



Board Highlights

SEPTEMBER 2005

Action

2005-06 Agreements Approved

The Legislative Services Agreement for 2005-06 was approved. The increase includes a COLA for the same amount that we receive for this year.

The Legislative Forum Services Agreement for 2005-06 was also approved. There were no changes for these services.

Committee Chairs Approved

A Growth Funding Committee was approved in June. Mark Lyons was approved as chair of the committee. Tom Ancell was approved as chair of the Business Officials Committee.

President's Report

President Paul Watters gave a recap of the San Joaquin proposal for a second county ROP. The proposal was an answer to a symptom of revenue/ADA issues all ROCs have. We all have the same pressures in our areas to offer more services to some people who need it. The State Board is asking for details and we will be helping to address them so this issue does not keep coming forward in different areas and proposals that ultimately will not be to the advantage of the whole group.

Copies were made available of the Bylaws change approved in June regarding dues, and a new chart showing new positions approved today and other minor changes was distributed.

CDE Update (ROCP Unit)

The State Board has approved the CTE Standards and the next step is the frameworks, which has a short timeline. The frameworks have to be in to the State Board by December and they have until November, 2006 to act. The frameworks include 15 industry sectors, each with a work group developing the frameworks and supplementary materials.

In addition to the ROPs' workforce development, the unit also has responsibility for education in the five industry sectors for ITE. Part of this is a contract called Consortium for Industrial Technology Careers, holding workshops around the state. For those with IT courses, please encourage your teachers to visit the website of citec.org.

Tech Prep distribution points information is available. Please direct questions to Larry Weigel.

CDE has been working with the community colleges regarding the \$20 million bill. It is our interest that ROP be clearly involved in this.

The "ROCP 101" information (including accountability, governance and funding) will be going to the State Board in November. A lot of their questions are also related to academics. CDE has put together criteria, but it is not in the form of regulations. No action is expected at the November meeting. Al Tweltridge will keep everyone informed.

COMMITTEE & SPECIAL REPORTS

Legislative Committee

... **John Felice, Chair**

The committee has decided to take an offensive approach and develop legislation to help carry our organization into the future, to clean up language in the Ed. Code that is ambiguous, and to clarify things for the future. The committee also described the outcomes from the Superintendents/Directors meeting and the initiatives that were identified, CLAD certification, and review of bills by Peter Birdsall.

Legislative Advocate Report

....**Peter Birdsall**

The legislative session ended on September 9 and the Governor has until October 9 to take action. A final report will be presented at the November Board meeting. **SB70:** It appears the Governor will sign the \$20 million to go to community colleges to fund high school community college courses.

There will then be a competitive grant program for that funding. The Strategic Alliance Committee and CDE have had communications with the community colleges. **SB586:** There was a settlement between the Department of Education and the State Board of Education regarding students with disabilities being exempt this year. The State Superintendent and Board are urging the Governor to veto the bill. It would mean the high schools will be going into January or February not knowing if the rules have changed or not for these students. The Legislature will come back to that issue in January. **2nd ROP:** At the November meeting, the State Board of Education will be looking at draft criteria for how the Board would approve second ROP proposals. The intent is to trigger the development of regulations, which is a long and laborious process. Only a few members of the CAROCP leadership will need to attend the November State Board meeting. **Legislative Proposal:** The general consensus is a desire to develop a comprehensive legislative proposal for the coming year. This will be brought to the Legislative Committee and then to the Board in November. Action will be needed in November to work with potential authors to get a bill introduced. By November, the proposal would be at least in the form of frameworks of the direction we want to go. Major issues were discussed including the definition of young adults. The substance of the bill needs to be completed by January, with a decision by this Board at that time.

Legislative - Finance (Federal)

...**Laurel Adler, Chair**

Perkins - There is no change in federal legislation regarding Perkins. **Research Study** - For the past three years, CDE has funded the UC Riverside Research Study; they will not be able to continue to do this. If CAROCP and the participating ROPs believe this data is important to maintain, a decision needs to be made on how to continue. Laurel Adler and Diana Schneider reviewed potential scenarios and funding possibilities. Discussions/questions included: (1) Is a three year study enough to be convincing, or is a five year study needed? (2) If it continues, should the same variables be used or should new ones be added? Additional variables could include comparing ROP to district CTE programs and comparing CC/CVE vs. classroom-only course outlines. (3) We have to look at what we want to get out of this information. (4) Are there funding options through other associations, i.e., auto, construction? The funding possibilities handout was reviewed.

At the RADD meeting, a motion was made to bring this forward to the Board. This would be for 2006-07 and would most likely include the graduating class of 2005. A decision would need to be made at the November meeting so that a letter can go to Pat Ainsworth in January. Paul Watters suggested this be brought to the November Board as an information item.

Growth Funding

...**Mark Lyons, Chair**

Although this newly formed committee has not formally met, 10-11 people have indicated an interest. Given the short timeline the committee has to develop information for use in creating a comprehensive bill, they will need to meet in October, probably in the Ontario area. The committee requested summaries of the growth discussion from the previous day and data from CDE.

Business Officials

...**Tom Ancell, Chair**

The committee will again offer a training program at the November meeting, adding a module on Ed. Code 52321 regarding the 15% ending balance cap. Discussion at the previous day's meeting also included mandated costs, impact of loss of excess property tax, growth funding impact, second ROP proposal, various attendance accounting systems, materials/registration fees, staff COLAs (0-4%), and the possibility of developing a mentor program.

