



# Board Highlights

MARCH 2003

## Actions

### **Budget Crisis Action Plan**

The Board approved the acceptance and implementation of the amended action plan as developed during the Budget Crisis Strategic Planning session.

### **Bill Positions**

The Board approved positions on bills as follows:

- **Support** position on AB1610
- **Approve** position on AB294, AB546, AB591
- **Watch** position on AB639, until the review panel researches the bill and reports back to the Legislative Committee by the June Transition Board Meeting
- **Watch** position on AB651, AB774, AB1491, AB1595, AB705, AB931, SB651, SB355, SB177, SB525

In addition, a review committee consisting of Tim Vanoli, Ken Jones, and Bob Kreitz will keep watch on AB591, which the Board has taken an **approve** position on at this time. The committee will report back in June.

### **Slate of Officers for 2003-2004**

The Board approved the slate of officers up for election, which are: Tim Vanoli for Coastal Region Coordinator and Pat Frank for CAROCP President-elect.

### **Distribution Plan - Bridgestone/Firestone Donation**

The Board approved the Bridgestone/Firestone donation distribution plan of \$10,000 as recommended by the distributing ROP, LaPuente, and to have all distributions made by June 30, 2003.

### **Strategic Planning Consultant Contract**

The Board approved the Strategic Planning Contract with consultant Lyn Perino, for facilitating the annual CAROCP strategic planning session.

### **2002 Fall Conference Proceeds**

The Board approved the acceptance of the 2002 Fall CAROCP/CALCP Conference proceeds of \$32,964.14.

## **President's Report**

President Bogart thanked the entire state for their letters, faxes, and phone calls to legislators during the CAROCP statewide action plan regarding the mid-year budget cuts. Special thanks went to NOCROP, who developed templates for letters for ROCPs to use.

President Bogart suggested that members attend the series of focus group meetings (designed by Dave Brown, the executive director of WASC) to add the ROCP's perspective on the "Focus on Learning" process. The focus groups are intended to help identify the refinements and improvements that can make the WASC experience more productive. Pat Frank suggested that Dave Brown be contacted to request a separate ROCP focus group since the protocol of this process does not work extremely well for ROCPs.

The preliminary agenda and a registration form for the June Transition Board meeting in San Diego was handed out.

In communicating with Birdsall and Wasco, President Bogart suggested that individuals communicate their questions, suggestions, and concerns to their regional coordinator. The regional coordinator would then communicate to Birdsall and Wasco (with a copy to Dr. Bogart). This would be a more efficient way to communicate, that doesn't put a huge burden on them.

Meetings for the 2003 fall conference are underway. With the proposed state budget cuts, it is yet to be determined how many individuals will be able to travel to conferences next year. "Staying Alive" is the theme of the conference.

The concept of creating a voluntary supplemental CAROCP Political Action Committee is being explored by the CAROCP Association. The committee would raise money for political campaign funds for legislators that our Association wants to support. The funds would be separately donated monies and would not come from membership dues.

CAROCP's position on categorical block grants was taken to CTA by Mike Patterson. CTA members were aware of the impact that it would have on ROCPs and Adult Ed. The CTA is opposed to any across the board cuts and would like to see targeted cuts in education programs.

## CDE Update (ROCP Unit)

### Al Tweltridge

Al introduced the State CDE staff who are to be commended on all their hard work. CDE is continuing the staff development grants (possibly being renamed “career technical educational improvement” grants), which totals \$300,000 this year. Grants have to be expended by September 30, 2003 and can be up to \$10,000 for ROCPs. Focus on bioscience, construction, manufacturing and homeland security funding is the Governor’s priority for these grants. There is also a \$350,000 Energy Based Certification Grant divided into \$10,000 grants. CDE is also spending time on block grants for “No Child Left Behind”. The report that comes from the study done by West Ed is in the final stages.

## COMMITTEE & SPECIAL REPORTS

### Legislative - Finance (Federal)

...**Laurel Adler, Chair**

The Bush Administration is still recommending that Perkins funding be eliminated beginning April, 2005. Laura Adler will be attending the ACTE Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. on March 16-18, 2003. She will visit with California congressional representatives to share the UCR research with them. One of the Bush Administrative arguments for elimination of Perkins is that there is no evidence that it has a positive effect on either academic achievement or job placement. The UCR research demonstrates a positive impact on both.

### Legislative Advocate Report

...**Peter Birdsall & Laura Wasco**

Peter Birdsall provided the following financial update:

- A COLA of 3.87% for ROCPs was provided in the 2001-2002 budget. Funding was available to pay for “excess growth” ADA at the rate of \$150.37 per excess growth ADA. One-time funding related to property tax revenues was allocated at a rate of \$90.13 per ADA.
- A COLA of 2% for ROCPs was provided in the 2002-2003 budget. Growth funding was 1.62% at the rate of \$60 per ADA. Funding for CalWORKS was substantially reduced in the 2002-2003 budget. As part of the current year budget cut package, it appears that ROCPs will suffer no direct cuts, but some ROCPs may be subject to loss of some of their reserves.
- No COLA or ADA growth was proposed for the 2003-2004 budget. Budget cuts of approximately 11% are

proposed by the Governor. A major focus of the Legislative Analyst’s Office and CAROCP this year will be to avoid or minimize those proposed cuts.

