



California Association of  
Regional Occupational  
Centers and Programs

# Board Highlights

JANUARY 2005

## Action

### **CAROCP Nominating Committee**

The Board ratified the following nominating committee:

Past President - Judi Piscitello  
Central Region - Nancy Masich  
Coastal Region - David Matuszak  
Southern Region - Esperanza Fernandez  
Northern Region - Nona Olsen

### **Bridgestone/Firestone Scholarship Distribution**

The Board approved the Bridgestone/Firestone Scholarship distribution. Two changes this year are: 1) CRY-ROP will take over the distribution; 2) there is a decrease in the allocation to the Northern Region, due to one less store.

## **CDE Update (ROCP Unit)**

A demo of the automated course certification process will take place at the RADD and Curriculum & Instruction Committee meeting in March. CDE has asked for six (6) ROCPs to participate in a beta test (2 small, 2 medium and 2 large).

Twenty-one (21) schools submitted applications for CA Distinguished Schools with CTE Special Honors. Rick Bogart, Terry Bevins, Mary Lou Naylor, Linda Gaylor and Dennis Guido will be readers. The standards are available online at [www.sonoma.edu/cihs/cte/](http://www.sonoma.edu/cihs/cte/). Ten (10) applications were submitted for Model Practices. The onsite validation process will be in February or March.

## COMMITTEE & SPECIAL REPORTS

### **Legislative Committee**

... **Co-chairs Dalene Morris and Ed King**

An overview of the Governor's career technical education reform plans was presented by Teri Burns. An overview of the Governor's proposed 2005-06 budget was provided by Peter Birdsall. A COLA of 3.93% and growth of 2.62% is proposed for ROCPs. Everyone was encouraged to come to the CAROCP Legislative Forum in March. One third of the legislators are new this year. The issues for discussion are that ROCP revenues are the same as school districts, and support development and funding of a comprehensive career technical education system, including ROCPs.

### **Legislative Advocate Report**

...**Peter Birdsall**

A brief summary of the Governor's budget was provided by Teri Burns. The Governor is proposing a COLA of 3.93% and growth funding for all programs. He is also proposing to appropriate \$328 million to reduce the revenue limit deficit, for the equivalent of another one percent increase. These increases are partially offset by a proposal to shift to school districts the cost of \$469 million in contributions to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) that are currently paid by the state. This represents a new cost that is equivalent to about 1.5% of revenue limit funding, bringing the "real" increase in revenue limit funding down to 3.5%.

The bad news is that the proposed funding level is far (\$2.3 billion) below the amount required by the agreement approved by the Governor in the state budget last August. Even worse, the proposed budget reform would appear to make K-12 education vulnerable to mid-year budget cuts, eliminate the agreement to repay over time nearly \$4 million that is owed to schools under the Proposition 98 funding guarantee, and effectively repeal Proposition 98.

The Administration proposed a series of reforms to ensure that all students have educational opportunities that lead to successful employment in a variety of career fields.

The Career Technical Education Reform plan builds upon successful programs in the K-12 and community college system, expands course offerings, and helps meet the demand for career technical instruction. The most significant proposal involves expanding students' exposure to career technical education by requiring all middle school students to take an introductory level career-technical education course covering a variety of career fields in lieu of one of the current elective course offerings.

The only bill introduced to date directly effecting vocational technical education is AB51 (Koretz). The deadline for taking concepts to Legislative Counsel for drafting is January 21<sup>st</sup> and the deadline for bill introductions is February 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a clearer outline of bills at the March Legislative Forum .

### **Legislative - Finance (Federal)**

...Laurel Adler, Chair

Ross Arnold reported that IDEA passed. Congress is still working on Perkins. It appears that they will not be starting over, but picking up where they left off.

### **Membership**

....Kit Alvarez, Chair

The current membership report was distributed. Membership is up largely due to business membership. Confusion exists regarding the Institutional Membership. Currently ROCP Board Members are included in the Institutional Membership and other Board Members are charged \$15.00. The Membership Committee requested that the issue be brought to the Board to clarify and clean up language in the By-laws. *Membership Update* – last year there were three ROPS with no CAROCP membership. This year there are three ROCPs with no CAROCP membership. Last year there were six ROCPs with no institutional membership. This year there are six ROCPs with no institutional membership.

### **Curriculum & Instruction**

... Co-chairs Lynne Porter & Carole Klopschinski

The first draft of the course matrix is almost complete. 34 ROCPs have not yet responded. The Matrix will be posted to the CAROCP website when completed. Revisions and updates will be completed annually. Two work groups have been formed: 1) to develop an information paper on a-g ROCP programs; 2) to develop standards-based lesson plan templates to share statewide.

