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SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

Are you on Facebook?
There are many education/union related groups on Facebook including CTA District O, Inland Empire Teachers, and State Council.

Standupforschools.org is an education related networking site created by CTA for our members. If you haven't joined, please do.

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District O Board Report

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Race To The Top Fuels Controversy

Arne Duncan asked to meet with CTA leadership again. The topic? *The Race To The Top* (RTTT) legislation proposed by the Obama administration. CTA is opposed to trying the fast-track changes to our laws that Governor Schwarzenegger has put forth. Senator Gloria Romero, who is mounting a campaign for Superintendent of Instruction, is carrying his legislation which includes merit pay and eliminating the charter school cap.

RTTT is a competitive grant that could be distributed to up to ten states. If California received a "fair-share", it would receive only around 500 million. In comparison, QEIA, which only funded a portion of California schools, was 7 billion dollars of one-time money and the budget cuts of the last two years equals \$18 billion. Cali-

fornia would be rushing to make changes to appease the federal government without any serious thought or consideration for money that would have little to no impact given the number of schools in California.

CTA has been very active and vocal about the RTTT regulations. We continue to show research that proves merit pay does not improve student scores and impedes collegiality. We are lobbying the legislature and congress. The California NEA Board and other CTA members attending the Black and Hispanic Congressional Caucuses will lobby this issue and more later

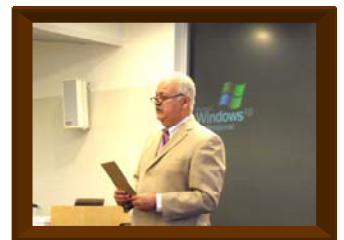


Victor Elementary President, Nancee Fine, and Needles President, Julie Rowan, listen in during the first CTA Town Hall meeting.

this month.

Speaking of the NEA Board, the California NEA Board was in DC when RTTT was announced. They met with NEA President Dennis Van Roekel. He talked about sitting at the table with this administration. The California NEA Board woke Dennis up and helped move NEA to react appropriately. Arne Duncan is scheduled to attend the September NEA Board meeting.

Detailed information and materials on *Race To The Top* is available on the CTA web site.



Our very own GR Joe. Joe Nunez updates us on the CA Legislature and *Race to the Top*.

CTA Organizing Plan

The CTA Board has adopted an organizing plan to continue efforts to build a stronger Association through building member centered and stronger locals. To that end, the CTA organizational priority for the next two years is: *To expand organizational capacity to achieve adequate, equitable and stable funding for all schools and a quality public education for all students.*

You should see the organizing

plan in your chapter in the next few weeks. It is being rolled out to staff across the state.

The lynchpin of this plan are our locals. We want to focus on House/Relational Meetings and Town Halls.

House/Relational Meetings are internal conversations with our members. These conversations are to gather information from our members about their views on how the current is-

ssues are impacting them and empowering them to develop a solution, as well as focus our efforts.

Town Halls are external conversations with stakeholders and the community about the effects of California's fiscal crisis on our schools. Service Center Councils will develop local plans for their areas.

This plan is flexible and will provide updates as data is received from House and Town Hall meetings.

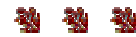
District O Pictures



PSTA President, Bev Bricker, with David Sanchez and Mikki Cichocki at their *New Teacher Event* at the Palm Springs Air Museum.



I don't know who is driving this car but they understand the issue. This was at a stoplight in Riverside. I was happy the light was red so I could capture the picture.



CTA Member Benefits Specialist, Henry Ahn, presents to the San G Retired Teachers. His training was informative and entertaining. Consider inviting him to your local.



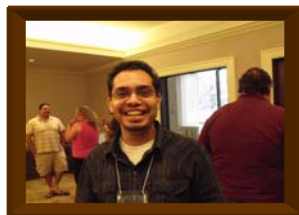
The official transition for NEA District 11. Patty Taylor hands Katherine Underwood all her materials.



Dean Vogel mesmerizes his audience at the MVEA Fall Conference. This informal gathering occurred just as Dean flew in from Northern CA.



MVEA Fall Leadership Conference.



New MVEA Site Rep, Yxstian Gutierrez, shows his enthusiasm for all he learned at their Rep Training.



