

Re-Elect Simon Hovakimian for CASE Board of Directors



How This Started

Two years ago, the CPR slate set out to resuscitate CASE by Changing the Board, obtaining Paid family leave, and getting our members Respectable wages. With your help, you elected a diverse group from various backgrounds and departments in Wade DiCosmo, Katy Scott-Smith, Traci Belmore, and myself. You elected us to send a message of change and that "business as usual" was simply not good enough. After a series of unforeseen events that took place within less than three months of taking office, the four CPR members along with Tim O'Connor and Rama Maline, helped redefine what CASE could and should be.

Accomplishments:

- As co-chair of the Bargaining Team, I helped obtain raises for all of our members as well as bringing increases to higher level attorneys and Judges. These negotiations were not easy. CalHR remained obstinate to the concerns of our Union members. Despite this obstinance, we were able to obtain (1) raises that would benefit all Unit 2 employees both in the short and long-term and (2) being one of the first units in California to obtain Paid Family Leave for State Employees, a benefit has been available since July 1, 2023 and many of our members have been able to take advantage of it instead of using their vacation or sick time.
- As chair of the By-Laws Committee, the By-Laws were in need of an overhaul due to conflicting sections and antiquated ways of conducting meetings and methods of communications. This process took approximately a year, but the By-Laws have been amended to be clearer and more "up-to-date."
- As chair of the Judges' Committee, I have ensured that issues affecting the Judges have been brought to forefront and not ignored.
- CASE has become more active in litigation to ensure our members have opportunities to rise in their department instead of being stuck without any possibility of movement.

What's Next?

This mission is not yet accomplished. More is to be done but in two short years, the foundation has been laid to keep the momentum going. I strongly and sincerely believe that the existing Board is best suited to CASE on the forefront of current issues affecting Unit 2. I thank you for believing in me and humbly request you vote:

**Hovakimian, O'Connor, Smith, Maline, DiCosmo,
Scott-Smith, Belmore, Ghazarian, and Harper**