaching and coaching. I graduated with my Bachelor's Degree from Mayville State University. I received my Master's Degree from Northern State and then got my Specialist Degree from the University of Sioux Falls.

Outside of the school I am active in the church along with driving the bus for Bible School kids every May. I have spoke at local civic meetings, been the guest speaker for Athletic Banquets, officiated youth baseball and football games and driven bus for music / band contests.

I am married to Melanie Morehart who is a Kindergarten Teacher / Special Education Director in our district. I have three wonderful children, Madyson an 8th grader, Bosten a 5th grader, and Stratton a 3rd grader. They are all very active and involved

Linda Whitney

I am asking for your support for the remaining two years of the Division III superintendent position on the SDHSAA Board of Directors. I believe that I have the experience in the many programs supervised by the association to be a strong advocate for schools and all students involved.

I received my B.S. degree from NSU, my M.Ed. from SDSU, and my Ed.S. from USD. I participated in marching band, concert band, jazz band, concert choir, and musicals during my undergrad training at Northern. I started my teaching career as a K-12 vocal and instrumental music teacher. I have taught in Timber Lake, Pollock, New Underwood, Stanley County, and have been in the Artesian/Artesian-Letcher/Sanborn Central district since 1984. I started in Artesian as the K-12 Vocal and Instrumental teacher becoming the school counselor in 1987, HS principal in 2001, and superintendent in 2003. My current title is Superintendent/HS Principal/School Counselor.

Throughout my life I have been very involved in numerous SDHSAA activities. I participated in debate, plays, and oral interpretation in middle school and high school besides several band and chorus groups. I was a cheerleading advisor for a few years during my teaching career. For the past 30 years I have kept the stats for football and the head book for both boys and girls basketball for our teams. I have been very involved in the athletic programs and have served as a district basketball chairperson and on the Region track challenge committee as examples of my extended involvement.

Thank you for your consideration as I would feel very honored to have an opportunity to serve on the board for all students and schools across our state!