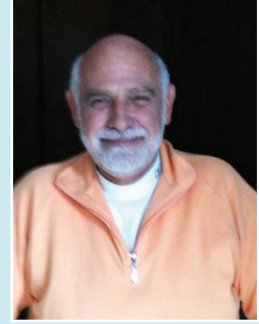


## Steven Thaxton

### My Vision for CAEYC:

- As an organization that has a rich past, movement into the electronic world is needed. This means more automation as quickly as possible.
- CAEYC must find additional funding sources and not rely only on Conferences to generate income.
- CAEYC must promote, provide and emulate leadership. This will draw in more members but also allow the largest early childhood education organization to be the leader in the state when it comes to issues related to young children and their families.



### Candidate Statement

Most segments of our society understand the importance of providing opportunities for young children early in life leads to healthier and productive members of our society. Early childhood is now a common known entity.

I feel it is easy to be passionate about early childhood! All one has to do is hold a new born baby, or watch a toddler take their first steps, enjoy the ranting of a young child who is just learning to use their words and putting sentences together; watch a preschooler, for the first time understand a concept of color or numbers. Watch a parent smile and hug their child after a long day at work. Talk with a teacher who knows kids in their care the best in the world, and continues to find inner enjoyment daily by just being with them over and over. Kids are full of life, wonderment. Early childhood educators have the best and the most difficult daily work. We see it all; from the loving wonderful parent to the most dysfunctional; from the kids who are easy to be with and those that present us with daily challenges. Yet, once you're hooked, it is an impossible profession to leave. It is why I am in early childhood and will stay as I have all my adult life. It is my passion and what I want to do. The passion is easy. It is a very fluid profession. We become vested because we connect with the child, the parent, grandparent, aunt's uncles, families. We know where they have been and where they are and perhaps can assist in where they are going.

I am running for Treasurer of CAEYC. I have had over 25 years of experience with categorical budgets, balance sheets, fiscal projections, fund raising, generating funding and growing programs. I have extensive experience with state and federal guidelines and funding sources. CAEYC is a complicated organization that will survive always. It, like many other organizations is struggling, but because of whom we are, early childhood educators. As Treasurer I will work with all members to identify areas of need and keep us fiscally sound.