



California Association of
Regional Occupational
Centers and Programs

Board Highlights

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Actions

Priorities for 2002-03

The Board approved the following four priorities for 2002-03: *Research and Data Development* – priority for data collection, data development, data presentation, data promotion and the on-going research efforts. Larry Weigel will take the lead; *Professional Development* - the continued on-going importance of the development of our leaders through the Leadership Development Institute; *Strategic Alliance* – Tim Vanoli will continue to lead the committee along with great team members that diligently work toward CAROCP's goals and priorities; *Trends and Economic Forecasting* – In response to being ahead of the curve that could impact CAROCP, a new committee has been formed that will identify trends that could be economic, demographic or technological, and which have potential program implications. Co-chairs of the committee are Gerry Kawamura and Kim Thomason. Two new Ad Hoc committees were also formed due to the Strategic Planning meeting goals and priorities. They are the Funding Committee (chaired by Paul Watters) and the Visibility Committee (chaired by Mark Munkres).

Operational Budget for 2002-03

The Board approved the 2002-03 budget as presented. The budget contains conservative income numbers and the expenditures reflect current contracts that were approved at the prior Board meeting. The budget will be brought back in September with final adjustments. Adjustments will reflect any changes in regard to State Budget changes for a COLA, as our Legislative Advocate receives the same COLA as we receive from the State.

SB688 Update

The Board approved the recommendation to allow SB688 (authored by Senator Jack O'Connell) to be held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and that CAROCP should work with the incoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a legislature proposal for the coming year. The Board also approved that the CAROCP Association work diligently with CDE to associate data collection with apportionment in a budget technical clean-up bill.

Bill Tracking

The Board approved the recommendation to take a "watch" position on AB1412 and SB1493.

Master Plan

The Board approved the motion that the CAROCP Board allow the executive committee to approve the CAROCP position on the Master Plan, to be sent after the July 2002 draft has been published.

Membership Services

The Board approved the contract to renew CAROCP membership services managed by CRY-ROP for 2002-03.

Hotel Contract for Legislative Forum

The Board approved the ratification of the signed contract with Hyatt Hotel for the Legislative Forum for 2002-03 at the same cost as the last two years.

Web Page Services

The Board approved the renewal of the contract with San Diego County Office of Education to provide web site management.

Strategic Planning Meeting Facilitation

The Board approved the contract with Snider and Associates for the services to facilitate the CAROCP Strategic Planning Meeting.

CALCP/CAROCP Fall 2002 Conference

The Board approved a request for \$2,000 start-up money from CAROCP for the CALCP/CAROCP Fall 2002 Conference. The conference will be held at the Marriott Rancho Las Palmas in Rancho Mirage on November 21 and 22, 2002. The theme will be "Soaring to New Heights".

President's Report

Outgoing President Dr. Bud Davis reported that to date the results of the CTC study is uncertain. Dr. Davis presented Tom Ybarrola, Past President, with a plaque for “Distinguished Educator Award” with CAROCP’s appreciation and admiration in recognition of his outstanding contribution and commitment to ROP students and for his leadership in CAROCP. He presented Darrell Opp, Past President, with a plaque for “Distinguished Educator Award” with CAROCP’s appreciation and admiration for his service to ROP students and to CAROCP.

Incoming President Rick Bogart presented Dr. Bud Davis with a plaque in appreciation and respect for his leadership and outstanding service as President of CAROCP for 2001-02. Rick handed out small paddles/oars to the CAROCP Board members that represented the navigational tool for “whitewater rapids” that they, as individuals and as an Association have faced and may face again. He read a verse from Peter Vail’s book, “Learning as a Way of Being”, where Peter describes “permanent whitewater” as the unpredictable environment in which we work.

CDE Update (Career Preparation Unit)

Al Tweltridge

- Everyone was reminded to check out the very informative CDE website www.CDE.CA.GOV/ROCP.
- The new course review process implementation is finished and will be e-mailed to CAROCP members within the next two weeks and will also be available on-line.
- 427 applications for the Career Technical Education Professional Development Grant were received and 175 were funded totaling \$311,000. Through AB1018, Industry-Based Certifications Grant, 4.35 million dollars were appropriated for the purposes of the development of industry-based certification programs. Funding decisions will be decided by the middle of July.
- CalWORKS money is in the budget this year. CDE will wait until the budget is signed before sending out the allocations, using the same process as the last three years.
- Five model practices were approved for the 2002 year. They are: Baldy View ROP – Business Services; North Orange County ROP – Human Resources; Kern County ROC – Graphic Arts; Los Angeles County ROP – Banking Operations; and Mission Trails ROP – Mill Cabinet/Construction Technology.
- In November CDE will be implementing the Leadership Development Institute for 2002-03. Information will be sent out in two weeks.
- There are 73 ROCPs in California now. Plumas/Sierra Counties has split into two separate ROCPs.

