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A New Year, A New Governor, New Challenges

As the year began with a glimmer of hope in California with the swearing in of Governor Jerry Brown, who could have foreseen the challenges that public workers would be facing across the nation. We have a new governor who seeks input from CTA on a regular basis regarding issues critical to public education. He replaced 5 members of the State Board of Education with public school teachers. One is CTA Lobbyist Patricia Rucker, an expert on curriculum and state and federal education legislation.

And, Governor Brown supports a balanced approach to California's severe budget crisis. To deal with the state's \$25 billion deficit he is proposing \$12.5 billion in spending cuts paired with \$12.5 billion in a five-year extension of current taxes which are set to expire. He is making revenues a part of the conversation by urging the legislature to put a revenue extension on a June ballot.

"This economic crisis has been building for some time and will take several solutions to turn around. We must address the immediate funding issues while planning for a long-term, fair and stable tax solution."

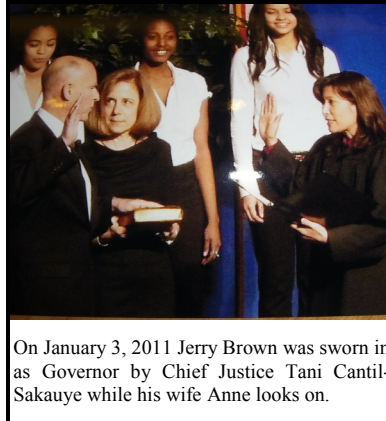
--David Sanchez
CTA President

We know that voters support public education. They don't want to see further cuts, especially when we remind them that education has been cut more than \$20 billion in the last three years.

You have received an email from CTA President David Sanchez asking you to help spread the word.

Here is What You Can Do Now:

- Be informed about California's tax structure and join the conversation about tax fairness by reading and sharing the research and studies posted at cta.org/taxfairness.
- Contact your State Senator and Assemblymember and urge them to support Governor Brown's budget including voting to put the temporary tax extensions on a June ballot.
- Urge your School Board to pass a resolution supporting the Governor's budget and his call for a June ballot measure to extend the taxes. More than 150 school districts already have.
- Plan a March 15 event to call attention to what could be a record number of RIF notices



On January 3, 2011 Jerry Brown was sworn in as Governor by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye while his wife Anne looks on.

as Districts around the state react to the uncertainty created by the state's deficit. (A list of possible activities is attached and has been sent to chapter presidents.)

- Reach out to community organizations and share information about how budget cuts are impacting students.
- Register at Education-Votes@NEA.org
- Encourage members to "Wear Red for Ed" every Tuesday to protest against the red ink in school district budgets in California and other states hard hit by budget cuts and in solidarity with the teachers across the country facing attacks on their collective bargaining rights.
- Keep informed by checking the CTA website regularly for updates on the current crisis and action plans.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NEA Pacific Regional Leadership Conference, Feb. 25-27, Portland
- Read Across America, March 2, "Serve Up a Good Book"
- Bay Valley Steering Committee, March 3, Culver City
- Equity and Human Rights Conference, March 4-6, Fairmont, San Jose
- Bay Valley Coordinated Bargaining, March 9, Culver City
- Region 3 Political Academy, March 11-13, Manhattan Beach Marriott
- CTA Board of Directors, March 15-16, Burlingame
- Briefing on the new California Common Core Standards, March 18, Hyatt Regency, Garden Grove.
- Good Teaching Conference – South, March 18-20, Hyatt Regency Garden Grove
- Bay Valley Legislative Reception and Service Center Council, March 24, Sheraton Universal
- CTA Board of Directors Special Meeting, March 31, Bonaventure
- CTA State Council, April 1-3, Bonaventure
- CTA Board of Directors, April 12-13, Burlingame
- Minority Caucuses Joint Issues Conference, April 29-May 1, Manhattan Beach Marriott
- Bay Valley WHO Awards Dinner, May 2, Sheraton LAX
- **California Day of the Teacher, May 11**
- **CTA ESP Day, May 17**
- Presidents Lobby Day, May 18, Sacramento
- Bay Valley RA Orientation, May 19, Sheraton LAX
- Bay Valley Service Center Council, May 19, Sheraton LAX

Dean Vogel Elected CTA President



At the State Council Meeting in February VP Dean Vogel was unanimously elected to be the next President of CTA. Dean has 37 years of experience in education. He has taught all elementary grades including kindergarten as well as teaching classes in the Cal State and UC systems. He was also an elementary school counselor in Vacaville. Dean served two terms as Secretary-Treasurer and two terms as Vice-President. He will take office as president on June 26.

