

# Coast Board Connection

## Highlights from the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

Board of Trustees  
Paul G. Berger  
George E. Brown  
Walter G. Howald  
Jerry Patterson  
Armando R. Ruiz  
Madeline Levy, Student Trustee  
Chancellor  
William M. Vega, Ed.D

January 14, 2004

### Board Hears Report on Governor's Proposed Budget

Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services CM Brahmbhatt reported on Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed state budget.

With an analysis by the Community College League of California, Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt outlined the governor's plan for community colleges, which includes:

- ❑ No mid-year cuts
- ❑ 3% growth (almost double 2003/04)
- ❑ \$80 million in Equalization funding
- ❑ Tuition increase to \$26 (44% increase)

Vice Chancellor Brahmbhatt noted that it is still too early in the budget process to do any major financial planning for the District, the governor's proposal is overall, a positive message for community colleges.

### Academic Senate Presidents

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, reported that senate members are preparing for the upcoming spring semester.

### Employee Representative Groups

- Tina Bruning, president, AFT Local 1911, commented on the Governor's proposed budget, stating concern regarding the proposed increase in tuition. The AFT will continue to monitor the budget situation. Bruning thanked Vice Chancellor CM Brahmbhatt for releasing Partnership for Excellence funding that was withheld due to potential mid-year budget cuts. This money will be used to fund the addition of class sections.

### ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENTS

- Carolyn Dennison, KOCE, Make Up Artist, effective 12/30/03. Carolyn Dennison is retiring after more than twenty-seven years of service at KOCE. As KOCE's makeup artist, Carolyn applied television makeup to hundreds of national and local celebrities. Among them were Maya Angelou, Roddy McDowell, Art Linkletter, Meredith MacRae, John Tesh and Jerry Patterson, both as U.S. Congressman and as Coast Community College District Trustee. Carolyn has worked in various capacities at the station, answering telephones and assisting with secretarial work. She has always been willing to help out when needed. We will miss her cheerful attitude and kindness to others.

- Robert Holden, KOCE, Engineer, effective 12/30/03. Bob Holden, after more than thirty years of service, is retiring from KOCE. In his position as engineer, Bob was part of the original team who helped build the KOCE studios. His experience in radio and audio engineering brought valuable resources to the construction of the new KOCE facilities in the early '70s. Since that time, as KOCE's key audio engineer, Bob has worked most recently on "Real Orange," and also on KOCE's early signature series, "Voter's Pipeline" and "Inside Orange County," plus numerous other local and national productions. Always a pleasure to work with, we will all miss Bob's delightful personality.

- Martin Lewis, KOCE, Engineer, effective 02/28/04. After more than twenty-three years of service, Martin Lewis is retiring from KOCE and the Coast Community College District. Throughout the years, his skills were utilized during both studio and remote field productions. He worked as Technical Director on many of KOCE's "How-To" series, as well as various telecourse productions that helped KOCE to earn its national recognition. He has also served as a Master Control Engineer and has trained many operators during his

tenure. Martin deserves the very best wishes in his post-retirement endeavors.

## REPORTS

### Board of Trustees

- Trustee Paul Berger reported that he recently attended the Orange County Legislative Task Force Legislative Breakfast event. Local legislators including Assemblyman Lou Correa and Senator Joe Dunn also attended and listened to community college board members, administrators and students discuss issues pertaining to community colleges.
- Trustee Armando Ruiz wished everyone a Happy New Year. Trustee Ruiz also extended his condolences to the family of retired OCC employee Idamae Kiley who recently passed away.

### Presidents

- CCC President Ding-Jo Currie announced that a Coastline Town Hall meeting would take place on February 6 at 6:00pm at the Garden Grove Center.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias announced that the Police Academy graduation ceremony would take place at 10:00am on Friday, January 23.
- KOCE-TV President Mel Rogers announced a reception for KOCE-TV anchor Ed Arnold to honor his 50<sup>th</sup> year in broadcasting. The event will be held on January 30 in the KOCE studios.

