



ICASE North America Regional Representative Report, June 2026
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As the appointed ICASE North America Regional Representative by the U.S. National Science Teaching Association, and a member of the ICASE Executive Committee, my assigned responsibilities include:

- maintain an up-to-date list of North American contacts to facilitate communication and coordination, and provide the list regularly to the Membership Secretary;
- promote ICASE membership and encourage new organisations in the North America region to join;
- maintain a communication network in the North American Region and communicate ICASE activities to region's members;
- present a report of regional activities or efforts made to promote ICASE in the North American Region at each Executive Committee meeting and General Assembly;
- obtain and contribute information and updates from the North America Region for each ICASE Bulletin,
- identify emerging regional issues, priorities, and needs in science and technology education and communicate these to the Executive Committee;
- assist, where possible, member organisations in the North American Region to achieve their specific local objectives;
- encourage member organisations in the North American Region to support and participate in ICASE activities;
- foster collaboration among member organisations within the North American Region and encourage joint activities, workshops, or initiatives;
- support the implementation of ICASE initiatives, programmes, and campaigns within the North American Region;
- represent the North American Region at ICASE events and international meetings when required;
- encourage regional contributions to the ICASE International Bulletin and ICASE Journal to ensure diverse representation; and
- assist in the organisation of the ICASE World Conference by circulating the call for abstracts and promoting regional representation at the event.

I am pleased to report that I made significant efforts to improve the international engagement of the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) through intentional representation while serving my term as District XVIII Director (Canada). My persistent advocacy raised awareness of the benefits of international collaboration. My efforts resulted in greater engagement among the NSTA leadership and improved attendance and memberships for the upcoming year. Many North American delegates will be attending the World Conference in Cork.

I maintain a network of Canadian science leaders through my existing role as BC representative for Let's Talk Science, a non-profit organization that provides STEM activities and classroom resources for Canadian classrooms. While they are not a member organization with ICASE, they do provide me with the network needed to stay informed about regional issues that are also important to the broader international community. It is my hope that this continues to be a valuable partnership and that perhaps some of the regional representatives can be ambassadors for ICASE in the future.

I continue to represent ICASE within my provincial role as president of the BC Science Teachers' Association and have recently connected with some leaders in Australia with the Royal Australian Chemical Institute who will be attending our provincial conference in October. It is my hope that we can continue to develop a partnership there as well even though this region resides outside my jurisdiction in North America

I would like to thank the members of the ICASE Executive Committee for their support and patience as I navigate the complexities of this new role. I look forward to opportunities for deeper engagement and meaningful dialogue.