



## Association of California School Administrators - Region XI

*Representing the Counties of Inyo, Kern, Kings, Mono, and Tulare  
Serving California's ACSA Region XI School Administrators and Youth*

**Region XI Board of Directors Meeting  
8:00am – Breakfast / 8:30am – Meeting  
Hodel's of Bakersfield, CA  
March 2, 2017**

### Minutes

#### **Call to Order**

David Bowling

Welcome and Introductions *Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am*

*In attendance: Miguel Guerrero, Angelica Zermeno, John Werner, Dave Francis, Steve Tsuboi, Donya Wheeler, Craig Wheaton, Jose Morales, Melissa Christman, Regina Green, Kirsti Smith, Don Clark, Darin Parson, Lisa Horne, Lucy VanSyoc, Jason Hodgson, David Bowling, Dave Talon*

*Other: David Tonini, Kathy Forsythe, Gary Egorov*

Committee Report Agenda Requests – add adult ed council report

Review/Additions/Deletions and Approval of Agenda: *move presentation on ACSA Leadership Summit by Greg Tallon to top of agenda.*

Review/Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2017

Motion to Approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Craig Wheaton 2<sup>nd</sup> Regina Green *motion unanimously carried*

*ACSA Leadership Summit November 2-4, 2017 Theme for this year will be:*

Dave Talon

*Leading Beyond Limits. It promises to be a quality conference.*

#### **President's Report**

David Bowling

##### **Members for Incoming Treasurer and Directors**

*Tulare charter shared that Miguel Guerrero will be the director and Michele Borges will serve as treasurer. David also announced that our CEL rep has been elected as president of the Classified Educational Leaders Council which opens up a position for another representative from our Region for the council. Blanca shared that they have a nominee to take the position.*

*David reviewed the Itzenhauser/Schlagel award to be done in March every year and it will be open to any retired member*

April Region meeting: Planned Special Guest Speaker – Naj from State ACSA

#### **Sponsor Comments**

Gary Egorov, AXA

*Gary reminded everyone to see him for options for tax deduction options in this new year. Gary was thanked for sponsoring the breakfast today. Dave Tonini shared a benefit AXA offers for long term care.*

#### **Legislative Action VP Report**

Tom Addington

**Legislative Action Day** : *Mike Vogenthaler and Terri Rufert shared info about the upcoming Leg Action Day. Meetings have been confirmed. Attendees need to arrive by 2:00 pm on Sunday for the opening. Sunday night dinner and Monday lunch are confirmed. 22 members from Region XI are confirmed to attend.*

#### **State Directors' Report**

Craig Wheaton

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**Leadership Development Committee Report:** *recently met – they reviewed and discussed input from the leadership assembly. They have determined that Region President, President elect, VP of Leg Action, and the state director will be the only required delegates for Leadership Assemblies. The state director and president of councils are over and above the regular # of delegates. They also discussed term of officers and are recommending flexibility. It was noted that state director is currently a 3-year term and that will not change. They also spent significant time discussing how retirees participate. The current by-law for retiree participation says if you are in an office and you retire, you can serve the remainder of the current fiscal year. The committee recommends that be modified for region, council, and committee president to allow for the retiree to finish their term as president and as past president. The board will consider the committee recommendations and will then put forth to Leadership Assembly for change in by-laws as appropriate. They are trying to maintain consistently but at the same time allow for some flexibility.*

**Charter School Administrators –** *Craig has communicated with Wes Smith to express his opinion that we need to encourage open communication with charter school administrators. 10% of our students in public education are in charter schools. Craig believes we need a task force, committee or something to get together and hear their concerns. It was clarified that charter school administrators are able to be members of ACSA. More discussion followed regarding charter school administrators.*

*Craig announced that he will be participating on the committee for state award winners. Active ACSA involvement and a clean well-presented application with broad experience are key attributes for the winners.*

