



A Remarkable Life

“Money was tight when ACSA first formed, and Region 12 was uncertain how much funding would be provided by the state association. Our first meetings were held at a local high school where our ‘dinner’ consisted of peanuts and popcorn.”

—Jim Marinis, commenting on the early days of ACSA.

ACSA charter member hanging it up after 48 years of service to association

Emeritus ACSA Member James “Jim” Marinis (Region 12) has decided at the age of 85 to pass the torch after being of service to ACSA continuously since its creation in 1971. He is now stepping down from his final ACSA leadership post as a delegate for the Retired Educational Managers (REM) charter of his region.

Marinis has held many ACSA posts in addition to his career as a principal in the San Bernardino Unified School District. Besides being a charter member of State ACSA, he held the Region 12 presidency during the 1980-81 academic year, served on the ACSA retirement committee for three years, the SASS committee for nine years, and was the Region 12 Consultant for ten years. Marinis has served in one capacity or another on the Region 12 Board of Directors every year since its inception. About his membership in the REM charter, Jim often jokes that he belongs to the charter to which all the rest aspire—the retired charter!

Jim retired from his administrative work in San Bernardino in 1993 and went on to serve on its Board of Education for another eight years. Teaching, administration and dedication to all things ACSA are not the only areas in which Marinis excelled. He has been a member of the San Bernardino Schools Federal Credit Union for fifty years and held the position of president with that body for thirty-five. Jim also belongs to CalRTA where he held the position of Legislative Chair for two years, plus another two as president of his division. He has also been a member of the San Bernardino JAYCEES and was awarded a Senatorship by them, one of only three ever awarded by that body.

True to his dedicated life, Marinis claims to have only missed four days of work in his school district career that spanned from 1962 to 1993.

Jim Marinis was selected by Region 12 as its Retired Administrator of the Year in 2014. Marinis’ wife of 63 years, Margaret, has supported him in all of his professional activities and often attends events with him.

Thank you, Jim, for your lifetime of dedicated service to ACSA and beyond!