

Presidents of the National Cued Speech Association

Joseph Weiss (1983-1984)

Joseph Weiss was a father first, committed to Cued Speech. He went beyond the family level to become a leader in forming a grass roots organization. He gathered people from all regions of the U.S to work with the Gallaudet CS Office staff, local professionals and families in creating a national organization to serve families and take a vision to another level.



Mary Elsie Daisey (1984-1989)

Mary Elsie came to the board as a parent and professional. Under her direction, the laborious task of revising the bylaws and formulating policies of the National Cued Speech Association was accomplished. The TECUnit (Training/Evaluation/Certification) committee and the HIACS (Hearing Impaired Adults using Cued Speech) were just a few of the committees created during her term.



Pam Beck (1989-1993)

Pam put Cued Speech on the map when she networked among national deaf education organizations and appeared before congress capturing political attention on the federal level. Her Dad's team gave input to the Deaf Childs Bill of Rights.



Barbara Caldwell (1993-1996)

During Barbara's term, family camps were expanded, and The Deaf Leadership Council was founded. She worked on the NASDE (National Association of Special Education Directors) steering committee in getting CS included in the state directors guidelines as well as with ASHA (American Speech and Hearing Association) in including Cued Speech and ASL in the new university training and certification criteria.



Dr. Cathy Quenin (1996-1999)

Cathy brought her experiences as a respected college professor to the board in sharing diplomacy skills and forward thinking projects. She was instrumental in establishing the instructor training and certification process and continues to be involved with that effort.



Paul Swadley (1999-2002)

Paul made NCSA history by being the first Cued Speech consumer elected as president and he brought with him other Cued Speech consumers who worked in committee involving policies and legal issues. His patience with seasoned deaf educators and professionals showed maturity beyond his years. His literate sense of humor reinforced every board member's confidence in the Cued Speech system



Sarina Roffé (2002-Present)

Sarina came on board as the third parent president. She holds a degree in journalism and has written of her experience as a cue parent. Her public relations and communications expertise have been invaluable at putting Cued Speech on the map. Sarina has worked to get Cued Speech in federal law for the first time, obtained funding from the federal government, set the foundation for fundraising and continues to increase awareness of CS through workshops and events such as this one!!