## **Treasurer's Report**

Matt Diggle

**Treasurer's Jan. and Feb. Report:** *Matt reported no significant changes to the budget, little action over the past month.*

**2016-2017 Budget Report:** *Clerical and supplies, newsletter expenses, and region travel are all slightly over the budget but still reasonably calculated and we have plenty of funds to cover.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Terri Rufert 2<sup>nd</sup> Blaca Cavazos motion unanimously carried*

## **Executive Director Report**

David Tonini

**Student and Associate members:** *Kings/Tulare student charter is up and running. A lot of excitement is being generated around this. The hope is to get 20 members so they can become official group to state ACSA.*

**Potential Academies for Region 11 2017-2018 - 20 Participants Needed for Each:** *3 academies will be running in Kern County. Special Ed, Principals, and Equity.*

**Search for Special Guest at Awards Luncheon:**

*At our April region meeting the guest presenter will be Naj from state ACSA. He will present on technology with focus on social media.*

*Lisa Gonzalez, incoming ACSA president will be at our delegate assembly in May to induct new officers and recognize honorees. Golden apples will be available to charters. Let David Tonini know how many you need. The first one is free and each one after that is \$25.*

*Retiree group in Tulare has invited Devin Nunes, or someone from his office, to present in April. Mike shared information on accreditation - WASC and ACS. Mike is on the commission and does accreditation visits internationally. He is terming off soon as the ACSA representative. Anyone*

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*interested in serving on the commission should get in touch with Mike.*

## Newsletter

Kathy Forsythe

**Newsletter:** *the newsletter is coming out the first of April deadline for submissions are March 20. Keep Facebook page in mind and please like, post, etc David called attention to the new banners that Kathy orchestrated – they look great! Kathy was congratulated for the job she is doing with communications etc*

## Growing Membership

Lupe Solis

*Miguel Guerrero presented report on behalf of Dr. Solis. Membership is up throughout the state. We are at 1,061 currently in our region – this is up 24 from the beginning of the year. He encouraged everyone to welcome new members. He also thanked Phillip Pearsbacher from Tulare Charter for his extraordinary recruitment efforts.*

## Old Business

### Member Recognition Efforts

David Bowling, Charter Presidents

*No new information – but all are encouraged to continue these efforts. Check out on our Facebook page.*

### ACSA Region Scholarships

Donya Wheeler

*Deadline to submit to Donya is March 15. They should be submitted in rank order so we can maximize number awarded for consideration at April meeting. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the May awards banquet. Mike Vogenthaler asked that the region re-consider the opportunity for students joining the military to be eligible for scholarships. A discussion followed regarding the purpose of the scholarship – should career oriented pathways and public service be considered or is it to support continuing to a college education, which has been the past practice? It was noted that charters have the discretion to set their own criteria for charter scholarships. Consensus for the region award is that past practice should continue for the current year and this topic should be carefully considered at the summer planning retreat.*

### ACSA Ambassador Program

Terry Wolfe

*Terry provided information on the joint meeting with the membership group they had last month. He highlighted the recent new members they have recognized in our region.*

### Mid-State Conference

Donya Wheeler, Mike Vogenthaler

*Coming soon - Date: March 17-19 – SLO 200 people are currently registered and there is room for 20 more. Conference shirts are available for purchase. The theme is Being a Change Agent. Region XI is hosting the Saturday reception. If you are attending, be sure to submit your dinner order.*

## New Business

Administrator of the Year Region Winners

Donya Wheeler

*Awards Banquet - TUESDAY, May 2, 2017 at Hodels*

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## **Superintendent's Job-alike**

Sarah Koligian

*David Bowling said the social was appreciated by all who attended. It cost our region \$2,500. Sarah Koligian hosted. David suggests we continue budgeting \$2,500 for this again next year and that we set aside the other \$2,500 of the original \$5,000 for another networking opportunity.*

