



# Board Highlights

JANUARY 2002

## Actions

### CTC Task Force

Dr. Bud Davis expressed concerns about the proposed requirements that the CTC Task Force had come up with concerning the Designated Subjects Vocational Education Credential. The proposed requirements for a DS credential would mean an elimination of part-time credentials, the requirement of instructors to take the CBEST their first year and passing it by their second year, and requiring experience and recency of their vocation. **The Board approved a motion to send a letter to CTC requesting postponement of the implementation of changes in Designated Subjects Credentials.** Dr. Davis wants the Association to put together a counter proposal.

### State Nominating Committee

The Board approved a motion to begin the State Nominating Committee.

## President's Report

President Bud Davis reported that the deadline for hotel reservations for the Legislative Forum on March 10-12, 2002 was February 18, 2002. Legislative packets were handed out and everyone was reminded to come prepared with schedules and appointments to talk to their legislators concerning the Governor's current year budget cuts, along with the proposed 2002-2003 cuts and restructuring. We need to come in force and take an active role.

## CDE Update (Career Preparation Unit)

### Al Tweltridge

- Reminded everyone to return the on-line survey for CalWORKS, including reasons why you need support services for CalWORKS.

## COMMITTEE & SPECIAL REPORTS

### Legislative - Finance (Federal)

...Laurel Adler, Chair

**The newly appointed U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education for Adult and Vocational Education is Hans Meeder.** In preparation for legislation to replace Perkins, Hans is looking for research and evaluation studies that show the following: 1) preparing students for high school graduation and continuation into post secondary or employment; 2) results of community colleges in career preparation; 3) adult learning in Literacy and English.

**Laurel Adler will work with Bud Davis and Al Tweltridge** to develop a report on the positive outcomes of ROCPs in California. The report will be sent to Hans Meeder at the U.S. Department of Education.

### Legislative - Finance (State)

...Co-Chairs Randi Scott & Charles Brown

The committee has been working, along with the Strategic Alliance Committee, on several issues. The main issue is to have COLA and growth be the same for all programs. Our focus is now on the budget language relating to the California Community Colleges issue. Information needs to be gathered, listened to, and a determination made on how CAROCP should proceed on this issue. This issue is a task of our entire organization, not just one particular committee. We will work with other educational groups in this effort.

### Review of Budget Projections/Legislative Advocate Report

...Peter Birdsall & Laura Wasco

**Review of Budget Projections** - The Governor's proposed budget for 2002-03 includes a 2.15% COLA. It would be provided to both revenue limits and categorical programs that received a COLA in 2001-02, including school districts and Offices of Education, along with Special Education, ROCPs, Adult Education and Child Care. The growth factor for ROCPs is also 2.15%, which is based on the growth of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade populations.

Issues of concern from this budget are: (1) K-12 issue is the use of federal dollars for special education. The Governor wants to use these federal funds to pay for special education's COLA and growth, where normally these dollars are going into the Special Education Programs; (2) elimination of PERS Reduction and Equalization; (3) 10% cut in Independent Studies Programs.

The Governor is proposing to restructure the workforce training programs. The proposed reorganization shows ROCPs, secondary vocational education and the job-training component of adult education dollars being shifted to the jurisdiction of the community colleges.

The Governor is proposing to eliminate \$36 million in funding for adult education and ROCPs to serve CalWORKS recipients. There appears to be \$8.7 million remaining and will be distributed on the basis of ADA.

The Governor is proposing to restructure the partnership academies, shifting them over to the community colleges and bringing their total funding to \$23 million.

In November, the Governor proposed budget cuts in 18 different programs, now in January, he is proposing to continue those cuts in all but 4 programs.

There were no proposed cuts in the \$10 million ROCP equipment grants. All ROCPs are encouraged to send their applications for the grant funds to the Department of Education.