- Alfred Lugo, KOCE, Engineer, effective 12/31/03.  
After more than twenty-nine years of service, Alfred Lugo is retiring from KOCE and the Coast Community College District. He was one of the initial engineers who helped to build the original studios. Alfred has been active in many roles throughout his career at KOCE. He worked on many of the early Telecourse productions that gave KOCE its national acclaim. Alfred has held positions as Audio Engineer, Videotape Editor, Telecine Engineer, Master Control Engineer, as well as being an independent Producer for various documentary productions. Alfred deserves the very best wishes in his post-retirement endeavors.

- Fred Oelkers, OCC, Mechanic, effective 12/31/03.  
After 45 years of dedicated service to the Coast Community College District, Fred Oelkers is retiring effective 12/31/03. Fred has made Orange Coast College more than his career. Fred has made it a way of life. Fred's commitment to OCC goes far beyond working eight hours a day. He has made the college his home-away-from-home. Fred constantly designs and builds his own equipment, thus saving the college thousands of dollars. He always has the best interests of the college in mind. Fred comes in on weekends to check on the greenhouses and grounds on his own accord.

Fred has worked at Orange Coast College in many capacities. He has not only been a worker, but also a teacher. Fred has served as instructor of many agriculture and small engine repair classes. He has worked for Maintenance and Operations as a mechanic, servicing field equipment, the campus electric carts, etc. At the Horticulture Department he has set up and maintains the greenhouses.

Fred has been such an integral part of Orange Coast College that he will be dearly missed and, by far, never replaced.

- Juliann Ornelas, OCC, Accounting Technician Senior, effective 12/03/03.  
With almost thirteen years of service, Juliann Ornelas has submitted her retirement from the Coast Community College District, effective December 2, 2003. Juliann was first hired at KOCE in 1991 as an Accounting Technician and later became an Accounting Technician Senior. In July, 2000 she transferred to the District Accounting Office, and has worked in the Bursar's Office at OCC since April, 2003. All of Juliann's friends wish her a wonderful retirement!

**ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS**

- Japheth Whitney, KOCE, Television Systems Engineer, effective 1/09/04.

**APPOINTMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF**

The Board authorized the following classified hires:

- Diana Agag, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/20/04.
- Stephanie Becerra, GWC, Counselor Aide, effective 1/15/04.
- Julia Clevenger, CCC, Staff Assistant, effective 1/15/04.
- Aurea Coss, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/21/04.
- Luz Cuchijay, CCC, Support Clerk, effective 1/15/04.
- Cassie Ellis, CCC, Support Clerk, effective 1/15/04.
- June Fettig, CCC Military/Contract Education Technician, effective 1/15/04.
- Francisco Fonseca, OCC, Maintenance Supervisor, effective 1/15/04.
- Hilda Friend, GWC, EOP/S Technician, effective 1/05/04.
- Susan Girard, GWC, Division/Area Office Coordinator, effective 1/05/04.
- Esequiel Gracia, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/05/04.
- James Harner, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/20/04.
- Anthony Hou, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/20/04.
- Kathryn Jensen, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/20/04.
- Jorge Jimenez, OCC, Utility Worker, effective 1/05/04.
- Samuel Largo, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/15/04.
- Veronica Lopez, CCC, WIA Support Clerk, effective 1/15/04.
- Tuan Ngo, OCC, Web Multimedia Programmer, effective 1/05/04.
- Allen Nguyen, GWC, Lab Instructional Assistant-Communications/English, effective 2/02/04.
- Sara Pollaro, GWC, Receptionist, effective 1/05/04.
- Victoria Rhodes, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective, 1/15/04.
- Carmella Rodriguez, OCC, Division/Area Office Coordinator, effective 12/16/03.
- Karen Rokes, GWC, Staff Assistant, effective 1/05/04.
- Tom Tran, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/15/04.
- Vinh Tran, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/20/04.
- Tuan Vo, GWC, Testing Technician, effective 1/06/04.
- Lori Wood, CCC, Workforce Specialist, effective 1/20/04.
- Ann Yarchin, GWC, Secretary, effective 1/15/04.

**MEETING CALENDAR**

February 14, 2004	Regular Meeting
February 18, 2004	Regular Meeting
March 3, 2004	Regular Meeting
March 17, 2004	Regular Meeting
April 7, 2004	Regular Meeting