



California Association of
Regional Occupational
Centers and Programs

Board Highlights

JUNE 2003

Actions

Website Services Agreement

The Board approved the renewal of the Website Services Agreement with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools/County Office of Education. Thanks go to Becky Schooler for all her dedication and hard work.

Membership Services Agreement

The Board approved the renewal of the Membership Services Agreement with the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP for the management of CAROCP membership. Thanks to Kit Alvarez and her staff for all their dedication and hard work.

Legislative Forum Hotel Contract

The Board ratified contracts presented by Pat Frank with the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento for November 20, 2003 and February 29 - March 1, 2004.

Domain Name Transfer

The Board approved the transfer of the domain name of CAROCP.org from Metro ROP to San Diego ROP or CAROCP itself.

Regional Coordinator Alternates

The Board approved the following alternates for regional coordinators: Paul Snyder, Southern Region; Dan McQuillen, Central Region; Ron Guyer, Northern Region; Cyril Bonanno, Coastal Region.

President's Priority Areas

The Board approved the following president's priority areas for 2003-2004: Research and Data Development; Strategic Alliance; Business Officials; CAROCP Conference.

Proposed Changes to Mission & Vision Statement

The Board approved the proposed changes to the CAROCP Mission and Vision Statements, with the proposal going to the CAROCP membership for vote on approval.

Preliminary Budget

The Board approved the 2003-04 Operational Budget as presented.

Bill Tracking

The Board approved the following changes in bill tracking:

- SB651 (the ROP apportionments bill) - change position from "watch" to "support".
- SB355 (the Securities Fraud bill) - Remove from the CAROCP tracking list.

President's Report

Outgoing President Rick Bogart reported that he attended the Northern/Central Regions Conference on May 9-10, 2003. *Leaving No Child Behind* was the theme of the great conference. President Bogart presented a plaque to Dr. Bud Davis, who is retiring. CAROCP expressed their thanks for all Dr. Davis' years of leadership and dedication. Other retirees recognized were Jack Jenkins, Bob Pace, Celia Larsen, Richard Friberg and Jim Wilson. President Bogart commented that it requires the vote of the total membership to modify the CAROCP Mission Statement. The Board is looking into the most cost effective way to get these changes approved by the membership.

Incoming President Judie Piscitello introduced the board members for 2003-04. A schedule of board meeting dates was provided. The September board meeting will be conducted via a conference call.

Cindy Young will contact members to let them know how to access the conference call. President Piscitello reviewed the organizational chart and requested that Paul Snyder be added as CAROCP Liaison/Non-member ROCP's. The Executive Committee conference call schedule was reviewed with the Board. The President requested that each ROCP Director/Superintendent contact Becky Schooler, CAROCP Webmaster, with changes to the CAROCP Personnel Directory. Becky can be contacted at schooler@sdcoe.net.

President Piscitello announced her “Red Nose” theme and red roses were distributed for the Board and audience. Judie explained how she uses the “Red Nose Attitude” to uplift, motivate and energize. The goal for 2003-04 is to have fun while working hard.

CDE Update (ROCP Unit)

Al Tweltridge

The success for 2002-03 in funded grants from CDE was reported. Applications have been received for \$1.9 million in grants. Some of the grants applied for were:

- Support professional development activities for individual instructors of Career Technical Education courses in award amounts of \$2,500 per instructor.
- Integrate mathematics and English/language arts standards into Career Technical Education courses or to update CTE curriculum to meet industry standards by providing grant awards up to \$10,000.
- Develop new and expand existing courses that lead to industry-based certification for high school students by providing grant awards up to \$10,000 per local education agency.

Al praised the CDE’s website and the success it is having distributing needed information to all via the Internet.



Legislative - Finance (Federal)

...Laurel Adler, Chair

Carol D’Amico, Assistant Secretary of Education, has resigned from office and currently no replacement has been named. An increase of \$7.8 million dollars for Perkins over fiscal year 2003 has been proposed by the House Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education. However, the formula used by USDE for funding states has actually resulted in lower funding levels for Perkins basic grant over the prior year.

Legislative - Finance (State)

...Co-Chairs Randi Scott & Charles Brown

Budget Update - Laura Wasco attended the Legislative Committee meeting and gave a Legislative Advocates Report and a finance update on the most current 2003-04 information. The 2003-04 budget is at an impasse and the “Big Five” are playing a major role in this process. At this time, there will be no growth funding for categorical programs; no COLA

adjustment for apportionment or categoricals; the houses rejected the Governor’s Block Grant proposal; ROCP will remain a line item in the budget; and ROCP’s line item will be reduced by \$2.737 million.

Bill Tracking - The Legislative Committee recommends the CAROCP Board take positions on bills as listed below:

- Change position from watch to support for SB651, the ROCP apportionments bill.
- Remove SB355, the Securities Fraud bill from the CAROCP tracking list.

SB177 (Johnson), categorical funding programs, is an important bill to follow. This bill was amended to include a requirement for the CDE to report on all categorical programs, their funding levels, and how much each district receives. The follow-up on AB591 (Strickland), high school graduation requirements, was to be monitored by CTE and reported at the June CAROCP board meeting. This bill is expected to be heard in the next two weeks.

Legislative Advocate Report

...Peter Birdsall & Laura Wasco

The mid-year budget cut package for 2002-03 resulted in no direct cuts to ROCPs. The Conference Committee approved the following cuts for the 2003-04 budget:

- No cost of living adjustment for 2003-04.
- No growth funding for categorical programs for 2003-04.
- Revenue limit reduction of 1.198% (school districts & county offices).
- Rejection of the Governor’s \$12 million reduction to ROCPs related to the proposal to prohibit services to students under the age of sixteen.
- Rejection of the elimination to the School-to-Career program.
- Approved targeted program reductions, including a \$7 million cut to ROCPs and adult education.

