

# Region 8 ACSA Meeting in a Memo

February 7, 2019

Region 8 ACSA Executive Board Meeting  
Santa Clara

Fiorillo's Restaurant,

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

### Membership Update

#### **Jeff Bowman**

Our Region 8 has a current membership of 924 which includes our retirees; our regular membership is at 732. As we look forward, it will be important to keep our voice strong in Region 8 and within ACSA as a whole by maintaining and hopefully growing our membership. The next Member Services State meeting will be on February 6th with information from the meeting being provided in our future communication.

Finally, for our members that are retiring this year, please understand that you can continue your connection with ACSA by joining the Region 8 Retiree Chapter. Contact Maxine Amundson, membership at [drmamaxa@comcast.net](mailto:drmamaxa@comcast.net). Retirees meet quarterly, and this provides a venue to share fellowship and talents in your new life path.

Keep your membership information updated by creating and utilizing your ACSA account:  
<https://www.acsa.org>

### Programs Update

#### **Dawnel Sonntag & Andrew Derrick**

We are looking forward to our Leadership Forum on February 7, at Fiorillo's at 5:30 p.m, when our series speaker, Milton Reynolds, will continue engaging us in equity work so we can break the cycle of racism and inequity.

We are also excited about our joint networking event with Membership on March 28 at the Capitol Club, where we will learn from each other and share best practices; look for more information about this event soon. Finally, we are thrilled to be working with Awards to plan our ACSA Region 8 Leadership Awards night on Friday, May 10, at the Corinthian Ballroom, where we will celebrate the contributions of many outstanding educators. We hope you join us for these fun events!

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## **VP Legislative Action**

### **Michael Gallagher**

ACSA's annual Legislative Action Day is **April 7 and 8** in Sacramento. Legislative Action Day is a wonderful opportunity to come together with our region's and state's educational leaders to meet our local legislators in the State Capitol and to advocate for public education. We're fortunate in Santa Clara County that our legislators want to hear from us and value our stories and perspectives as they create policy.

No experience is necessary! We'll ease you into the process so that everyone has an opportunity to comfortably participate. Also, it's important to remember that this activity is considered "advocacy" as opposed to political activity.

Here are the details:

April 7: Meetings at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento begin at 2:00 Dinner with together with our Region 8 contingent at 5:30 provided by Region 8.

April 8: Meetings with State legislators in the state Capitol. We'll provide lunch on April 8.

Hotel: We will reimburse at the double occupancy rate, so either plan to have a roommate, or we'll reimburse you for half of the cost of the room.

Registration: Complete this google form to request registration:  
[Region 8 Leg Action Day Registration Form](#)

If this link doesn't work, you can type in this url:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/CywaDDJnI7HADTFP2>

Once your registration is received by ACSA, you will receive a confirmation email with hotel reservation information. Hotels fill up quickly, so I encourage you to complete your hotel registration promptly.

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Questions? Let me know. I hope to see a large, energized group of Santa Clara County educational leader in Sacramento April 7 and 8.

## **Communications**

### **Karen Larson & Sheila Walters**

If you have not seen **the Region 8 website's new look**, please take a look (<http://regions.acsa.org/8/>)! Thanks to our friends at state ASCA for offering us the opportunity to be one of the first regions to experience the redesign. I hope you agree that the look is fresh, clean and modern – just like Region 8! While you are there, please see if you are on a committee or council that may have old information on your page. Send me updates and I will get it on your page as soon as possible.

**OCHO Reminder-** the deadline to submit articles for the February OCHO is Friday, February 8th at 5:00pm. The February OCHO will go out to membership on Monday, February 11th. You do not need to send anything if you want your Meeting in a Memo article to be included in the subsequent OCHO. However, if there are changes or additional articles, please send to Sheila Walters @ [sheila.walters3@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.walters3@gmail.com) by Friday, 2/8 at 5:00pm.

## **Women's Leadership Network**

### **Mary Ann Dewan**

Region 8 WLN Presents: Empowering Self, Empowering Others, Tues. May 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 am at the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Join Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, and Rosie Rios, the 43rd Treasurer of the United States, to network with one another and discuss how to unlock greater leadership potential in ourselves and others.

Free for ASCA members plus one guest is complimentary. Non-members \$10. Includes breakfast, networking, and engaging presentations.