Enjoy Read Across America — March 2



The 15th annual Read Across America Day is here. As educators we know that motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and in creating lifelong successful readers. Although this day provides a focus, these kinds of activities centered on reading continue throughout the year.

A packet of RAA brochures, bookplates, certificates, recommended reading lists and ideas for celebrating the event has been sent to all CTA chapters. These materials will also be available to download from the CTA website as well as Six Keys to Helping a Child Become a Good Reader in 9 languages. Celebrate the importance and fun of reading by inviting everyone to pick up a book and read to a child. Do make reading to children an opportunity to build relationships with community members and elected officials by inviting them to read a favorite book to the class. And please send me pictures of your activities.

District I Appointments and Ratifications (From Jan. and Feb. Meetings)

**CABE BANQUET – LONG BEACH
– 3/25/2011**
Mike Day

GLBT ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES
Peder Larsen, Issues Conference
Jerry Mullady, Good Teaching North

JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM ANNUAL GALA DINNER/SILENT AUCTION – LOS ANGELES – 4/16/2011
Cliff Kusaba

JUNE 2011 SPECIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN PLAN FRAMEWORK COMMITTEE
Aisha Blanchard-Young
Bonnie Shatun, Board Liaison

LAANE CITY OF JUSTICE AWARDS DINNER – BEVERLY HILLS, CA – 12/9/2010
Michael Day Peter Somberg
Daphne Moote

NATIONAL KOREAN AMERICAN SERVICE & EDUCATION COALITION AWARDS DINNER-LOS ANGELES CA – 11/19/2010

Harry Keiley
Cliff Kusaba
Peder Larsen

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD LOS ANGELES AWARDS PARTY – Los Angeles 2/26/2011

Marc Hyatt
Cliff Kusaba
Peder Larsen

NEA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS CONFERENCE – HONOLULU, HI – 4/15-17/2011

Cliff Kusaba

NEA ESP CONFERENCE – WASHINGTON DC – March 9-13, 2011

Cecilia Fuentes
Daymond Johnson

2011 CTA MEMBER LOBBY PROGRAM (Representing their State Council Committees)
Michael Day (FPE)
Carol Mathews (TEAF)

NEA FOUNDATION 16TH SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION GALA – WASHINGTON D.C. - 2/11/2011 (As part of the NEA Board Meeting)

Carol Mathews
Bonnie Shatun

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Ted Lieu SD 28	\$7,800
Glendale TA PAC (Nahebedian & Gumell)	\$8,000
Redondo Beach TA PAC (Clark)	\$2,000

Additional Board Actions and Information

- IFT grants are online and there is a video clip available online to help fill out the application. For more information go to www.teacherdrivencchange.org. The deadline for applications is April 30.
- Approved the appointment of Shannon O'Hara as Regional Manager for Region 1 and approved flying his Assistant Regional Manager Region 1 position internally and externally.

- Approved recommendations from the Elections Committee regarding local election challenges and discussed the feasibility of having consequences for election violations which is being studied by the committee.

- Approved the recipients of the 2010 GLBT "Guy DeRosa" Safety in Schools grants and scholarships.

- Received the annual audit from Deloitte & Touche which stated that "In our opinion, such combined financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the Association as of August 31, 2010 and 2009, and the combined changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." In other words we received a clean audit.

- Heard a report from Lori Easterling about the program being finalized which adds a link to the CTA website which to enable members to track the status of our targeted bills, see how members of the legislature voted on these bills and will even give each legislator a grade based on how they voted on our targeted bills. (This program is now available so do check it out.)

- Chief Counsel Emma Leheny reported on legal cases of interest.

- Human Resources Manager Tom Kaiser reviewed the Staff Demographic Data. Over the last year CSO is the only group that has increased. The number of Managers, Supervisors and Associate Staff have all decreased. Although there has been a significant reduction in hiring as well as significantly fewer departures, CTA continues to maintain overall ethnic diversity in staff.

