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## Brown & Torlakson = Hope For Education

The Governor’s Proposed Budget includes the following statement in it’s introduction: *“The Budget recognizes that the education of California’s children is a core function of government. It also recognizes that education has borne a disproportionate share of budget reductions in recent years.”* This statement alone shows the power of our voice and vote in November. Add the fact that the Governor replaced Arnold’s seven charter school nominees with people who have teaching experience, including CTA’s Patricia Rucker, and you can see that we stood up and fought back by electing Jerry Brown and Tom Torlakson.

An *Education Week* article by Walt Gardner on January 10 talks about the State Board appointments as possibly the start of a major pushback against the current education reform agenda. This is important because it is why we are politically active. The dialogue that has begun with State

Superintendent Tom Torlakson and CTA around education reform, QEIA, and improving morale in our schools underlines the importance of the November election for our schools, our students, and our members.



State Superintendent Tom Torlakson shakes the hand of Patricia Rucker after she is sworn in as a member of the State Board of Education.

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### Special points of interest:

- ◇ Remember, State Council Reps, Presidents, and a Chapter Designee are expected to attend their Service Center Council Meetings prior to each State Council. Check the Calendar on Page 7 for the dates.

## Director's Cut

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- ◇ Site Visits! Please call me now to get your event on my calendar. Yeah, I know I say this every Board Report!



Barstow TA at the  
HDSCC School Board Luncheon



## Board Action Items-July

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*Approved* personnel report.

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

*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.

*Approved* the Media Plan and Budget for 2010-2011.

*Received* reports from Departmental and Field Managers.

*Received* report on the results of a member and voter poll on education policy.

*Received* Legal Update.

*Approved* interim positions on legislation.

*Approved* requesting \$5 million from NEA for November campaign.

*Approved* recommendation to donate \$40,000 to IMPACT safe teen driving program.

*Heard* report from NEA/CTA Board Coordinating Director.

*Approved* Internal Campaign Plan.

*Received* information on Presidents Conference and Summer Institute.

*Approved* recommendation for ESP members who are laid off pay Category 5 dues for up to 30 months and that CTA inform presidents.

## District O Appointments –July

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**Mikki Cichocki**—Agency Review Committee-Chair, Negotiations Committee-Board Liaison, Advisory Panel on Legal Services-Board Liaison, Internal Concerns Committee, Board Organizing Strategy Workgroup-Chair

**Jolene Tripp**—CTA/NEA Interview Team, APALC Dinner, GLBT Issues Advisory Committee, NEA Fund Committee

**Carole Bailey**—Budget Committee, NEA Fund Committee

**Jim Pace**—Crisis Assistance Panel

**Jose Alcala**—Website Advisory Committee Chair, Cesar Chavez Memorial Education Awards Committee, Liaison Committee, EMAC

**Katie Ridgeway**—Elections and Credentials Committee, APALC Dinner

**Kevin Colburn**—Liaison Committee

**Mark Lawrence**—Elections and Credentials Committee Co-chair

**Jeff Daucher**—GLBT Issues Advisory Committee Co-Chair, Liaison Committee, Representation Committee

**Harold Acord**—Liaison Committee, GLSEN Event

**Elizabeth Marroquin**—Liaison Committee

**Rebecca Harper**—Budget Committee, Liaison Committee, APALC Dinner, EMAC

**Robert Rodriguez**—Diversity Advisory Panel

**Annie Solomon**—Liaison Committee

**Patty Taylor**—Liaison Committee

**Mike Shanteler**—Liaison Committee, Representation Committee

**Monica Harwood**—Liaison Committee

**Michael Richards**—Liaison Committee

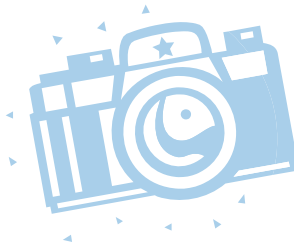
**Paula Monroe**—NEA Fund Committee

**Katherine Underwood**—NEA Fund Committee

**Carol Falin**—Read Across America Activities Planning Committee



With Venice and Soap Star Crystal Chappell at the Elections Committee County of Orange dinner.



