



# Minutes of the ACSA Region XI Board

## Region Delegate Assembly

February 5, 2015 – Hodel's

8:39 to 11:14am

- ❖ **Members in attendance:** Blanca Cavazos, David Bowling, Regina Green, Danyel Kelly, Matt Torres, Jeff VanderNoor, Terry Wolfe, Jose Morales, Jason Hodgson, Richard Morosa, Matt Diggle, Tom Addington, Tim Bowers, Rodney Brumit, Bobby Peters, Jamie Rogers, Heiko Sweeney, Bill Black, Courtney Kirchman, Greg Henry, Melissa Christman, Kirsti Smith, Michael Vogenthaler, Bev Thompson, Don Clark, Fernie Marroquin, Dedi Somavia, Melanie Stringer, Carli Hawkins, Vicki Porter, Tammy Milligin, Robert Groeber, Tamara Ravalin, Mike Tsuboi, Sarah Koligian, Val Brown, Don Dargo, Steve Tsuboi, Dick Schlagel, Lora Haston, Donya Wheeler, Frank Silveira, Jeremy Powell, Heather Elick, Loretta Bryant, Jeanette McDonald, Terri Rufert – **46 Persons in Attendance**

### I. Call to Order

**Blanca Cavazos**

#### a. Review/Additions/Deletions and Approval of Agenda @ 8:39

*Motion to approve the agenda was made by Terri Rufert. Seconded by Sarah Koligian – Approved Unanimously*

#### b. Review of Minutes from January

**Dave Bowling**

#### c. Approval of Minutes

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Bill Black, Seconded by Terry Wolfe – Approved Unanimously*

### II. Current Equity Issues Discussion

**Nicole Anderson**

*A presentation was conducted by Frank Silveira, Equity Focus Group and Nicole Anderson, ACSA Diversity and Equal Access Executive. Nicole has experience with the student populations of Region XI having worked in various capacities at schools in our area. The presentation was focused on bringing awareness to equity issues of gender, race, and creed of our students and peers. Frank stated, "We need to be coming together as a group to have conversations about what we are doing for our kids." Also, "We can't have great 'talks' without great follow-through"*

*Nicole was introduced: Nicole applauded Frank taking the lead in the region on equity issues. A pamphlet was passed out that listed "equity challenges". Members were asked to identify their "equity role or challenge" as well as their thoughts and feelings on the subject.*

*Nicole split the groups into partners for a group activity. Members were given historical quotes on issues of equity and asked them to discuss their relevance and the cyclical cycle of opinions and attitudes regarding equity. It was pointed out that "A system produces what it was designed to produce."*

*Nicole's goal is to travel to every region to have these conversations. ACSA will be developing a position or definition of equity as it applies to our organization. A quote was offered from ACSA's "Equity Corner", "Educational equity means raising the achievement of all students while eliminating racial predictability and disproportionality and narrowing the gaps between the highest and lowest performing student groups. Equity goes beyond where everyone is treated the same, to fostering a barrier free environment where individuals benefit equally." – Berkley Unified S.D.*

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*Frank presented Region data on local literacy rates to spark discussions and questions. Members were asked to create questions that applied to situations that were relevant to them personally and professionally.*

*The final message of the day is, that all data aside, we should “Know what’s in front of us, and ask what are we are doing about it”*

*Region XI was the first equity focus group collaborative conversation in the State.*

### **III. President’s Report**

**Blanca Cavazos**

#### **a. Delegate Assembly**

##### **i. Request for Marc Ecker to remain as Past President on the State Board of Directors for 2014-15**

*The Delegate Assembly is next week in Ontario, CA. Mark Ecker has asked to remain on the State Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 school year. Terri Rufert described him as an asset to the organization as did Tom Addington. Blanca will carry this message on to the delegate assembly.*

##### **ii. ACSA’s 2015-2017 Legislative Platform**

*The Region Delegate Assembly will be asked to ratify a rather large slate of legislation opinions. The membership was asked to reach out to delegates if there are any opinions or input that needs to go to Ontario.*

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

**Tom Addington**

*Tom Addington reported the names of all current participants set to go to Leg. Action Day. The participant list is due to State ACSA. Those attending need to make reservations at the Sheraton Grand using the ACSA block of rooms to get the appointed discount. Appointments with Legislators are being made and the meetings will begin at 1:00pm on Monday and should run quite rapidly. On Sunday, the day before, there will be a short briefing for members in attendance followed by dinner at 6:30pm and lunch provided the following day.*

### **V. State Directors’ Report**

**Craig Wheaton & Terri Rufert**

*Terri Rufert recognized Sarah Koligian’s work with handling the governor to change his stance on matters effecting matters in her back yard. She remarked that Wes Smith is providing great leadership to State ACSA. The next meeting of directors will occur at the upcoming delegate assembly. She reminded the members about the governing structure of ACSA starting with the executives, delegates, regions, and charters.*

