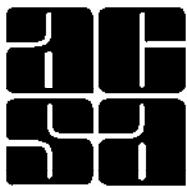


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Region 18 President's Message

Joe Austin
 San Diego Unified SD

It is my honor to represent Region 18 of the Association of California School Administrators. Like many of you, I joined this organization during my first class in my administrative credential program, but it wasn't until about six years ago that I became actively involved in regional leadership - first as a secondary education committee representative, and then as vice president for legislative action. Through these opportunities, I've built relationships with educational leaders, not just in our region, but throughout the state.

Our focus as a region during the next two years will be to strengthen and expand existing leadership networks by enlisting new members, connecting with local legislators, and celebrating our collective accomplishments. Thanks in advance for your role in making Region 18 a great place to be a leader.



New Officers and Representatives were sworn in by outgoing President, Tracy Thompson, at the May Leadership Forum



Jon LeDoux (first on the left) and Peter Johnson (fifth from the right) were sworn in as State Board Members at the May State Delegate Assembly.

2014-2015 Region 18 Leadership

Cabinet Members

President - **Joe Austin**, San Diego USD
President Elect - **Amanda Brooke**, McCabe UESD
Immediate Past President - **Tracy Thompson**, San Diego Office of Ed
Vice President for Committees/Programs - **Kim Phifer**, South Bay USD
Vice President for Legislative Action - **Stephanie Pierce**, Santee SD
Service Director for Communications - **Joy Ceasar**, El Centro ESD
Service Director for Membership - **Vernon Moore**, San Diego USD
Service Director for Ways & Means - **Shannon Hargrave**, San Pasqual USD
President Appointed At-Large Member - **Steve Niemeyer**, Grossmont UHSD
President Appointed At-Large Member - **Eddie Caballero**, San Diego USD
President Appointed At-Large Member - **Teresa Palzkill**, Poway USD
ACSA State Board Rep - **Jon LeDoux**, El Centro ESD
ACSA State Appointed Board Rep - **Peter Johnson**, San Diego USD
Past ACSA State Board Rep - **Pat Crowder**
Past ACSA State Board Rep - **Steve Van Zant**

Charter Presidents

Region-18 Retired Charter - **Mary Lawlor**, Retired, Sweetwater UHSD
Greater San Dieguito Charter - **Leslie Harden**, Carlsbad SD
Heartland Charter - **Steve Neimeyer**, Grossmont Union HSD
Imperial County Charter - **Juan Cruz**, Imperial County Office of Ed
North County School Managers - **Steve Hargrave**, Vista USD
Palomar Charter - **Shannon Hargrave**, San Pasqual USD
Palomar Charter - **Mary Gorsuch**, Valley Center-Pauma SD
Poway Charter - **Richard Newman**, Poway USD
San Diego City(AASD) - **Donis Coronel**, AASD
San Diego County Office - **Susan Yamate**, SDCOE
San Diego County Office - **David Liss**, SDCOE
Southwest Charter - **Sergio Quintero**, Sweetwater UHSD

Council Rep

Adult Education - **Susan Yamate**, SDCOE
Business Services - **Karl Christensen**, Santee SD
Career Technical Education - (Vacant)
Classified Educational Leaders - **Maria Moore-Flagg**, San Diego USD
Curr., Inst. & Accountability - **Shelly Burgess**, South Bay UESD
Curr., Inst. & Accountability - **Rick Schmitt**, San Dieguito UHSD
Educational Options - **Andy Trakas**, San Diego USD
Elementary Education - **Erin English**, Vista USD
Human Resources - **Anisha Dalal**, San Diego USD
Human Resources - **Cindy Frazee**, National SD
Middle Grades Education - **Jay Marquand**, Coronado USD
Secondary Education - **Michael Dodson**, San Diego USD
Student Services & Sp. Ed. - **Kurt Leptich**, Imperial County Office of Ed

Committee Rep

ACSA/CAPEA - **Rebekah Barakos-Cartwright**, Coronado USD
ACSA/CAPEA - **Julie Johnson**, MiraCosta College/Oceanside USD
Co-Administration - (Vacant)
Equity, Achievement & Diversity for Success-**Felicia Matthews**,SDUSD
Legislative Action - **Stephanie Pierce**, Santee SD
Legislative Policy - **Holly McClurg**, Del Mar USD
Legislative Policy - **David Lorden**, Lakeside USD
Member Services - **Vernon Moore**, San Diego USD
Retirement - **Gayle Olson-Binder**, Retired
Small School District - **Ruben Castro**, Seeley UESD
Region18 Superintendent Committee - **Jeffrey Felix**, Coronado USD

State Appointed

ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Eric Lehw**, Poway USD
ACSA Tech Leadership Group - **Devin Vodicka**, Vista USD
Business Services Council - **Gina Potter**, Lemon Grove SD
Co-Administration Committee - **Teresa Palzkill**, Poway USD
State Superintendency - **Nancy Lynch**, Solana Beach SD

Calendar of Events

September 24, 2014

Region 18 Leadership Workshop
San Diego

October 8, 2014

Region 18 Leadership Forum
San Diego

October 2-3, 2014

Women In School Leadership
Sonoma

November 5-8, 2014

ACSA Leadership Summit
San Diego

December 12, 2014

Nomination Forms Due
“Administrator of the Year” and
“Every Student Succeeding”

January 21, 2015

Past Presidents’ Meeting
San Diego

February 2, 2015

PDK/ACSA Superintendent Dinner
San Diego

February 4, 2015

Region 18 Leadership Forum
(2015 Elections)

March 10, 2015

March Madness Membership Event
Old Town Cafe
San Diego

March 15-16, 2015

Legislative Action Day
Sacramento

April 24, 2015

“Honoring Our Own” Awards Dinner
Sheraton Harbor Island, San Diego

May 6, 2015

Region 18 Leadership Forum
(Delegate Appreciation)

“Honoring Our Own” Awards Dinner

On May 2, 2014, over 400 educators and school board members, friends and family attended the 12th Annual “Honoring Our Own” Awards Dinner held at the Sheraton San Diego Resort & Marina. Congratulations to the 32 awardees who received recognition for excellence in their field! Our sponsors played a major role in the success of the event. Thank you for continuing to support our awards dinner!