MVEA President, Janet MacMillan, studies the materials as she observes the Beginning Rep Training.



CTA VP, Dean Vogel, gets hugs from Site Reps Lizeth Piskulich and Denise Gonzalez. They are still happy from fighting off summer pink slips.



Director's Cut

- The Officers are scheduling visits. If you want David, Dean or Gail and I to tour your schools, let us know!
- Check the *Stand Up For Schools* website for resources to help you get the word out about the devastating cuts. There are sample press releases, agendas and more.
- Community Outreach has a tool kit for building a stronger local. They will be available at State Council and CTA conferences. You can also request a packet from the Human Rights Department.
- CTA is in partnership with the Highway Patrol and Cal Casualty in a Teen Driving



program. Go to www.impactteendrivers.org for more information and resources for teachers and parents. There will be a contest for teens to create media to help other teens drive safely.

Board Actions

Approved recommendation from CTA Elections Committee regarding election challenges including Perris Secondary.

Approved Report of the Treasurer including ABC, FACT and Issue PAC. CTA's financial position is good.

Received information on the 08-09 Agency Fee Arbitration. CTA's calculations were confirmed. Hudson Notices will be sent by October 15.

Received annual report from Investment Committee.

Approved ABC Committee recommendations.

Referred 2008-2009 working budget to the CTA Budget Committee.

Approved recommendations from Agency Review, Governance Legis-

tics, Resource Deployment, Training and Development and Policy Review and Organization Board Committees.

Received Crisis Update Report.

Received reports from Departmental and Field Managers.

Approved Personnel Report including hiring the Region 1 and 2 Assistant Managers.

Approved recommending Cathy Hackett and Kurato Shimada for Cal PERS Board of Administration.

Received training on hiring procedures.

Approved recommendations from Local Governance Document Review Committee.

Approved interim positions on legis-

lation and referral of sponsored legislation.

Approved recommendations from Representation Committee.

Approved opposing the Anthony Adams and Roy Ashburn recalls.

Approved recommendations from Advisory Panel on Legal Services.

Ratified resignation of CTA Board Member District E, Michael Bustos.

Reviewed Friendly Incumbent Policy.

Approved CTA Organizing Plan.

Approved CTA/CFA Service Agreement extension.

Heard presentation on *Impact Teen Drivers*, a teen driving program.

District O Appointments

Mikki Cichocki—Summer Institute Planning Committee; ESP Issues Advisory Board Liaison

Jeff Daucher—GLBT Region 1, Region 2, Region 3; NEA Pacific Region and Rural Issues Conferences; Equality California Dinner

Jolene Tripp—ESP Issues Advisory; Equality California Dinner; GLBT Region 3; Urban Issues Conferences

Katie Ridgeway—ESP Issues Advisory

Barbara Stewart—ESP Issues Advisory

Carol Falin—California State Republican Convention—CTA Reception

Chris Burnette—Equality California Dinner





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FACEBOOK GROUP- DISTRICT O

CTA.ORG/MyCTA

A new webmaster has been hired to update the CTA web site. The site will be streamlined and more user friendly. The new site is slated to launch in November. To register for MyCTA, you will need your CTA membership number. You can find it on your membership card or on the label of the *California Educator* you receive each month. If you don't have either, you can answer a few questions on the web site and your number will be emailed to you. You will need to sign in to access information including conference registration, Voluntary Dues Options, and more. For members in San Gorgonio SCC, you will need to register to participate in SCC State Council elections & the NEA RA election. SGSCC will be conducting a MyCTA registration drive from October through January.

Calendar

September

21 SGSCC Steering
23 HDSCC Steering
23—26 NEA Board

October

3 HDSCC Meeting
6—7 CTA Board
10 SGSCC Meeting
16—18 San G Fall Leadership
23—25 State Council

November

4—5 CTA Board
6—7 SGSCC EMLD Training
20—22 HDSCC Fall Leadership
30 SGSCC School Board Dinner

December

3—6 NCUEA-Nashville
7 CTA Board
9—12 NEA Board of Directors
21—31 Winter Break

January

4 HDSCC Steering
9 HDSCC Meeting
12—13 CTA Board Meeting
14 SGSCC Steering
15—17 Rural Issues Conference
23 SGSCC Meeting
29—31 State Council