COMMITTEE & SPECIAL REPORTS

Legislative - Finance (Federal)

...**Laurel Adler, Chair**

An advisory has been issued to all states from USDE regarding the following: CSEA clarifying the requirement for all teachers to hold Bachelors degrees...only those vocational teachers who teach classes for academic credits will be required to have a Bachelors degree; the Senate version of the reauthorizing of the Workforce Investment Act allows up to 24 months of vocational training to count as a work activity vs. the House bill, which allows for only 4 months. ACTE is asking people to contact their senator and congressional representatives to urge support of the Senate version.

Legislative - Finance (State)

...**Co-Chairs Randi Scott & Charles Brown**

An update on SB688 was given. The bill, authored by Senator Jack O’Connell (and has moved through the Senate, become a two-year bill, and is now residing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee), will have no chance of being funded at this time due to lack of money in the budget. Senator O’Connell will resurrect this legislation, at the appropriate time, when funding is available. He believes in this bill and the accountability measures it would implement. The Legislative Committee recommended the following: allow SB688 to be held in the Assembly Appropriation Committee and have CAROCP work with the incoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a legislature proposal for the coming year; and that the CAROCP Association work diligently with CDE to associate data collection with apportionment in a budget technical clean-up bill.

Legislative Advocate Report

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

There was excess growth ADA for the prior fiscal year 2001-02. The figure apportioned was \$440 per excess growth ADA. One-time funding related to property tax revenues was allocated at a rate of \$82.81 per ADA. For the year 2001-02 the budget provides a COLA of 3.87% for ROCPs. The dollar value of the COLA for ROCPs is \$111 per ADA. ROCP funding for enrollment growth is 2.74%. The estimate of this dollar amount is \$5.90. For fiscal year 2002-03, the Budget Conference Committee has approved a 2% COLA for ROCPs and full funding for ROCP growth. The growth funding estimates would be 1.62% and the dollar amount \$3.62. The proposed budget would restore CalWORKS funding to the level actually claimed in 2000-01 including the support services grant.

Strategic Alliance

... **Tim Vanoli, Chair**

In order to clearly articulate the CAROCP funding issues, the committee met four times in Sacramento with eighteen different groups/associations. The issues included maintaining current ROCP equipment allocations, advocating for both COLA and growth for 2002-03 fiscal year, supporting SB688 and opposing the Governor's proposal to restructure the workforce development system in California.

Curriculum & Instruction

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

A survey taken by Karen Nelson regarding CC/CVE teacher student ratio was discussed and recommended to be forwarded to the CAROCP Board for discussion. It was also recommended that a process for certification of statewide course outlines be developed in concert with CDE. This is now an objective on the Strategic Action Plan for 2002-03.

Membership

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

Kit Alvarez noted that the increased membership for 2001-02 totaled 2,580 members. All ROPs were reminded to begin recruiting now for 2002-03, and to review recruitment tips and strategies in the new membership packets, which also contain institutional membership applications. Last year showed an increase of 175 new members.

Organizational Structure Review (OSR)

...**Co-Chairs Larry Weigel & Elizabeth Nash**

The committee was able to help restructure the CAROCP organizational structure and operational issues. The committee was composed of past presidents and regional coordinators.

Financial Report

... **Michael Worley, Chair**

The net income for 2001-02 was \$63,980 as of June 21, 2002 compared to \$28,482 for 2000-01. The money market was paid back in full this year. Due to the chapters' increased membership and the CAROCP Board's conservative effort, the Association's fiscal picture is outstanding. The balance of combined assets for checking and money market accounts is \$136,046.32.

Chapter Presidents Report

Mark Munkres....., Chair

The chairman for 2002-03 will be Paul Watters from the Northern Chapter.