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Katie Dexter (SDCSBA) and Tom Teagle (Region 18) thank Kathy Bowers, Kimberly Roberts and Cindy Allen for their support behind-the-scenes.

More Thank You's go to Doug Green and the Carlsbad TV students for providing the live-feed during the event; Brenda Davis-Landini, Chaparral ROP Floral Design Classes, Grossmont Union High School District for the flower arrangements on the tables and on stage; the Chula Vista Middle and High School's Performing Arts Mariachi Group for entertainment; the Oceanside School District El Camino High Color Guard for the Presentation of Colors; the Grossmont Union High School District West Hills High School Guitar Ensemble for the dinner entertainment; to the Special Entertainment performance by the Coronado School of the Arts Dance Conservatory; and, to our Emcee Jim Esterbrooks! You all helped to make the evening special for the awardees and guests!

A big Thank You goes to John Stickney of Boyd Anderson Photography who took pictures during the event, individual and group photos before and after the dinner. Please contact Cindy at acsaregion18@gmail.com if there is a picture you would like emailed to you.

"Honoring Our Own"

**Administrators
of the
Year 2014**



Wendy Heredia
Principal, Valley Center Elementary
Valley Center-Pauma Unified SD
Elementary Principal Category



Josefina Viorato
Confidential Administrative Assistant II
San Diego Unified SD
Confidential Employee Category



Olympia Kyriakidis
Principal, Riverview Elementary School
Lakeside Union SD
Elementary Principal Category



Jim Bloch
High School Assistant Principal and
Director of Alternative Education,
Mountain Empire Unified SD
Secondary Co-Administrator Category



Griselda Delgado
Principal, Palomar High School
Sweetwater Union High SD
Continuation/Ed Options Category

"Honoring Our Own"

**Administrators
of the
Year 2014**



Saundra Uribe-Silverman
Principal, Valley High School
Escondido Union High SD
Continuation/Ed Options Category



David Jones
Superintendent/Principal
Vallecitos SD
Superintendent/Principal Category



Linda Carlton
Director/Principal, Adult Education
Sweetwater Union High SD
Adult Education Category



Hope Michel
Director of Special Education
Santee School District
Special Education Category



Tina Brady
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Lakeside Union School District
Curriculum & Instruction Category

**Administrators
of the
Year 2014**



Milena Aubrey
Human Resources Director
Sweetwater Union High SD
Personnel/Human Resources Category



John Bley
Retired Administrator
LaMesa-Spring Valley SD
Retired Category



Rick Shea
Retired Administrator
San Diego County Office of Education
**Ferd J. Kiesel Memorial Distinguished
Service Award**



Kenton Hems
Facilities/Maintenance & Operations Manager
Imperial County Office of Education
Classified Leader Category



Damon Blackman
Director of Technology
Escondido Union High SD
Technology Administrator Category

Administrators of the Year 2014



Gina Potter
Area Superintendent, Business Services
Lemon Grove School District
Business Services Category



Shawn Loescher
Director, Office of College, Career & Technical
Education, San Diego Unified SD
Career Technical Education Category



Rich Newman
Director II Learning Support Services
Poway Unified SD
Central Office Category



Cynthia Uline
Director, Ed.D Educational Leadership,
PK-12 Concentration, San Diego State University
Professor of Education Category



Donald Buchheit
Senior Director, Student Support Services Department
San Diego County Office of Education
Pupil Personnel Category

"Honoring Our Own"

***Administrators
of the
Year 2014***



Michelle Irwin

Principal, Thurgood Marshall Middle School
San Diego Unified School District
Middle Grades Principal Category



Elizabeth Bystedt

Principal, Oak Grove Middle School
Jamul Dulzura Union School District
Middle Grades Principal Category



Steve Coover

Principal, Mount Miguel High School
Grossmont Union High School District
Secondary Principal Category

Superintendent of the Year



Ramona Unified School District



Robert Graeff
Superintendent

Ramona Unified School District

San Diego County School Boards Association Awards



Pam Eves

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board
Bonsall Union School District
Confidential Staff Member of the Year



Dave Bialis
General Manager
Cox Communications

Community Partner of the Year



Robert Smith

Chairman
Pala Band of Mission Indians
Bonsall Union School District
Community Partner of the Year



Gerry Devitt

Director of Maintenance, Operations & Grounds
Encinitas Union School District
Staff Member of the Year



Terry Lee Brown

School Bus Driver
Vista Unified SD
Staff Member of the Year

San Diego County School Boards Association Awards



Barbara Warner
Community Representative
La Mesa-Spring Valley School District
Parent Volunteer of the Year



James Dowling
Board Member
Jamul-Dulzura Union School District
“Rookie” School Board Member of the Year

School Board Member of the Year



Sharon Jones
County Board Member
San Diego County Office of Education

Imperial County Awards

On May 22, 2014 at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse, 197 educators, friends and family gathered to honor teachers, retirees and administrators from throughout Imperial County.



Imperial High School Jazz Ensemble



Kenton Hems, Imperial County Office of Education

Special Recognition



Region 18 congratulates Jennifer Walters and Lou Obermeyer who are starting a new chapter in their lives - Retirement! We thank them for their years of service to Region 18 and State ACSA - they will be missed!