For more information, see our flyer: [Women's Leadership Network Presents](#)

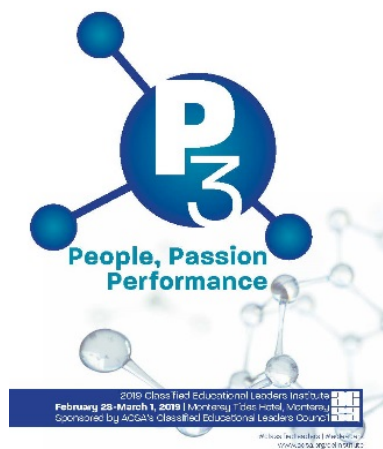
Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/acsa-region-8-womens-leadership-network-event-tickets-52287560501>

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## **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Classified Educational Leaders**

**Sylvia Alvarez**



Be sure to join us at the 2019 CEL Institute in Monterey, Feb. 27-March 1!

The Classified Educational Leaders Institute is an excellent place for anyone to learn best practices and new skills to increase our performance, expand our experiences and enhance our career and personal goals.

Leaders in business/fiscal services, human resources/personnel, maintenance/operations, custodial, technology, facilities and student services/instructional, including confidential and administrative assistants enjoy learning about current issues and trends during the two-day institute. Presenters from various fields of expertise will share strategies and useful techniques to assist in providing students in California with a first-class education.

We can't wait to see you at CEL P3!

Register at [www.acsa.org/classifiedinstitute](http://www.acsa.org/classifiedinstitute) to join us Feb. 27-March 1, 2019 at the Monterey Tides Hotel in Monterey, CA. **Resources:** [CEL Institute Brochure](#) and [CEL Institute Flyer](#)

### **Career Technical Education**

**Alyssa Lynch**

This has been a very busy year for CTE programs in California.

Nation-wide there was an increase of \$70 million dollars in Perkins funds. The dollars will be allocated to all states which will provide a small increase in Perkins funds to California schools.

January 25th all CTEIG applications were due. In March, the SBE will release the CTEIG allocations and formulas. Grant Award notifications should be sent out in May.

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The Strong Workforce Program (SWP) grant applications was released in mid January and notifications should be sent out in April. SWP funding should be released by mid June. The largest CTE conference **Educating for Careers Conference** kicks off on March 3 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

## **Special Education and Student Services**

### **Rose DuMond**

The Every Child Succeeds Symposium will be held February 13 - 15, in Anaheim. This year's guest speakers include Brad Cohen, speaking on his own personal account of overcoming the challenges of Tourette's Syndrome, and Actor, Marlee Matlin, who will speak to her own personal challenges as an individual with a hearing impairment to become not only a well known award winning actor but also an advocate for persons with this disability as well as her own charitable work known worldwide. ACSA Region 8 contributes a gift/prize to be raffled at the annual luncheons.

The Santa Clara County Office is conducting a study of the current status of special education services across the county. A task force under the guidance of Dr. Anna Marie Villalobos in consultation with Total School Solutions has met to review data and discuss specific areas of concern. A survey has been developed to elicit response from all stakeholders within Districts and includes parents. The results will be reviewed in meetings and recommendations developed for consideration in Spring 2019.

ACSA has gathered a Mental Wellness taskforce which will meet February 5 and 6 in Sacramento which will discuss mental health practices, wellness, mindfulness and social-emotional learning practices in schools and districts. By invitation from ACSA President, Holly Edds, a diverse group of members to the task force will participate in listening to guest speakers on the topic as well as review data gathered regarding the state of support for mental health in schools in California.

## **CHARTER UPDATES**

### **Palo Alto Charter**

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**Lisa Hickey**

The Palo Alto Management Association has begun collaboration with the Don Austin, Superintendent to put forth a new structure for compensation increases for the 2020-21 school year. For 2019-20, PAMA will be included under the Umbrella Clause that follows the teacher union raise for the year. Palo Alto Unified School District is working on launching the PAUSD Promise <https://promise.pausd.org/home> which includes plans for building leadership capacity and includes staff housing.

**Oak Grove Management Association****Genvieve Dorsey**

Oak Grove Management Association (OGMA) welcomed the district's new school board members with a recognition dinner. This served as a time for Oak Grove leaders and school board members to build relationships and focus on the core values of the district.

The OGMA Equity team is also promoting equity in leadership. They have facilitated equity conversations at two leadership meetings. Leaders discussed racial disparities in school discipline as well as how to improve outreach to parents of color. This work has been supported with a district-wide professional development day where we focused on the work of building on the assets of our English Language Learners while providing robust, respectful, and empowering learning environments.

OGMA's award committee has collected student applications from each school for ACSA's Every Student Succeeding Awards. The committee is currently planning an awards ceremony in March for all nominees. At this ceremony, one student will be awarded the honor of representing Oak Grove as the region's nominee.