CDE Funded ROCP Research Project II – In 2002, seven ROPs throughout the state were involved in a student follow-up research study of the effectiveness of ROP programs on student outcomes. The results were positive. A second study will be sponsored by CDE with Dr. Doug Mitchell of UC Riverside as the principal investigator and author of the report. Activities will be coordinated by E. San Gabriel Valley and Baldy View ROPs. A signup sheet for ROPs to participate in this study was handed out by Dr. Adler. The Research project would like to involve at least 20 ROPs. Each participating ROP will be paid \$4000 for their submission of student data.

Leadership Development Institute – Representing ROPs throughout California, the first graduates (23) of the Leadership Development Institute were presented to CAROCP. Pat Frank and Judie Piscitello thanked CDE and CAROCP for the opportunity to be part of the first Leadership Development Institute. Representing the graduates, Barbara Kouba acknowledged the three leaders of the Institute; Carol Barkley, Pat Frank, and Judy Piscitello for their hard work and wonderful leadership. Thanks went out to all CDE, CAROCP and guest speakers that helped to make this first LDA a great success.

New State Officers – Tom Ybarrola introduced the new CAROCP state officers for 2002-03. They were: President Elect – Judy Piscitello; Southern Region Coordinator - Jose Castro; Northern Region Coordinator – Nona Olsen; and Central Region Coordinator – Nancy Masich.

UC “a-g” and ROCPs – All ROCPs should have received the survey for “a-g” and “2+2+2” courses via fax or e-mail. So far, forty-four out of seventy-two have submitted the survey to Carole Johnson of Tri Valley ROP. This data is extremely important as we provide hard data on what ROCPs can do in the academic area. Revised UC “f” requirement standards for visual/performing arts were also distributed. At the November conference, a workshop will be offered explaining the procedures for ROCPs to submit “directly” to UC applications for “a-g” coursework certification. Included in the workshop will be procedures for “2+2+2” coursework certification.

Fall Conference Rotation – CALCP will be the lead association for the 2003 CALCP/CAROCP State Conference. No conference chair has been appointed yet.

Firestone Awards – The Firestone funds for 2001-02 have been distributed to Coastal, Central and Southern Region ROP students. Northern Region money has not been distributed as of yet. CAROCP’s request for 2002-03 scholarship funds has been submitted to Firestone. Expectations are that we will receive \$15,000 for automotive scholarships for outstanding ROP students. Everyone was reminded to make certain that Firestone receives the exposure for their help in funding these scholarships.

CC/CVE-CDE Recommendation - The Curriculum and Instruction Committee received a request from L.A. County ROP that CAROCP ask CDE for an adjustment in the maximum allowance of students in CC/CVE. The current maximum allowance is thirty students per section not to exceed a total of seventy-five students. The request is that this be adjusted to thirty students per section not to exceed a total of ninety students. The C&I committee requests an action on this issue in September.

Strategic Plan – The 2002-03 CAROCP Strategic Plan that was developed by members and the board in concert with Snider and Associates will be send out via e-mail by Judy Piscitello. Please let Judy know if there are any “minor” changes that need to be made. The Strategic Planning Committee will be giving monthly updates to the Board as to the accomplishment of the priorities that are on CAROCP’s Strategic Plan.

Participation of ROPs – Paul Snyder has volunteered to call all 73 ROPs this summer and talk to them to see what CAROCP, as an Association, can do for them and what their individual ROP needs are.

By-Laws – Larry Weigel suggested that because of the organization restructuring and the revisions in the by-laws, members download and read the by-laws from CAROCP’s website.

Handouts - The following handouts were distributed: CAROCP Board Meeting dates for 2002-03; CAROCP Organizational Chart; Executive Committee Conference Call Schedule; 2002-03 State Board Directory.

Audience Comments – Paul Snyder thanked Bud Davis for his great leadership this year. Paul gave two challenges: that every ROP would use their state legislators as an internship site for ROP students and to bring at least one business member and board member to next year’s 2002-03 Legislative Forum.

Commendations/Recognitions – Rick Bogart commended the previous two Presidents, Board, and Chapter Presidents for their part in helping the CAROCP to recover financially to a solid, solvent Association. He also recognized the hard work of Jeanne Davis, his administrative assistant at

Capistrano-Laguna Beach ROP, and Olivia Santos, administrative assistant for Bud Davis at Tri-cities ROP.

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Yolo County Office of Education
Woodland, CA

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