CD 45 candidate Steve Pougnet stops to chat with Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and myself in Moreno Valley.



## Board Action Items—September

*Approved* personnel report.

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

*Approved* referring working budget to the budget committee.

*Approved* recommendations from the ABC committee including CTA/ABC Budget, SCC Planning Meeting attendance reimbursement, the School Board Member evaluation form .

*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 listed in District O. (CVEA had not yet been received at time of report)

*Approved* establishing an award for chapter organizing in memory of former CTA Staffer Bob Cherry.

*Made* phone calls to legislators in opposition to SB 1285/691.

*Received* reports from Departmental and Field Managers.

*Received* report on the results of a member and voter poll on education policy.

*Received* Legal Update.

*Approved* interim positions on legislation.

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recommendations including SD 40, Juan Vargas.

*Approved* recommendation to contribute to Joint Caucus Issues Conference.

*Heard* report from NEA/CTA Board Coordinating Director.

*Approved* recommendations from Local Governance Documents Committee.

*Received* update on situation with the LA Times rating teacher effectiveness.

*Received* draft of Voluntary Dues Report.

*Approved* recommendations from High School Restructuring Task Force. .

*Declared* as vacant the ABC Committee Seat in District N.

## District O Appointments—September

**Mikki Cichocki**—Summer Institute Planning Committee, ESP Issues Advisory Committee, ECCO Dinner, CASCWA Conference

**Jose Alcalá**—ECCO Dinner

**Paula Monroe**—ESP Issues Advisory Committee

**Katie Ridgeway**—ESP Issues Advisory

**Barbara Stewart**—ESP Issues Advisory Committee

**Jolene Tripp**—ESP Issues Advisory Committee

**Ashley Bettas**—ECCO Dinner

**Patty Taylor**—CASCWA Conference

**Maria Clark**—Planned Parenthood Empowerment Luncheon

**Karen Houck**—Planned Parenthood Empowerment Luncheon

The Governor's Conference on Women was held in Long Beach in October. Rita Wilson and Tracee Ellis Ross stopped to pose with us. They performed the Ephron sisters' *Love, Loss and What I Wore* the evening before for women attending the conference.



## Board Action Items-October

*Approved* personnel report.

*Approved* Report of the Treasurer including ABC, Disaster Relief, Voluntary Dues, and Issue PAC Budgets. CTA's financial position is good.

*Received* report from Investment Committee.

*Approved* referring working budget to the budget committee.

*Approved* recommendations from the ABC committee including CTA/ABC funding for school board and other races.

*Approved* recommendations from Agency Review, Governance Logistics,

Resource Deployment, Training and Development and Policy Review and Organization board committees.

*Received* Crisis Update Report which includes Coachella Valley Teachers Association and Hesperia Teachers Association.

*Approved* recommendations from Redlands Teachers Association Intervention Team.

*Received* reports from Departmental and Field Managers.

*Received* report on the results of election polling.

*Received* Legal Update.

*Approved* interim positions on

legislation.

*Approved* recommendations from Teacher Evaluation Workgroup.

*Heard* report from NEA/CTA Board Coordinating Director.

***Approved recommendations from***

*Received* update on QEIA and the effectiveness of this reform model.

*Received* update on Campaign 2010.

*Received* update on CTA/CFA meetings.

***Declared***

*Approved* recommendations for Long Term Planning Committee report.

## District O Appointments –October

**Mikki Cichocki**—California Legislative Black Caucus Leadership Seminar and Charity Event

**Carole Bailey**—ECCO Awards Dinner, National Immigration Law Center Awards Dinner

**Christopher Brunette**—ECCO Awards Dinner

**Mark Sension**—ECCO Awards Dinner

**Jolene Tripp**—National Conference on LGBT Equality

**Jose Alcala**—GLBT Conference

**Rebecca Harper**—National Immigration Law Center Awards Dinner

**Katherine Underwood**—National

Immigration Law Center Awards Dinner

**Patty Taylor**—CTA Scholarship Committee

**Gila Contreras**—ESP Leadership Academy

**Nicholas Garcia**—ESP Leadership Academy

# Board Action Items-November

*Approved* personnel report.

