

District O Board Report

CTA Stands With Union Members Across the Country



President Sanchez at the Solidarity Rally held in Portland, Oregon during the NEA Pacific Regional Conference.

David A. Sanchez, President of the 325,000-member California Teachers Association, released this statement today regarding the attempt by the governor of Wisconsin to eliminate collective bargaining rights:

"The California Teachers Association today stands with our colleagues and public employees in Wisconsin whose collective bargaining rights are under attack by Governor Scott Walker. He is scapegoating working

families for state budget problems that they didn't create. This fight is about far more than cutting salaries and benefits of dedicated public servants. It is a cynical attempt to undermine the rights of teachers and public sector workers to have a say in their profession, and it affects all of us. The ability of teachers to collectively bargain their contracts has resulted not only in improved working conditions, but in improved learning

conditions for students as well, in terms of class sizes, safety, and school environment. The tactics demonstrated by the governor are nothing less than an attack on all working families and will further erode America's middle class. We appeal to the Wisconsin state Legislature to vote down this negative and unwarranted proposal."

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Council Names Dean E. Vogel President-Elect

Council unanimously named CTA Vice President Dean E. Vogel as President-elect of our 325,000-member union.

Vogel was unopposed. His education career spans 37 years. CTA President David A. Sanchez remains President through June 25, when Vogel's term begins. "President Sanchez and I are

more hopeful for the future of public education now that we have a governor who understands that state budgets should not be balanced with more devastating classroom cuts," Vogel said. "Jerry Brown's balanced approach of cuts and revenues are what teachers and all Californians need to help resolve the budget cri-

sis and get the state back on track." Delegates will elect the new CTA Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President at the April 1-3 State Council meeting.

Read the CTA news release about Vogel's background and election at www.cta.org.

CTA Launches Tax Fairness Resource



Visit www.cta.org/taxfairness

Without permanent, long-term solutions to funding, our public schools and the entire state will continue to suffer from more state budget deficits, Council learned in a special presentation about a new CTA online resource dealing with tax fairness issues.

Offering school funding facts, data about tax loopholes and information about how educators can spread the word about tax reform that will help students and schools, the site will be regularly updated with the latest research. California is a

moderate tax state, ranking 15th in taxes and fees compared to other states, even though we have the eighth-largest economy in the world.

The new site includes a revealing PowerPoint about tax fairness and the state budget process. It notes that, with California ranking 43rd in per-pupil spending, education is not the problem: in the last seven years, California K-14 education budget spending has only increased 5.7%, compared to 39.5% for prisons. In California, residents in the 20% bottom income level

pay 11.1% of income in taxes. The wealthiest top 1% are paying only 7.8% of their income in taxes.

Loopholes mean that Proposition 13 unfairly "subsidizes" big corporations that can use complicated ownership changes to avoid reassessment — costing the state about \$5 billion a year in lost tax revenue. Join the conversation about tax fairness by reading and sharing the research and studies posted at www.cta.org/taxfairness.

District O at Work



NEA Board Member, Katherine Underwood, at the Solidarity Rally sponsored by labor groups in OR.



EMEID participants, Michael Richards and Denise Chavez, with their coaches Justin Arnold and Ann Adler.



Issues Planning Committee Chair, Jolene Tripp, presides over the General Session.



CTA holds its first Candidate Forum at State Council. This hosted Q & A forum featured candidates for Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Barstow EA at the HDSCC School Board Luncheon in Bishop, CA.



Director's Cut



- ◇ Site Visits! Please call me now to get your event on my calendar. Yeah, I know I say this every Board Report! But then I get last minute requests and I am booked!
- ◇ May 18 is President's Lobby Day in Sacramento. Presidents, please put this on your calendar now. We really need your help talking to our Legislature. It's your opportunity to lobby on the State Budget and other education issues.
- ◇ IFT Grants for members are available at www.teacherdrivenchange.org. Deadline is April 30.
- ◇ EMEID program applications will be available in March. Check cta.org or email me for more information.

Board Action Items-February

Approved personnel report including hiring Elisa Gusdal for the SB RRC and flying the Hesperia RRC position.