## **Breakout Session Leaders for Mid-State Conference**

- Confirmation

Mike Vogenthaler

*Our region is responsible to be room hosts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session on Saturday. Volunteers have been notified.*

## **Charter Reports**

### **East Kern**

JoAnne McClelland

*Regina reported that at their last meeting a counselor from Sierra Sands talked about the chess club. They spent lots of time at their meeting discussing the scholarships.*

### **Kings**

Darin Parson

*Darin reported that the Kings Charter discussed member recognition. They also discussed the student charter. They have a March Madness membership drive next Friday.*

### **Inyo/Mono**

Don Clark

*Next meeting is April 10 in Bishop.*

### **Tulare**

Lucy Van Scyoc

*Every meeting they have been highlighting a different district and how they are implementing technology. They had an excellent key note speaker on Equity at their recent conference.*

### **West Kern**

Richard Morosa

*They recently had a happy hour and district representatives presented on technology curriculum. They are also planning a secretarys day event. Member recognition efforts are going well by presenting random gift certificates to local restaurants. Next meeting is April 6.*

## **State Council & Committee Reports**

### **Special Education Student Services**

Lisa Horne

*The big news from the council is the great success of the Every Child Counts Symposium held February 1-3 in Anaheim. Almost 1,800 attendees followed the symposium from its previous home in Monterey. The larger venue was a welcome change for most and provided for greater flexibility to accommodate the large numbers. The keynote speakers, Temple Grandin, Michael Hingson, and Steven Michael Quezada were highlights in addition to nearly 100 different expert presentations. Planning for next year has already begun and we hope to see you all in Anaheim for another super symposium. Scott Chennault from our Kings County Charter was elected as the next council president.*

### **Adult Ed Council Report**

John

*Ongoing allocation funding for adult ed will continue next year - \$500 million. New person at Chancellor's Office is Javier Ramiro. Adult ed week is the first week of April - John is willing to share*

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*resources and ideas – contact him. Data and accountability one time grants have been submitted and money should be received soon. They need people with adult education experience to serve as WASC accreditation visitors. Immigrant rights are a hot issue right now – March 10 immigrant rights webinar is being hosted. Focus on helping people to pursue their citizenship goals.*

## **Educational Options**

*Accountability system for alt ed schools, looking beyond drop-out rates etc..*

Angelica Zermeno

## **Retirement**

*Wes Smith spent the first hour of their last meeting with them discussing issues related to retirees. PERS and STRS increase for next year estimated at a billion dollars. Accessibility to retirement counselors is limited and difficult in certain parts of the state. Revisited discussion regarding bonuses to employees. There is a lot of pension uncertainty out there for future. The fiscal demands of meeting contributions are going to be a great challenge over the next several years. Current case on reasonability of pensions currently at court and are anticipated to be decided soon. Vacancy on the board has been controversial so the governor has not yet appointed anyone. There are some good candidates who are going to apply directly to the governor via his appointment secretary. Social security changes being considered at federal level (HR1205 by Davis out of Illinois would repeal the windfall and the STRS offset) California delegation has supported but it has not been a high priority for them. No one currently sitting in CA legislature has experience in this area. Based on the escalating costs the future is uncertain for retirement funds.*

Dave Francis

**Superintendent Council** report in the Google Drive

Sarah Koligian

## **Upcoming Events**

**April Region XI Meeting - April 6, 2017**

**Mid-State Conference - March 17-19 – SLO**

**Leg. Action Day - April 2-3, 2017 - Sacramento**

**May Region Leadership Assembly and Awards Luncheon - May 2, 2017 - \$350 Apple Gift Card**

**Drawing**

**May State Leadership Assembly - May 11, 2017 - Sacramento**

**Region Leadership Retreat - June 12-13 – Marriot Visalia – Donya will be sending out more info soon**

David Bowling

**Other Announcements - none**

## **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:57*

*1<sup>st</sup> Val Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Clark Motion unanimously carried*

## **Drawing**

*Drawing was held and prizes were awarded*