### **CAROCP Conference 2004**

... Co-chairs Ken Manning & Maureen Sinclair

The conference was a great success with 354 attendees. The conference profited approximately \$30,000. Thanks to all committee members for their hard work and dedication to the conference.

### **Research and Data Development**

...Co-chairs Paul Mrowczynski & Terry Bevins

After discussion on the purposes and establishment of the data consortium, there was consensus that identified a need for the longitudinal study that will be provided and occur in 2005-06. Larry Weigel and Laurel Adler will create a survey and send to all ROCPs that indicate an interest before the March legislative meeting. Preliminary cost figures for the study will be included with the survey. A MOU will be drafted that will turn into a contract after executive approval. The suggestion was made to approach the Board for monetary support, due to the value of the study and the benefit to ROCPs.

### **Strategic Alliance**

...Co-chairs Rick Bogart & Randi Scott

The Governor's CTE Reform proposal will be closely watched by the committee. The proposal will be posted on the CAROCP website by Randi Scott. Peter and Teri suggest that we not object to any of the components. This is the beginning of the reform and will be a multi-year proposal that will expand over time. The Strategic Alliance Committee will be meeting in Sacramento on February 8<sup>th</sup> with the Governor's staff and the Community College Chancellor's Office to discuss the CTE reform components.



Financial Report – Membership income is at \$97,000, so there is no doubt that we will hit or exceed our projection.

A-G Course Approval Report – Bob Kreitz distributed a new ROCP Cadre of Experts list and noted that a new list of ROCP a-g approved courses was distributed electronically last week. In April there will be an a-g Spring Advisory meeting.

CACTE – ACTE, the national organization for CACTE held its annual conference in Las Vegas in December. There were over 150 participants from California. Reports on current activities of the association were given. The reports included an update on the reauthorization of Perkins, information on the various national and regional awards and recognitions, a

plead for members to participate in the National Policy Seminar taking place in Washington DC in March and an announcement that the next ACTE National Convention will take place in New Orleans. If individuals or groups wish to present at the next convention, they need to submit the proposal to ACTE via the internet by February 1, 2005.

The notice of the Second Annual Membership Meeting, which will take place on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Career Pathways Conference in Anaheim, has been sent out. We will be discussing the proposed changes to the By-laws and our bid to host the Region V Conference in 2007 in Long Beach. The Region V Conference takes place in April and this year the Leadership Development Conference will take place in Mandam, North Dakota. Next year's conference will take place in Nebraska. At the present time we are soliciting for officers for next year. We are looking for a President-Elect, Secretary, and five Regional Vice Presidents. Handouts provided included Notification of the Annual Meeting, an officer's self-nomination application, and information pertaining to the National Policy Seminar and the Annual Convention. Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee will be meeting at Baldy View ROP at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the National Policy Seminar, the Region V Conference, our bid to host this conference, and we will be reviewing nominations for the various regional and national recognitions. February 13-19, 2005 is Career and Technical Education Week. We would like to encourage everyone to go to the ACTE website, [www.ACTEonline](http://www.ACTEonline), to receive promotional ideas you could use to get the word out about the benefits of CTE to your schools and community.

CAROCP Website Report – The 2004-05 CAROCP Directory has been posted to the website and it does include our newest ROCP – Mono County.

CCSESA – CAROCP was represented at the SSPCC meeting yesterday and today, and we will be represented at the next meeting. A report will be provided at the next CAROCP Board meeting.

CTE Standards – The CTE Standards are available in draft format. They will go to the State Board of Education in February as a review item and in March as an action item. The frameworks process will begin after the standards have been approved. Materials available through the State Center Consortium are: *Strengthening Academic and Career Skills: A Standards-Based Approach for Building Trades and Construction Programs*; *Strengthening Academic and Career Skills: A Standards-Based Approach for Transportation Sector Program*; and the *CA Industrial Technology Education Task Force Reports*. Contact the State Center Consortium at [www.statecenter.com](http://www.statecenter.com) or (559) 241-6530.

Comments From Audience – Mike Patterson shared that CTA expects 20 new initiatives, with 8-9 involving education.

CTA is raising money and looking for allies to fight initiatives aimed to destroy public education.

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**Next CAROCP Board Meeting**

**Sunday, March 13, 2005**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Sacramento, CA**

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