Legislative Advocate Report - A discussion of the proposed 4-pronged reform of California's workforce development system took place as follows:

- 1) *Streamline the existing job training system to provide better access to services for those out of work and those seeking skills for career ladder development.* Consolidate job-training programs with a common purpose under a proposed new Labor Agency that will include Employment Development Department, Department of Industrial Relations, Workforce Investment Board, and Agriculture Labor Relations Board. The proposal would consolidate all existing apprenticeship programs under the DIR and all vocational and adult education programs under the CCC, and would eliminate program duplication.
- 2) *Block grant all existing job-training funds, to the extent permitted by federal law, to consolidate the focus of resources to the various workforce development needs.* Existing funds would be consolidated into a block grant to address workforce development need, and the manner in which services are provided, more comprehensively and achieve cost efficiencies.
- 3) *Apply rigorous standards of accountability to State and local job training programs.* The Administration intends to redirect existing workforce development funds to bolster the Job Training Report Card, which began in 1996.

- 4) *Shift the focus of California's existing workforce development system from short-term job training to economic development.* This will provide more opportunities to acquire basic skills and enter and move up in the workforce. These career opportunities should reflect larger regional markets and be responsive to labor market and industry demands.

From an Association standpoint we need to speak with a unified voice, with talking points which we think would be the most successful. We need to speak with our legislators as to why we think this shift is a bad thing. A meeting is being planned for all the statewide associations to start opposition strategies for these proposals.

## Curriculum & Instruction

....Co-Chairs **Barbara Dawson & Nancy Masich**

The survey to determine Community College courses for high school students was distributed to all ROCPs by e-mail on January 7<sup>th</sup>. There has been approximately a 30% response to date. The survey is due January 21, 2002.

Tom Westerfield, CDE, reported on the Model Practice screening process.

Karen Nelson would like to revisit Title V, CC/CVE teacher student ratio. She will conduct a survey to determine if other ROPs have the same issues and will provide an update back to the committee.

Careers in Education, a statewide approved course outline, is on the CAROCP website.

## Membership

....Co-Chairs **Kit Alvarez & Dan Tack**

Kit Alvarez introduced Cheri Dixon from CRY-ROP. Cheri spearheads the beautiful membership handouts. Statewide membership statistics show that individual memberships are up by 92, institutional memberships are up by one, and business memberships are down by 32. The net increase from January 2001 is 61. The membership committee is working with the treasurer to calculate chapter rebates, which will be based on membership dues received.

## Professional Development

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

The Leadership Development Institute continues to have outstanding visiting faculty presentations. If you know of someone who might want to be a participant next year, they should call Carol Barkley at CDE (916) 322-1755 immediately as the class is almost at capacity.

## Strategic Alliance

....**Tim Vanoli, Chair**

It was reported that the following goals of the Strategic Plan have been achieved: Goal II - objective 1, objective 2; Goal III – objective 2; Goal V – objective 2. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2002.

## Organizational Structure Review (OSR)

...Co-Chairs Larry Weigel & Elizabeth Nash

The committee has finalized the recommendations to the President that have been developed since the committee was founded. Recommendations already approved by the Board were aligned with the constitution and bylaws, and will be sent to Tom Ybarrola for inclusion in the proposed revised constitution and bylaws for approval at the March Board meeting. The committee recommended one constitutional change regarding the makeup of the Executive Committee and several recommended changes to the bylaws.

The committee reviewed input on a possible name change and agreed, that in light of the Governor's proposed budget, this was not the time to pursue a name change. They agreed that the discussion should continue during the June strategic planning process.

The committee has completed its strategic plan objectives and they will be available to the President in an advisory capacity.

## Financial Report

... Michael Worley

The total balance of combined assets for checking and money market accounts equal \$125,414.44 as of January 14, 2002. Year-to-date income from membership is \$81,351, exceeding our budgeted membership income of \$80,000. Gratitude is expressed to all chapters, the Membership Committee, and CRY-ROP for their efforts in recruiting members, along with CRY-ROP's diligent efforts in keeping accurate records and recognizing our members.



**WIA Field Committee Update** – The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Committee is still in the process of putting the committee together. A recent State Youth Board Council has been created.

**Strategic Plan Update** – Rick Bogart provided a mid-year progress report indicating progress made to date by each committee. All committee chairs were complimented for their fine work and leadership.

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## **Next CAROCP Board Meeting:**

**March 10-12, 2002**

**Hyatt Regency**

**Sacramento, CA**

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