*Approved* Report of the Treasurer including ABC, Disaster Relief, Voluntary Dues, and Issue PAC Budgets. CTA's financial position is good.

*Received* report on Election 2010.

*Approved* recommendations on Sponsored Legislation.

*Approved* recommendations from the ABC committee including CTA/ABC funding for school board and other races.

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

*Received* Crisis Update Report which includes Coachella Valley Teachers Association.

*Approved* recommendations from Election Committee on challenges including Moreno Valley.

*Received* reports from Departmental and Field Managers.

*Received* Legal Update.

*Approved* interim positions on legislation.

*Approved* recommendations from

Teacher Evaluation Workgroup.

*Approved* recommendation to fund a CTA/NEA Republican Leadership Conference in December.

*Heard* report from NEA/CTA Board Coordinating Director.

*Approved* recommendations from Representation Report. District O only has one change this year.

*Received* update on QEIA and the effectiveness of this reform model.

*Referred* recommendation to continue GLBT Issues conference to T & D Committee.

*Received* update on CTA/CFA meetings.

*Approved* recommendations from Governance Documents Review Committee.

*Approved* recommendations from Cal STRS Unfunded Liability Workgroup.

*Referred* recommendation from High School Restructuring Task regarding the NASSP and ASCD Conferences to Agency Review.

*Approved* actions on referrals from State Council to the CTA Board.

*Approved* the 2009-10

Communications Awards.

*Reviewed* ISSD feasibility study on CTA offering In-house Electronic Voting capability to our locals.

*Approved* recommendations from the Advisory Panel on Legal Services.

*Heard* report on CTA's implementation of the NEA Public Engagement Project .



*STRS/CTA Board Member, Dana Dillon, visited Bubbling Wells Elementary in Desert Hot Springs. Dana grew up with Principal Steve Marlatt. (Yes, she has stories!) State Council Rep Christine Cvijetic teaches at Bubbling Wells.*

## District O Appointments –November

**Mikki Cichocki**—Region 3 Conference Planning Committee

**Jolene Tripp**—Issues Conference Chairperson, Member Lobby Program

**Jose Alcalá**—Human Rights Awards Selection Committee

**Rebecca Harper**—9th Annual Pacific Islander Education Conference

**Katherine Underwood**—Member Lobby Program

**Patty Taylor**—ACSA Symposium, Member Lobby Program

**Ashley Bettas**—NCUEA

**Robert Rodriguez**—NEA PAC Region Conference and Minority Leadership Training

**Terry Burdette**—NEA PAC Region Conference

**Typasha Jones**—CA League of Middle/High Schools Conference

**Celiza Hernandez**—NEA PAC Region Conference

**Tim Martin**—NEA PAC Region Conference

**Yolette Rios**—NEA PAC Region Conference

**Brian Hahn**—NEA PAC Region Conference

**Kevin Colburn**—Member Lobby Program

**Beverly Bricker**—Member Lobby Program

**Mariana Robles**—NEA PAC Region Conference

**Rebekah Acord**—Member Lobby Program

# Board Action Items-January

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*Observed* moment of silence for victims in Tucson.

*Approved* personnel report including the retirement of Donna Jefferson.

*Approved* Report of the Treasurer including ABC, Disaster Relief, Voluntary Dues, and Issue PAC Budgets. CTA's financial position is good.

*Received* report on the CTA Political Calendar including the State's new Redistricting Commission and their timeline.

*Approved* recommendations on Sponsored Legislation.

*Approved* recommendations from the ABC committee including CTA/ABC funding revisions for school board and other races.

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

*Received* Crisis Update Report. CAP is going to look at reviewing Crisis Review Teams.

*Received* report on CCC/CCA merger

talks.

*Approved* recommendations from Election Committee on local challenges and CTA campaign violation procedures.

*Received* reports from Departmental and Field Managers.

*Received* Legal Update.

*Received* Audit Report from Deloitte & Touche .

*Approved* winners of GLBT Guy De Rosa Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship recipients.

*Heard* report from NEA/CTA Board Coordinating Director.

