



# Minutes of the ACSA Region XI Board

Region Video Conference  
January 8, 2015

Time: 8:39am – 11:14am

**Members in Attendance:** Greg Henry, Don Clark, Blanca Cavazos, Craig Wheaton, Robert Groeber, Julie Bocsh, Jeanette McDonald, Miguel, Donya Wheeler, Frank Silveira, Diane Cox, David Bowling, Terry Wolfe, Matt Torres, Matt Diggle, Dave Tonini, Regina Green, Jose Morales, Laura Hasting, Terri Nickel, Val Brown, Raquel Posadas, Terri Rufert, and Dick Schlagel

**I. Call to Order** **Blanca Cavazos**

**a. Review/Additions/Deletions and Approval of Agenda**

*The meeting was called to order at 8:39am. Motion made by Frank and seconded by Craig – The motion as approved unanimously*

**b. Review of Minutes from December**

**Dave Bowling**

**c. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Donya Wheeler – Seconded by Craig Wheaton – Approved Unanimously*

**II. Membership**

**Jeff VanderNoor**

**a. Charter Rosters**

**Dave Tonini**

*Membership gone to 975 from 978 According to David Tonini – Jeff VanderNoor is was not in attendance.*

**III. President's Report**

**Blanca Cavazosa.**

**a. 60 second networking**

*Resolutions for the New Year. Members were requested to pair up with someone they don't know to discuss their New Year resolutions. Partners shared each other's resolutions with the group.*

**b. Google Hangout or Skype for future video conferences**

*The video conference in December failed to provide clear communication at all locations. Blanca recommended a less expensive and more convenient means to hold the December meeting. Google Hangout or Adobe Connect might be a better way to provide communication.*

**c. Executive Leadership Center Winter Institute Scholarships**

**i. Applications due January 12, 2015**

*This institute is for superintendents only. To be held before the symposium. The application is in the DropBox.*

**IV. Legislative Action VP Report and Website Update**

**Tom Addington**

*There has not been a VP Leg Action meeting until next week. He will come in February to present.*

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**V. State Directors' Report  
Terri Rufert**

**Craig Wheaton &**

*Craig Wheaton presented ACSA's Position on the Vegara case. He reported that there is a sense by some ACSA members across the State that there should be a more aggressive stance in favor of the bill from our organization. State ACSA believes that students have a fundamental right for a quality education and is not against the bill, but is taking a neutral position. ACSA recognizes that the system needs to be improved. State ACSA wants to be at the forefront of effective teaching to provide support to evaluate teachers and administrators and to build capacity to accomplish this goal. ACSA wants to be a partner in the change process and not be confrontational with teachers to create an unnecessary divide.*

*Craig provided a summary of the Vegara case and asked the group to pair up and provide a quick message to take back to State ACSA. The Region XI group had differing opinions on the matter. One member pointed out that a neutral opinion is no opinion at all. Another member shared that the middle ground is a safe place and division will not serve to move everyone forward. Generally, administrators in the group pointed out that there is a clear need to support Vegara because the problem costs our districts hundreds of thousands of dollars when it's time to move a teacher out of the classroom, but they do understand the political issues at stake. Administrators are being held accountable, so the accountability must be present throughout the system.*

**VI. Region XI Campaign Committee Update**

**Craig Wheaton**

*David Tonini has taken over the lead role on Terri's campaign committee. A newsletter was created featuring Terri Rufert and is working on a video with the Tulare County Office of Ed. A position paper will be created as the next step in advance of the delegate assembly and election in May. There will also be a reception at the assembly in May to further support Terri.*

**VII. Treasurer's Report**

**Kirsti Smith**

**a. 2014-15 Budget**

**Dave Tonini**

*The Region Drafts Balance is \$13,253.55*

*The Shares Balance is \$ 96,289.67*

*The total balance of all accounts is \$109,542.22*

*The planned budget is on target with expenditures overall.*

*Motion by Laura Second by Val Motion approved.*

**b. Request for Copier**

**Dave Tonini**

*David's printer has failed and is requesting a new one in the amount of \$500.00 or less.*

*Motion by Terri Rufert – Ralph Seconded – Approved Unanimously*

**c. Central Valley Women's Leadership Workshop**

**Blanca Cavazos**

*Blanca reports that the Women's Leadership group will be attending a workshop on cyber security.*

*They are requesting \$500 for this event as well as another event in the spring.*

*Motion to approve from Diane Cox – Seconded by Jose Morales - The motion was approved unanimously.*

**VIII. Executive Director Report**

**Dave Tonini**

**a. Charter Membership & Networking Activities**

*February 5<sup>th</sup> is the next Region Delegate assembly. Three of five charters met their quota for the Delegate Assembly last time, and we are looking to have additional delegates present in February.*