Financial Report

... Michael Worley, Chair

The current year (2002-2003) income-to-date was \$175,163 and the expenditures-to-date \$83,586 as of June 13, 2003. The balance-to-date combined assets for the checking and money market accounts is \$215,840.00.

Strategic Plan

... Judy Piscitello, Chair

The committee chair report was distributed. Reports were submitted by the committees for the completion and update of ongoing objectives for the year 2002-2003. Committees giving updates were the Strategic Alliance, Legislative, Research and Data Development, Curriculum and Instruction, Ad Hoc Visibility and the Ad Hoc Funding.

Curriculum & Instruction

....Co-chairs Lynne Porter & Marcia Bush

All strategic planning tasks for 2002-03 were completed. Next year's tasks include updating and expansion of academic standards resources; completion of a template for adding standards to existing outlines; and working with CDE to update the course matrix and improve model practices implementation.

Professional Development

....Co-chairs Patricia Frank & Judy Piscitello

Sixteen participants graduated from the Leadership Development Institute for 2002-03, and participants received their certificates at two events, the Northern Region Conference in Lake Tahoe and the CAROCP June Board Meeting. The Institute will take a hiatus for 2003-04 due to uncertain budget issues.

Research & Data Development

... Larry Weigel, Chair

The committee reviewed the status of the State Research Project. Purchase orders were distributed to the 27 ROCPs participating in the project. All data and survey forms are due to East San Gabriel ROP by October 1, 2003.

The strategic plan progress report was reviewed and comments made. Open discussion and suggestions were made on possible objectives for 2003-04, which include:

- Continue the state research project and increase the numbers of participation in ROCPs.
- Formalize a ROCP data consortium.
- Provide workshops and in-service dealing with data collection and use annual reports for course decision making.
- Develop data presentations to be used with key stakeholders and local ROCPs.

These suggestions have been addressed in next year's strategic plan.

Trends & Economic Forecasting

.... Co-chairs Gerry Kawamura & Kim Thomason

Workplace trends and major trends from market watch 2002-03 were highlighted. Recommendations included continuing with Market Watch for one more year and compiling an e-mail list of instructional leaders from all ROCPs and sending the Market Watch directly to this group.

Membership

....Kit Alvarez

Membership kits for each ROCP were distributed and the contents reviewed. A disk was provided that contained recruitment materials, individual ROP membership data and forms that can be reproduced.

** Ad Hoc Committee Reports **

Visibility

....Marc Munkres, Chair

Committee members were presented a CD with the backbone presentation, finished sample of a presentation and photos with model release to be used in their ROCPs. Each member received a CD for their ROCP's use and Becky Schooler will post the CD's information on the CAROCP website.

Chapter Presidents' Report

....Paul Watters, Chair

The chapter presidents' meeting was attended by both incoming and outgoing chapter presidents. Meeting agendas and committee purpose were discussed. Paul Watters asked for a volunteer from the incoming new presidents to replace him as the Chapter Presidents' representative to the board. Doug Martin of the Central Counties Chapter agreed to serve as the 2003-04 representative.



New State Officers 2003-2004 - The results of the CAROCP election were: Pat Frank, President-Elect and Tim Vanoli, Coastal Region Coordinator.

Bridgestone/Firestone Awards - Pat Frank reported that during the year of 2002-03, fifty-six students received \$10,363 from Bridgestone/Firestone Scholarships.

Fall Conference Rotation - The Fall Conference is alternated between the CALCP and CAROCP organizations. The 2003 CALCP conference was canceled due to budget constraints. The 2004 Fall Conference will be planned by CAROCP.

ACTE Activities - Larry Weigel reported that a task force met to resurrect the California ACTE Chapter. The taskforce drafted by-laws and developed a timeline for implementation that will include a nominating committee for a slate of

officers. The main purpose of this organization is to unify all the career and technical education interests of the state through representative membership. By resurrecting the CACTE, delegates will be available to represent us on the federal level of ACTE.

A-G Course Approval Update - The first year for direct ROCP's application to UC for a-g approval was a very smooth process. There is a concern from UC that the a-g standards are not clearly understood by ROCPs. A workshop at the November board meeting in Sacramento has been proposed, as well as one in the south in early November. The Board will work with UC and report back by September 30th.

Master Plan Update - Dalene Morris distributed a handout that updated the Master Plan progress. For June, six bills were introduced in the legislative session to implement the California Master Plan for Education. Before any bills will be moved out of the Appropriations Committees, policy details will be worked out.

No Child Left Behind Update - Rick Bogart asked for anyone who was interested to take the lead on keeping CAROCP informed on *No Child Left Behind*.

CCSESA - Mark Lyons reported and explained to the Board the purpose of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA). CCSESA is comprised of the county superintendents of each of the 58 counties in California and their associated county offices. The Association is organized into 11 service regions. The county superintendents in California serve as an intermediary between the state and local school district within each county. County superintendents and their offices help with implementation of programs, provide fiscal oversight, monitor teacher credentialing, supply curriculum support and training, and help in other areas of interest to local districts.

Website Update - Becky Schooler thanked everyone who is helping her in the updating of the web information.

State Directory Update - A process for updates to the CAROCP State Directory is pending.

CTA Representative - Mike Patterson, a representative from CTA, discussed CTA's position for block grants and CTA's support of ROCPs.

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Next CAROCP Board Meeting (via Conference Call):
September 25, 2003

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