*Approved* recommendations from the Board Strategy Workgroup.

*Received* update on IFT. Grant applications are now available.

*Received* CTA's 3-1G plan for minority involvement which will go to NEA as required .

*Received* update on CTA hiring and staff demographics. CSO is the only group with more employees over the previous year. All others have a reduction in staff. In addition, we have left some non-field positions vacant.

*Discussed* CTA budget and staffing.

*Approved* recommendations from Vendor Evaluation and Screening Committee.

*Approved* recommendations from Governance Documents Review Committee.

*Referred* recommendations from Public Ed Funding workgroup to the Strategy Committee.

*Approved* recommendations from EMAC.

*Ratified* CTA ESP Of The Year Award winner Miguel Ruiz from RESPA .

*Approved* recommendations from the GLBTIAC.

*Heard* in report from Resource Deployment that the Hesperia RRC is scheduled for completion the end of



CTA VP Dean Vogel visits with the members of the Adelanto District Teachers Association.

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## District O Appointments and Grants—January

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**Carole Bailey**—NFIE Dinner

**Jolene Tripp**—NFIE Dinner

**Katherine Underwood**—NFIE Dinner

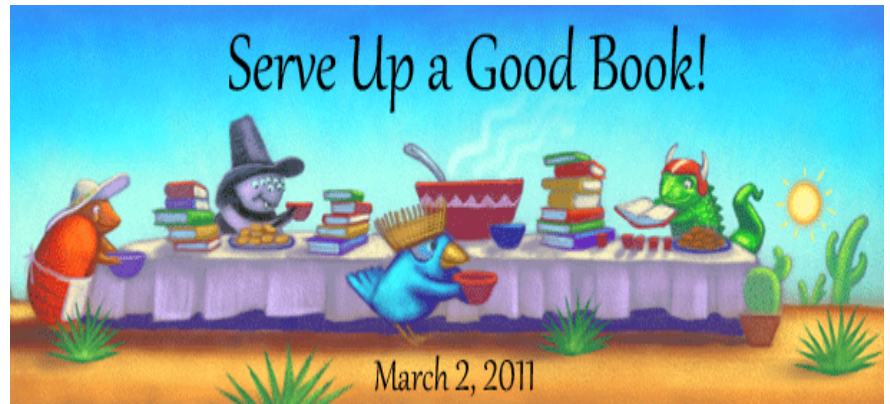
**Patty Taylor**—CESCAL Conference

**Molly Green**—GLBT Guy De Rosa Safety in Schools Grant (ACE)

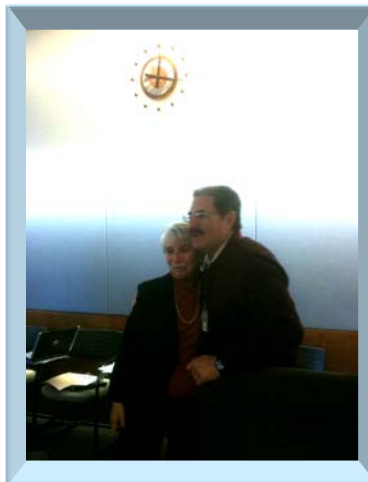
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 Alone and Every Child Deserves  
 A Chance to Learn!



Go to [cta.org](http://cta.org) for resources and more information!



At the January meeting we said farewell to Region 3 Manager Robin Rose who is retiring. We also accepted a retirement letter from Donna Jefferson. Donna has served as Regional UniServ Staff in the Hesperia and San Bernardino RRCs. She was a teacher leader in the Desert Sands Teachers Association. We wish them both well in their retirement.