- Ron Norton Reel and Dean Vogel gave an update on the merger talk issues between CCA and CFT including how dues are being set. The new organization will be called Community College United.

- Received CTA's 3-1 g plan for minority involvement which will be sent on to NEA as required.

- Approved recommendations from the SB1133/QEIA workgroup that CTA provide training for CTA liaisons on QEIA and develop a QEIA community forum toolkit.

- Approved recommendations from the CTA Vendor Evaluation and Screening Committee.

- Approved referring to the Board Strategy Coordination Committee the recommendation from the Public Education Funding Workgroup that CTA research and assist in developing the package of revenue increases that will go on the possible June 2011 ballot for the support of public education and public services.

- Approved funding Diana Abasta (BTA) and Mary Garripoli (GTA) to attend the upcoming Democratic State Convention.

- Approved the changes in the Legislative Contact Program as recommended by the Board Strategy Coordination Workgroup.

- Approved recommendations from EMAC that there be two more scholarships – one that recognizing the American Indian/Alaskan Natives and one recognizing Pacific Asian Islanders.

- Approved the recommendation from the GLBT Issues Advisory Committee that there be an article in the California Educator addressing bullying of students and educators.

- Approved that the CTA Elections Committee work with the Training and Development Committee to enhance the elections training at the Presidents Conference.

- Approved that the GLBT Conference be held in the 2011-12 school year.

- The Board observed a moment of silence for the victims in Tucson.

February 3 and February 15-16 Information and Actions

- VP Dean Vogel gave an update on the pending CCC/CCA merger.

- Approved forwarding on to Council the recommendations of Ted Lieu for SD 28 and Darren Parker for SD 17. Both Special Elections are February 15.

- Approved recommendations for election contributions from CTA/ABC and approved a School Board Evaluation Form.

- NEA Director Margie Granado presented the Ethnic Minority Early Identification and Development (EMEID) Workgroup final report.



LA County Fed Executive Secretary-Treasurer Maria Elena Durazo was the keynote speaker at the Region 3 Leadership Conference and took a moment to visit with members of the Inglewood Teachers Association who have affiliated with the LA Fed. Pictured above are ITA members Deborah Decker, Giniifer Collins, Jennifer Withrow, President Peter Somberg, Maria Elena Durazo, Gilbert Lopez and Aba Ngissah.

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Congratulations Robin!



At the January Board meeting we honored Robin Rose on her retirement. After thirty five years as a classroom teacher, UniServ Field Organizer, Local Executive Director, Training and Bargaining Specialist, UniServ Manager and the Assistant CTA Executive Director—Region 3 Manager. Robin has provided excellent support to our local chapters and leaders and it has been an honor to work with her. She will be missed!

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Thank you to Tracy Bennett, Renae Roberts, and Jackie Lee for making the Bay Valley Minority Reception a success.

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- Approved funding for Sandra Fink and Daymond Johnson to attend the Democratic State Convention.
- Approved funding eleven members to attend the Republican State Convention.
- Approved the recommendation from the Representation Committee to refer to the CTA Board the issue of multi-racial designation on State Council Reporting forms and other CTA forms. A subcommittee of the Board will work on it.
- Approved the recommendation from the Governance Documents Review Committee to approve the bylaws and election standing rules for three of the sixteen submitted.
- Ratified a \$7,800 contribution for Ted Lieu in the SD 28 special election on February 15. He won!
- Approved that CTA create and post on the website videos that show the work and process of State Council and the NEA RA.
- Learned that Deputy Executive Director Jim Clark will retire effective April 14, 2011 after more than four decades of service as a teacher leader, CTA Board Member, Field Staff, Regional Manager and Deputy Director. He will certainly be missed. His position will be flown internally and externally.
- Approved a recommendation from the High School Restructuring Task Force that there be a presentation on organizing charter high schools at the lunch meeting at the April or June Council.
- CTA Governmental Relations Manager Joe Nunez reported on the struggle in Sacramento to get a tax extension revenue package supporting the Governor's budget on the June ballot.
- Becky Zoglman reported on recent polling regarding the possible June ballot and testing of messages.
- Approved the monthly report of the Treasurer including ABC, Disaster Relief, Voluntary Dues, and the Issue PAC Budgets. CTA's financial position is strong.
- Approved the recommendations for the 2011 CTA Human Rights Awards which will be presented at the Equity and Human Rights Conference.