



Board Highlights

NOVEMBER 2005

Action

Growth Funding

The Board accepted the following recommendations developed by the Growth Funding Committee for possible legislation addressing funding for low participation ROCPs, revenue limit equalization, and direct funding to serve high school students:

- Implement current Ed. Code Section 52335.4(b) – 25% growth set aside using the formula described in Ed. Code Section 52335.6 to be used to serve high school students only and striking Ed. Code Section 52335.7.
- Provide not less than 2.5% growth per year for ROCPs beginning 2007-08. ROCPs serving more than 25% adults would be required to use 100% of all growth funding to serve high school students.
- Allow a ROCP with a revenue limit that is below the statewide average to annually direct 25% of its growth funding to increase the revenue limit, until the ROCP reaches the statewide average.

Regulations – 2nd ROP

Paul Watters and Peter Birdsall attended the State Board meeting. This item was handled briefly by the Board. The regulations were written as very limiting and statute does not allow what the State Board was looking for. The focus will now be on a legislative answer, working with all parties to come up with a good solution.

Research and Data Development

The Board approved a recommendation from the RADD Committee to have Laurel Adler write a letter to Patrick Ainsworth to request funding from CDE in 2006-07 for a cooperative ROP student follow-up research study, to be co-funded by CAROCP and participating ROCPs. Additional variables to be added could include: data on CAHSEE scores and pass rates; data on ROCP students completing certification and/or licensing programs; data on young adults (18-24) enrolled in ROCP; and an added item on the student satisfaction survey component to ask students if ROCP helped with academic learning.

Legislative Committee Action Items

The Board approved to have Birdsall and Associates to develop a comprehensive bill package to include the following:

- (1) Develop an accountability system for ROCPs,
- (2) Limit a County Office of Education to operating only one ROCP (at least),
- (3) Clean-up language for professional Development Block Grants,
- (4) Provide for an annual appropriation for equipment for ROCPs,
- (5) Include ROCP ADA in the allocation of Instructional Materials Fund monies,
- (6) Clarify that the PERS revenue limit deduct does not apply to ROCP JPAs,
- (7) Clarify the ROCP reserve issue such that the same rules apply to County Offices, School Districts and JPA ROCPs, and
- (8) Change the current restriction on serving students under age 16.

The Board approved a contract with Birdsall & Associates to attend regional meetings, and gather and disseminate information to develop language for a comprehensive bill package.

President's Report

President Paul Watters shared that the Strategic Alliance Committee will be working with the CLAD issue.

CDE Update (ROCP Unit)

CDE has been working on the 2nd ROP for the State Board regulations, the ROCP-101, and drafting legislation. In addition, they are working with community colleges on the \$20 million, with a goal of making sure it is not Tech Prep all over again, but are partnerships that will work for the community colleges, ROCPs and high schools. The CDE is also working on accountability (monitoring and follow-up) for Perkins to make sure the money is being spent properly.

Draft frameworks were sent out to the committee, and comments are due back this week. Most of the work is being done by Sonoma State.

CDE is close to a data system. A presentation will be held tomorrow and they will be doing the beta testing with the ROPs that volunteered.

Julie Wible has a new role, taking over responsibilities related to special populations.

Standards were approved by the Board and now have to go through the CDE edit process. They will be official and posted on the website by mid December.

 **COMMITTEE** 
&
SPECIAL REPORTS

Legislative Committee

... **John Felice, Chair**

John reported that Peter gave a legislative update at the committee meeting that included a positive report on the fiscal status of the state. There is a possibility of a COLA and growth funding for 2005-06. The committee voted to bring before the Board two action items (see Action section).

Legislative - Finance (Federal)

...**Laurel Adler, Chair**

Laurel Adler attended a meeting of the National Chambers of Commerce in Washington, D.C., which included Department of Education people. Big business, industry and the Department of Education still share an overwhelming belief that NCLB is the answer to everything and testing is going to solve it all.

Growth Funding

...**Mark Lyons, Chair**

The committee met on October 27 and again this morning. They recommended developing recommendations for possible legislation addressing funding for low participation ROCPs (See Action section).

Business Officials

....**Tom Ancell, Chair**

The second training session included material on attendance accounting, apportionment, cash flow, reserves, budget development and Board relations. There is a strong desire to develop a mentor networking program for the business officials, and the committee will be working to put that together.