## Calendar of Events

### January

8 SGSC  
 10—12 CTA Board  
 12—13 CTA Budget Meeting  
 14—16 Issues Conference  
 19 Hesperia RRC Review  
 21—23 Good Teaching North  
 22 HDSCC  
 28—30 Region 3 Leadership

### 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 SGSC  
 15—16 CTA Board Meeting  
 18—20 Good Teaching South  
 26 HDSCC

### April

1—3 State Council  
 11—13 CTA Board Meeting  
 15—17 SGSC Steering Planning  
 29—30 CTA Joint Caucus Conference

# Read Across America

March 2, 2011

## SERVE UP A GOOD BOOK

Mrs. Billie's  
COOKING

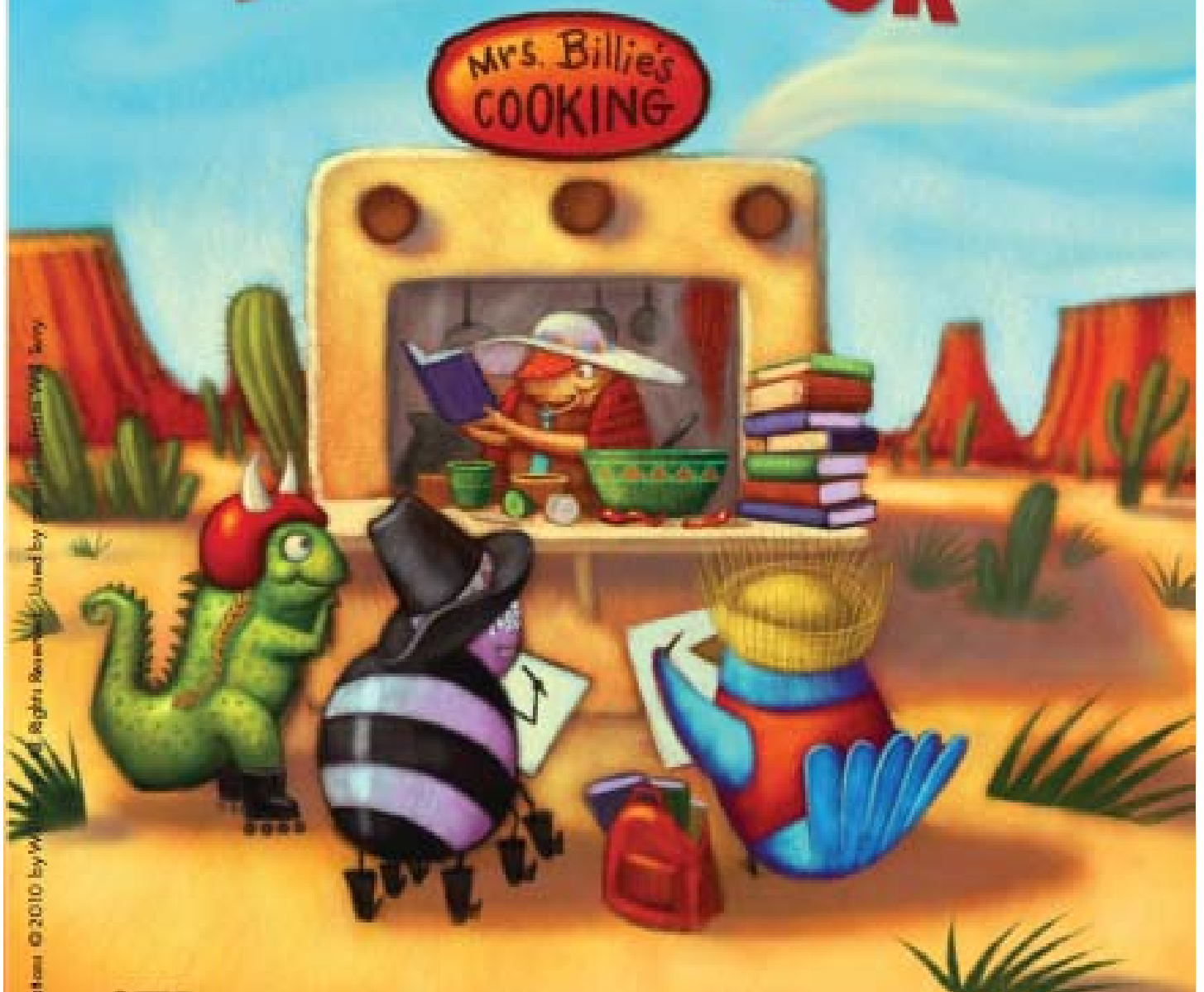


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