### Financial Report

... **Michael Worley, Chair**

As of February 27, 2003, the current income-to-date is \$107,545 and expenditures-to-date equal \$35,135. Combined asset balances for checking and money market accounts equal \$195,915.

### Strategic Alliance

... **Tim Vanoli, Chair**

At the January meeting in Sacramento, the committee met with members of the Senate and Assembly Education Committees, the Department of Finance, the Legislative Analyst’s Office, the Secretary of Education’s Office, as well as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O’Connell. Treating ROCPs the same as school districts in terms of mid-year budget reductions was the focus of the meetings. For 2003-2004, the discussions focused on ROCPs being treated the same as school districts with regard to revenue limit reductions, opposing the inclusion of ROCPs in the block grant, and opposing the elimination of serving 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Strategic Plan

... **Judy Piscitello, Chair**

The CAROCP Strategic Plan committee chair report was distributed. The report included information from the Strategic Alliance, Ad Hoc Visibility and the Curriculum and Instruction Committees on their accomplishments on the objectives set forth for the committees.

### Curriculum & Instruction

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

The committee reported the progress to completion of strategic action plan objectives. The process for the development of course outlines for statewide certification can be found on the CAROCP website. Also to be posted on the website is an extensive, annotated list of educational resources that can be used by teachers in their work to support academic skills.

### Professional Development

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

It was reported that many enrolled students in the Leadership Development Institute had to drop out due to the fiscal issues. Presently there are 16 out of 27 students remaining. Graduation will be in June.

### Research & Data Development

... **Larry Weigel, Chair**

An MOU for the establishment of a Data & Research Consortium will be reviewed by the committee and the use of data being collected will be discussed. Committee members will be asked to respond by e-mail and a possible conference call before the June meeting due to some travel restrictions. The committee encouraged the 27 ROCPs involved in the research project to continue with data collection. The contract is being processed and the date will be extended.

### **Trends & Economic Forecasting**

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

The monthly *Market Watch* is being produced by Jeri Kawamura and Kim Thomason. It includes trends and economic forecasting. This report can provide ROCPs with valuable information and ideas for developing new programs and courses.

### **Membership**

....**Kit Alvarez**

The membership report stated that as of March 7, 2003, the CAROCP Association had 2657 members for the 2002-03 year (257 more than the previous year). Kit Alvarez thanked all who worked diligently to build their CAROCP membership.

### **\*\* Ad Hoc Committee Reports \*\***

### **Visibility**

....**Marc Munkres, Chair**

A backbone presentation has been developed by the committee and is in its final stages for distribution to ROCPs. The issue of a "model release" form for pictures of students to appear on the presentation was discussed.

### **Funding**

....**Paul Watters, Chair**

The committee met and suspended its work pending the budget crisis.

### **Business Officials Committee**

Al Tweltridge reported there is a movement to shift Perkins monies into Title I money. A discussion took place on what the ROCPs represented have done regarding the block grant proposal. One JPA district has gotten a written sign off from their six districts that the ROP funding will "all" go back to the JPA. Other ROCPs have had informal discussions with their boards and with the participating districts' boards. All seem to be supportive now, but who knows what will actually happen when the funding comes down.

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

The committee met and discussed budget issues along with their upcoming regional and chapter events. The Northern and Central Region Spring Conference in Lake Tahoe will take place as planned on May 9-10, 2003.



**Fall Conference** - The final financial report and the evaluation summary for the 2002 Fall CAROCP/CALCP Conference was handed out by Kim McGinnis. All participants in the conference were thanked for making it a great success. A check for \$32,964.14 was presented to CAROCP for their percentage of the conference profit. Dr. Bogart thanked Kim McGinnis for her great leadership, as well as all the time and effort she invested for this great conference.

**ACTE Activities** - California is in the process of revitalizing its ACTE Chapter. This chapter would include all ACTE members from California including ROCP, adult ed, secondary and post-secondary career tech educators. Two informative meetings have been held so far, one at the ACTE Conference in Las Vegas in December and most recently at the Tech-Prep Conference in Anaheim in February. To be on the mailing lists for future meetings, contact Valerie Vuicich at State Center in Fresno at [vuicich@statecenter.com](mailto:vuicich@statecenter.com).

**A-G Course Approval Update** - Bob Kreitz reported that the on-line process for course approval was working well. Three courses have been submitted and the turn around is less than three weeks. The A-G Advisory will be meeting in April.

**Master Plan Update** - Dalene Morris reported that the next in a series of bills designed to implement the proposed Master Plan for Education was unveiled in February, 2003. AB 242 would improve the quality of teachers, administrators and other staff in low performing, inner-city public schools. It was also reported that the joint legislative committee who is developing the Master Plan is welcoming new faces to the committee during this legislative session.

**CAROCP Website Update** - Becky Schooler thanked everyone for continuing to update information items on the website (i.e., telephone numbers). New items on the website are ACTE, regional activities and chapter newsletters.

**Budget Crisis PR Materials** - PR material has been developed by CCROP, NOCROP AND CRY-ROP. Eight templates, samples, and descriptions of use were handed out to all ROCPs. These templates are easily adapted to your local area and will also be available on the CAROCP website.

For more information on any of the above, contact:

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**Next CAROCP Board Meeting:**

**June 24, 2003**

**Catamaran Hotel**

**San Diego, CA**

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