Curriculum & Instruction

... **Co-chairs Karen Nelson & Carole Klopschinski**

The committee continues to work in sub-committees toward achieving goals for the year. The course matrix will be sent out in the next couple of weeks for updating.

Membership

...**Bill Nelson, Chair**

The committee met and discussed how to recognize business members. A newsletter was distributed. Individual memberships are up, however, institutional memberships are down from last year. It was reported that last year we had at least one individual or institutional membership from every ROCP in the state. Currently we have 10 ROCPs that have no memberships, an additional 14 that have no individual memberships, and 5 others that only have one member. Paul Snyder asked for direction on how to proceed. It was suggested that he contact the four regional coordinators and work with them.

Strategic Alliance

...**Co-chairs Rick Bogart & Randi Scott**

The committee is in the process of outreach to the State Board members – sending a thank you letter to Don Fisher of Gap; sending the Board the current fact sheet and a copy of “The Changing Face of ROCP”, along with a letter from Paul Watters. The next meeting is December 13th and the committee hopes to meet with the Secretary of Education, CDE staff and CTC (regarding the CLAD credential for ROP teachers). The ROCP/Charter School survey results will be discussed at a conference workshop tomorrow, and the next steps for follow-up will be defined. The Gap and Charter School surveys will be posted on the CAROCP website.

Chapter Presidents’ Report

...**Robin Sinclair, Chair**

Chapter presidents met to discuss business membership recruitment, student recognition (monthly, quarterly, end of year), possibility of state-issued certificate of recognition / appreciation for business members, and distribution of membership newsletter.



CTE Standards/Frameworks – Rick Bogart is the CAROCP representative on the advisory group. A meeting will be held December 14th to review a draft of the frameworks and it will be posted on the CDE website for review by the field.

A-G Course Approval Report/ACSA/CCSESA/STC –

Bob Kreitz reported that SB70 will include ten quick start partnerships (\$250,000-\$450,000 each) and will go through the community colleges. Partnerships will include ROCPs and high school districts.

The STC Academy is going in with the Tech Prep conference in February.

The UC a-g group met yesterday. At the last meeting, there were more calls for workshops. They are willing to provide more workshops and would like to conduct them at the UC offices in Oakland, probably in the spring. The November letter to all school districts regarding UC regulations is being mailed this week. At yesterday's meeting, Gordon McKay handed out the second edition of a-g courses. That will be mailed out to all ROCPs in the next couple of weeks.

CAROCP Website – The website is updated continually. The Personnel Directory is updated and available on-line.

CTA – Mike Patterson stated that CTA is delighted with the results of the special election and thanked everyone who helped. He added that despite rumors, CTA is financially sound. CTA still expects the Governor to come after pensions, both PERS and STRS, and they are expecting another proposition to change the state retirement systems. It will take a long time to build trust with the Governor. CTA is also working on expanding the liaison group to attend more CTA meetings in support of teachers and to strengthen education in the state.

CACTE – The national conference will take place December 8-10, 2005, in Kansas City, Missouri. A special meeting of all California members attending will be held on Friday, December 9, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2211 of the conference center. The annual membership meeting in February will again take place at the Career Pathways Conference at the Anaheim Marriott. Nominations for officers will be accepted then. In March, the National Policy Seminar will be held in Washington, D.C. The Region V Leadership conference is in April in Omaha, Nebraska. The CACTE 2005-06 CTE calendar of activities is now available. The ACTE National Awards Program criteria are available and the deadline is December 1.

2005-06 CALCP/CAROCP Conference Report – Conference Chair Criss Romero said the conference is ready to go, with great break-out sessions and over 300 participants.

2006-07 CALCP/CAROCP Conference Report – Conference Chair Barbara Brown reminded everyone that next year's conference will be held November 15-17, 2006 at Rancho Las Palmas. If you have suggestions or can serve on a committee, please contact her at bbrown@rcoe.us.

CCSESA – Judie Piscitello distributed information on the Student Programs Steering Committee. Membership from this committee will prepare a white paper on career technical education and what it will look like five years from now. Their first conference call will be held December 7, 2005. Judie will keep CAROCP informed.

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Next CAROCP Board Meeting

January 12, 2006

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Baldy View ROP

Ontario, CA

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