

A photograph of a classroom with rows of wooden desks and chairs. A green chalkboard is visible on the left, and a window with blinds is on the right. The text is overlaid on a white box with a black border in the center of the image.

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Professional Affiliation: Retired Teacher

Background: After intending to do education through the park service, I ended up teaching back in the school district from which I graduated. I earned an additional physics credential partly taking classes through the Exploratorium-which led to them inviting me to work as a Teacher-in-Residence for a year. When I returned, I ended up serving as the Education branch of the Synopsys Outreach Foundation designing programs that enabled teachers to help students participate in science fairs. A natural extension of that was joining the SCVSEFA Board of Directors.

Joined the Board: 2000

Board positions: *Current:* Student Outreach, IRB, Policy Committee, Chaperone to ISEF, Winners Circle *Past:* President, Chaperone to CSEF

What attracted you to serve on the board? I came to make sure a student perspective was represented, and stayed because I so enjoyed working with the other outstanding individuals who help run this association.