Received retirement letter from Jim Clark.

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

Approved recommendations from CTA/ABC including funding and a new school board election evaluation form and from the CTA/ABC Funding Workgroup.

Approved recommendations from CTA Budget Committee.

Approved recommendations from Agency Review, Governance Logistics, Resource Deployment, Training and Development and Policy Review and Organization board committees.

Received Crisis Update Report. No new crisis' in District O.

Received reports from Departmental and Field Managers.

Received report on the Unity Talks with CCA/CTA and CFT.

Received Legal Update.

Approved recommendations from Representation Committee.

Approved recommendations from Governance Documents Review Committee.

Approved recommendation from Communications Committee including calendar dates for the pocket calendar.

Heard report from NEA/CTA Board Coordinating Director. NEA will bring a \$10 media/initiative assessment to RA to fight the anti-union movement occurring across the nation.

Approved recommendations from High School Restructuring Task Force.

Approved recommendation to create and post a video on the CTA website showing what State Council and the RA is about.

Approved recommendation by CTA/NEA Retired to not have their conference in conjunction with the Issues Conference in 2012.

Approved and referred to State Council the recommendations from the CTA-NEA Interview Team.

Approved CTA Human Rights Awards winners.

Received information on the Superintendent of Public Instruction transition process.

Received information on testimony by Tom Burbank at RDA Public Forum in Indio.

Worked on new Legislative Contact Program and Appointments.

District O Appointments—February

Mikki Cichocki—CASCWA

Jolene Tripp—Cal PERS Special Election Interview Committee

Alen Ritchie—June 2011 Special Election Campaign Plan Framework Committee

Marie Calvo-Roth—Center for Excellence in School Counseling and Leadership Conference

Jose Alcalá—Cesar Chavez Foundation Si Se Puede Awards Dinner

Michael Richards—June 2011 Special Election Campaign Plan Framework Committee

John Wingo—ACTE Member Lobby Program

Harold Acord—CPD Member Lobby Program

Tom Burbank—FPE Member Lobby Program

Connie Pruett—TEAF Member Lobby Program

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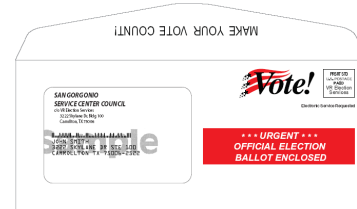
California Teachers Association

**Online voting information below applies to
SGSCC members only.**

VOTE FOR STATE DELEGATES FOR THE NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY!

There are 3 ways to vote:

- **Online at <http://www.vres.us/sang.html>. You must have received a letter containing your member I.D. and unique PIN before voting online. The envelope looks like the one below. If you haven't received your letter, call 800.218.4026 and request one.**



- **You may request a mail-in ballot. Call 800.218.4026. The last day to request a mail-in ballot is March 14.**
- **You may vote a paper ballot at the Murrieta, Palm Desert, or San Bernardino RRC.**

Calendar

February

- 4-6 State Council
- 15-16 CTA Board Meeting
- 17 CTA Budget Committee
- 18-20 GLS Conference
- 25-27 NEA Pacific Regional

March

- 4-6 Equity & Human Rights Conf.
- 11-12 Region 3 Political Academy
- 12 SGSCC
- 15-16 CTA Board Meeting
- 18-20 Good Teaching South
- 26 HDSCC

April

- 1-3 State Council
- 11-13 CTA Board Meeting
- 15-17 SGSCC Steering Planning
- 29-30 CTA Joint Caucus Conf.

May

- 3-5 Inyo Mono Run
- 6-7 NEA Board
- 10-11 CTA Board
- 13 SGSCC WHO Awards
- 14 SGSCC
- 18 President's Lobby Day
- 21 HDSCC & WHO Awards
- 24 NEA RA Orientation – San Bernardino
- 25 NEA RA Orientation – Palm Desert
- 26 NEA RA Orientation—Hesperia

June

- 3-5 State Council
- 14-15 CTA Board