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*Rebate checks have been sent to each charter.*

*Presidents are encouraged move forward on the networking and leg action events. If we reach 1000 members, the last 25 new members will have a chance to have their membership paid for one year. (per previous meeting approved action)*

**b. Approval of Charter Proposals**

*Greg Henry presented a proposal from Kings County to attempt to encourage non-members to join. He asks for \$1,000 for the event – Terri Ruffert made a motion for approval and Diane Cox Seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**IX. Newsletter**

**Dick Schlagel**

**a. Quote for printing full-color, 2-sided newsletter**

**Robert Gröeber**

*The last couple of years have been good for the newsletter. 1000 e-mails and website postings are currently being used to disseminate Region information. Dick provided the members with quotes for printing and postage for bulk mailing the newsletter to members to increase the readership. Charters provided information regarding this matter as requested during a previous meeting.*

*Several alternatives were presented by the group. It was agreed that the cost was go quite high and was averaging \$15,000 which is a significant portion of the overall Region Budget. David Bowling was asked to work with Tom Addington to explore the idea of setting up an App for the Region to move forward with new ways of communicating the Region's message.*

**X. Old Business**

**a. Administrator of the Year Awards**

**Valerie Brown**

**b. Every Student Succeeding**

**c. Itzenhauser/Schlagel Retiree Scholarship**

**d. Student Scholarships**

*Val has received nominations from each charter for Region awards. State nominees will be determined after the meeting today. Nominees for Every Student Succeeding have not been received by all charters. Itzenhauser/Schlagel award winners will be determined during the student scholarship selection date in the spring.*

**e. Regions IX, X, XI and XIII Joint Conference – Spring 2016 Dave Bowling**

*Kings Fall charter was opposed to partnering because it competes with their fall conference and fund raiser. Tulare County is willing move their spring conference to the fall to support the conference. Inyo was in favor. Other conferences that occur in February are a concern, and a February date would be preferred as an alternative. Interactive activities would be preferred to keep the event lively. Terri Rufert reminded the group that the technology events at the Leadership Summit were the highest sought after breakouts. Discipline and restorative judgment was mentioned as was the need to have a relevant speaker in attendance.*

**f. Council and Committee Applications for 2015-16**

**Blanca Cavazos**

**i. Retirement Committee**

*Bill Black is recommended for continuation but was not in attendance.*

**ii. Business Services Council**

**iii. Human Resources Council**

*Applications for HR will be reviewed by the committee and presented in February.*

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## **XI. Charter Reports**

### **a. Charter Activity & Member Feedback on Newsletter and Four-Region Conference**

#### **i. East Kern**

**Melissa Christman**

*The next charter meeting is Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and will E.K. will have a State ACSA director presenting.*

#### **ii. Kings**

**Greg Henry**

*Kings charter reviewed and revised the bylaws as they have not been changed in many years. They have revised their student scholarship bylaws to ensure that ACSA member's children are the recipients.*

#### **iii. Inyo/Mono**

**Don Clark**

*The Charter met in December with David Tonini in the audience. The group chose to offer a scholarship to a student in their area, but not the child of an ACSA member. Participation is increasing in the charter.*

#### **iv. Tulare**

**Donya Wheeler**

*Tulare will be meeting next Friday. Dr. Ernie Mendez will be conducting an inspiration keynote on balancing work and life. The third annual golf tournament is coming up, as is the next networking social.*

#### **v. West Kern**

**Matt Diggle**

*1975 was the last time the W.K. bylaws were reviewed, and it was determined that a VP of leg. Action was supposed to be part of the active board. Regina Green was appointed to the position. Kevin Silberberg will be joining their social to present the latest technology wonders.*

## **XII. State Council & Committee Reports**

### **a. Human Resources**

**Jeanette McDonald**

*There hasn't been another meeting to share yet. Two surveys regarding speech and language positions and 30 day subs went out in Tulare. They are awaiting feedback.*

### **b. Superintendents Council**

**Blanca Cavazos**

*The report is available in the DropBox.*

## **XIII. Upcoming Events**

### **a. ACSA Delegate Assembly – February 12-13 in Ontario**

## **XIV. Next Region Meeting – February 5, 2015**

## **XV. Announcements**

- a.** Selection of Administrator of the Year, Itzenhauser/Schlagel Retiree Award and Every Student Succeeding finalists after Region Meeting today. Representatives from each charter should plan to attend and present their nominees. (Bring electronic device for access to applicants in Dropbox).

## **XVI. Drawing**

## **XVII. Adjournment @ 11:14**

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