### **VI. Region XI Campaign Committee Update**

**Dave Tonini**

*David Tonini updated the group on Terri Rufert’s campaign. There will be ongoing events and support activities ahead. Terri has been on the road quite a bit to visit other Regions to campaign.*

### **VII. Treasurer’s Report**

**Kirsti Smith**

#### **a. 2014-15 Budget**

**Dave Tonini**

*Kirsti presented the treasurer’s report Shares currently has a balance of \$86,726.26 and Drafts balance was \$29,767.63 - \$116,493.89 Total. Kirsti stated that there was only some basic fund income and expenditures.*

*Fernie Marroquin motioned approval of the treasurer’s report and it was seconded by Bill Black. The motion was approved unanimously.*

#### **b. Central Valley Women’s Leadership Workshop**

**Blanca Cavazos**

*At the women’s leadership breakfast, the guest speakers were two women superintendents that were phenomenal. They both were leaders that encountered gender bias during high profile events they encountered in the course of their administrative duties. Blanca mentioned that everyone needs to hear these kinds of things*

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because if the only people in the room are women then they are not getting the message out to the persons that could benefit from listening to these examples of mistreatment.

## VIII. Membership

Jeff VanderNoor

### a. Charter Rosters

Jeff VanderNoor gave the membership report showing that we are up to 978 members total across the region.

Membership by Charter is as follows: Tulare Charter = 440 West Kern Charter = 314 CSU Bakersfield = 8	Inyo/Mono Charter = 25 Kings County = 117 East Kern = 67 TOTAL = 978 – 22 Members away from our goal!
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Bill Black presented ACSA new program called the Ambassador Program. Training will begin in the spring. It is part of a membership drive and encouraging all new members to engage themselves in the ACSA culture and programs. Retired ACSA members are targeted to be the ambassadors.

## IX. Executive Director Report

Dave Tonini

### a. Charter Membership & Networking Activities

David Tonini went over the budget expenditure report. We are 83% of budget and there will likely be little change to the proposed budget developed last summer.

## X. Newsletter

Dick Schlagel

### a. Quote for Region XI App

Dave Bowling

Dick Schlagel focused the current newsletter on Terri Rufert and to promote Region activities. Dick stated it was the best newsletter he has ever produced. The Region wants to know what is happening in each charter so that the new can get to EdCal or our the Region's newsletter.

David Bowling reported that Parent Link (now owned by Blackboard) currently manages State ACSA's app, and is willing to do ours as well for promotions in kind. Mr. Bowling will proceed with learning more about this possible partnership as a way to increase the level and quality of communication with members.

### b. Charter preferences for distributing newsletter

Melissa Christman requested a \$1,000 networking grant from the region. A motion was made by Greg Seconded by Tom Addington. Approved unanimously.

- Tulare: Forward the newsletter to the Region President
- Inyo/Mono: Same
- Kings: Forward the newsletter
- East Kern: E-mail is good
- West Kern: Forward the newsletter

## XI. Old Business

### a. Administrator of the Year Awards

Valerie Brown

### b. Every Student Succeeding

### c. Itzenhauser/Schlagel Retiree Scholarship

### d. Student Scholarships

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May 7<sup>th</sup> is the date to honor Every Student Succeeding winners and admins of the year. Charters are asked to send the top 2 or 3 student scholarships for further honors. The Itsenhauser/Schlagel award has no nominees for the current year.

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

David Bowling presented information learned at a planning meeting held in San Luis Obispo to discuss ideas presented for the joint conference. The four region team asked the group for the following information:

1. Location ideas
2. Topics
3. Days/Times
4. Target Audience

David broke the group into groups to discuss and provide written feedback regarding their ideas.

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

**Blanca Cavazos**

- i. Retirement Committee**
- ii. Business Services Council – Robert Gueber**
- iii. Human Resources Council – Donya Wheeler**

**XII. Charter Reports**

**a. Charter Activity**

**East Kern** - Randy Delling to present at next meeting

**Kings** - March 4 Conference

**Inyo/Mono** - No meeting yet

**Tulare** - Next meeting Feb. 20th

**West Kern** - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. Social

Melissa Christman

Greg Henry

Don Clark

Donya Wheeler

Matt Diggle

**XIII. State Council & Committee Reports**

**XIV. Upcoming Events**

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

**XV. Next Region Meeting – March 5, 2015**

**XVI. AXA Advisors, LLC**

**Leonard Ruggiero**

Len has sponsored the West Kern ACSA and he will purchase breakfast for the Region in exchange for time to talk about investment options that make sense for STRS members.

**XVII. Announcements**

Kings and Tulare Charters met their attendance quotas for the delegate assembly.

**XVIII. Drawing**

**XIX. Adjournment @ 11:07**

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