



Cheryl Schweider

Candidate for NYSATA President

Education

Educational Leadership program (SBL, SDL), SUNY Stonybrook, 2017-2018

MS in Art Education, Hofstra University, 2001

Art Education certificate at CUNY, Queens College, 1991

BA (Advertising concentration) from SUCB, Buffalo State College, 1985

Teaching and Related Experience

- 7-12 Art Teacher, Babylon Jr/Sr High School, 2000-present
- Adjunct Professor, Secondary Art Methods, Dowling College, 2014
- Part-time Photo Teacher, Valley Stream Central HS, 1999-2000:
- Permanent Substitute Teacher, Lindenhurst Middle School, Nov 1998-June 1999

NYSATA Activities/Honors

- Secretary, 2025-present
- Interim Vice President, 2024-2025
- Chair, Region 10, 2014-2024
- Board of Trustees (BOT) member, 2012-present
- BOT Portfolio Project Committee member, 2014-present
- BOT awards committee member, 2016-present; Committee Chair, 2019-present
- Attended OVA with students, 2016, 2017, 2019
- Presented workshops at the annual state conference, 2015-present
- NYSATA Region 10 Portfolio Project Coordinator, 2008-present; Site Coordinator 2006-present
- NYSATA Portfolio Project adjudicator 2003-present
- Students participating in the NYSATA portfolio 2005-present
- Active member, 3 years Symposium Coordinator, 2 years Regional YAM Workshop Coordinator, Workshop Presenter, 2001-present
- NYS Art Educator of the Year, 2024
- NYSATA Region 10 Art Educator of the Year, 2008
- Ray Henry Award Winner

Other Professional and/or Leadership

- NAEA Convention presenter 2023
- Babylon Village Arts council member, 2010- present
- Suffolk County Art Leaders Association member, 2010-present
- SCALA members exhibit 2013, 2014
- 10x10 members show at the NYSATA state conference, 2018, 2019

Vision Statement:

I am excited to announce my candidacy for President Elect for NYSATA. I have been an art teacher for over 27 years and have been a member of NYSATA for 25 years. I first got involved through our NYSATA portfolio program. I continued to stay involved in my region and eventually attended BOT meetings and got involved in many committees and leadership positions. I am currently the state secretary. Last year, I was the interim vice president. At that time, I wasn't ready to continue along that leadership path. At this

point in my teaching career, I find that I will have more time to dedicate to NYSATA and am ready to move forward.

NYSATA has been a place for new friendships, inspiration, camaraderie, adventures, and many laughs. Through this organization, I have learned so much over the years about different mediums, artistic skills, communication, and classroom management and set up. I'd like to continue to offer that opportunity to all our members. Those who know me as a leader, know that I am quiet, observant, and a good listener. I don't jump to conclusions. I weigh out all the options before I react, speak, and decide what to do. I am dedicated and will seek out the information I need to do a good job. I ask questions and work on solutions. I work diligently behind the scenes to get things done and am willing to put in the time to help everyone feel successful and to reach their full potential.

My goal within NYSATA is to keep moving forward in our pursuits to keep art at the forefront of creativity, unity, and education for the students of NY, especially as we move forward with the new portrait of a graduate. What we do is so important in contributing to the students' creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. The collaboration that we have with other art teachers across the state is a huge asset to making that happen. I'd like to see the growth in the IAAP program across the state to keep our programs strong and intact in the eyes of NY, our districts, and our schools. I also believe it is necessary to keep giving our members opportunities for personal growth and for support in what they do and for their own well-being. Each of our members is a valued part of this organization and I look forward to guiding our members in any way that I can.