Curriculum & Instruction

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

Tasks - Tasks for the year were reviewed and sub-committees were formed. The summary of tasks identified were: (1) Revise Model Practices application; (2) Explore credential possibilities to meet NCLB requirements; (3) Pursue new articulation process; (4) Continue support for implementation of standards-based instruction; (5) Update course matrix; and (6) Continue the Market Watch publication. **Course Certifications/Renewal Process** - Criteria for when a course would need to be resubmitted is posted on the website. **CLAD** - A discussion took place on requirements for ROP teachers. A close watch should be kept on this. **Course Matrix** - A request for updates will be sent to ROPs in late October. **A-G** - Issues paper will be presented to the Board and placed on the CAROCP website for reference.

Membership

...**Bill Nelson, Chair**

Kit Alvarez was thanked for helping to transition membership to North Orange County ROP. The meeting yesterday was well attended, with all participants contributing suggestions, information and ideas. We have a total of 1600 members to date.

Chapter Presidents' Report

...**Robin Sinclair, Chair**

A great meeting was held yesterday that included discussion of membership ideas, fund raising, and marketing materials.

Strategic Alliance

...Co-chairs Rick Bogart & Randi Scott

Meeting Hold Dates - Tentative hold dates for meetings are October 7, 12, 13 (a time to be determined at the November conference), and December 13, 14, 15. **State Board of Education** – The focus of the committee is on planning outreach to the State Board of Education members. The outreach plan includes a survey of ROPs on involvement with Gap stores in California to see who has students at Gap stores. State Board member Don Fisher is CEO of Gap, and the committee will share this information with him. Local superintendents/directors will contact State Board members in their areas. **ROP and Charter Schools** – Al Tweltridge and Randi Scott will create an e-mail survey to determine the involvement of each ROP in serving charter school students. Please respond to the survey. Results will be compiled and used by the Strategic Alliance Committee in future meetings with charter school representatives.



Financial Report – Membership is on track, in comparison to last year. Through the efforts of chairs and board members, the organization ended the year in excellent financial shape and there is a balanced budget for this year.

A-G Course Approval Report – The first advisory meeting will be held in November. Bob Kreitz will email information regarding training sessions for this year.

Issues Paper “A-G” Credit – The issues paper developed by the C&I Committee was distributed and Karen Nelson explained the process. In January, the purpose of the paper was discussed by the writing group. It was evident that this could not be a position paper because of the differences in ROPs across the state. It became an issues paper to present all of the issues that are considered that may contribute to an ROP applying for a-g credit. Several drafts/revisions were reviewed and then sent to all the ROPs in the state for their review. The final paper was officially presented to the C&I Committee in June. The paper addressed the reasons ROPs are pursuing a-g credit for their courses. It is very important that we keep the integrity of the CAROCP purpose and mission as we go forward. The *highly qualified teacher issue* needs clarification and will be pursued. This paper was done as a service for the Board and ROPs of the state to show there is a way to get courses a-g approved and to maintain the integrity of ROP. The paper will be posted on the CAROCP website.

CAROCP Website – An email has been sent out for updates to the CAROCP Personnel Directory.

CACTE – The Board met in the summer and changed the strategic plan from a one-year to a three-year plan, to go through 2008. The plan will be reviewed annually to make necessary course corrections to meet the stated goals. The eight goals established were: Membership, Advocacy, Professional Competency, Teacher Recruitment and Preparation, Strategic Alliances, Recognition of CTE, Organizational Effectiveness, and Leadership Development. Telecommunications are now being used and the first video conference worked well.

The national conference has been moved to Kansas City, Missouri, with the same dates of December 8 -10, 2005. The National Policy Seminar will be held March 5-8, 2006 in Washington, D.C. There were 21 delegates last year, but none from northern California. They are looking for northern California delegates, and the goal is to meet with every single Congressperson and both Senators.

CACTE has compiled a CTE calendar of activities and a CTE organization list with 40 organizations shown. Ross Arnold is working with as many of them as he can to try to form a committee to look at common goals and political support mechanisms.

The ACTE National Awards Program calendar and criteria are available.

ACSA - Larry Weigel is representing ROPs as a voting member on the ACSA Superintendents' Council. The council met to discuss strategies to oppose propositions on the November ballot, especially Proposition 76. Part of their agenda will be support and lobbying for CTE and workforce preparation initiatives. ACSA also testified at the State Board meeting in opposition to the 2nd ROP proposal. The School-to-Career Task Force meeting will be held in October.

2005-06 CALCP/CAROCP Conference – Billy Mills is the opening speaker. Breakout sessions are full, with no repeat sessions. The deadline for room reservations is October 16.

2006-07 CALCP/CAROCP Conference - The conference for 2006-07 will be held November 15-17, 2006 at Rancho Las Palmas. The conference chair is Barbara Brown from the Riverside County Office of Ed. and she is looking for committee members.

CCSESA – Mark Lyons reported that Judie Piscitello represents CAROCP on the Student Programs and Services Steering Committee. Reports including goals, calendar,

accomplishments and agenda/minutes were available. CCSESA has created a CTE committee to develop a white paper on what CTE should look like in five years. Janet Harden is chairing this group. Currently approximately eight COEs are represented. The white paper will be presented to CCSESA in January.

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Next CAROCP Board Meeting

November 16, 2005

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Sheraton Grand Hotel

Sacramento, CA

CALCP/CAROCP Joint Luncheon

12:00- 1:30 p.m.

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