

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 Ruiz
Heather M. Larson, Student Trustee
Chancellor
Kenneth D. Yglesias, Ed.D.

February 2, 2005

Remembering Trustee Paul Berger

First elected in 1987, Dr. Paul G. Berger served on the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees for more than 17 years. He represented Trustee Area 4, including portions of Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley.

The founding principal of Fountain Valley High School in 1965, Berger spent 39 years of his career in Orange County and was revered for his compassion for and dedication to his students. He retired after a long career as an administrator for the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

An icon in the community, Berger touched the lives of many Orange County students. Born September 10, 1922, Berger passed away January 29, 2005 at 82. He will be deeply missed.

Celebration of Life for Trustee Paul Berger

Monday, February 28, 2005
4:00pm
Fountain Valley High School -
Paul G. Berger Gymnasium

Vacancy Appointment Process

The Board of Trustees is soliciting applications from citizens interested in serving on the District's Board of Trustees.

At their meeting, the Board agreed to use the appointment process to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the death of longtime Trustee Paul Berger. Berger, who passed away recently, was re-elected to a fourth four-year term on the Board in November 2004.

Eligible citizens have until **5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2**, to submit an application and be considered by the Board for appointment to the Board seat.

To be eligible, a candidate must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, a resident of Trustee Area 4, and must not be disqualified from holding civil office by the Constitution or any law of the State.

Applications are also available on the Coast CCD Web site (www.cccd.edu), and at the Coast District Headquarters located at 1370 Adams Avenue in Costa Mesa.

Trustee Area 4 includes portions of Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa and Fountain Valley. A detailed map of Trustee Area 4 is available on the District web site (<http://www.cccd.edu/board/map.aspx>) and at the District Office.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 2 and submitted to: Walter Howald, President of the Board, Board of Trustees Office, Coast Community College District, 1370 Adams Avenue, Building B, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

The Coast District Board of Trustees will interview candidates qualified for the appointment at a special meeting on Friday, March 18.

According to law, the Board has until March 30, 2005 to make a provisional appointment. The candidate appointed by the Board will fill the seat until the next regular election in November 2006, unless a citizen makes a successful petition to call for a special election.

REPORTS

Board of Trustees

- Board President Walt Howald opened the meeting with a request for a moment of silence in honor of Trustee Paul Berger. Trustee Howald commented that Trustee Berger was a cheerleader, advocate, teacher and friend to students throughout Orange County and he will be dearly missed. Trustee Howald encouraged all to attend the celebration of life for Trustee Berger on February 28. Trustee Howald recently attended and presented at a conference for new trustees and heard from several members of the state legislature involved in education funding. Trustee Howald noted that the state budget negotiations are just beginning and it is important that CCCD continue to communicate with the legislators regarding the needs of students. Trustee Howald announced that on March 2 the Senate is scheduled to confirm the candidates recommended to serve on the Board of Governors. Trustee Howald noted the importance of the Board of Governors to CCCD and all community college districts.
- Trustee Jerry Patterson expressed his condolences to the family of Trustee Berger. Trustee Patterson commented that he met Trustee Berger in 1983 and they were not only colleagues but friends as well. Trustee Patterson noted that Trustee Berger had dedicated his life to education and called him a legend at Fountain Valley High School. Trustee Patterson expressed on behalf of the board that Trustee Berger will be missed.
- Trustee Armando Ruiz also expressed his condolences regarding the death of Trustee Berger. Trustee Ruiz also noted the passing of former Coastline president John Buller and Golden West faculty member Bruni Cronk. Trustee Ruiz noted that the District will miss them and will always appreciate their contributions to students. Trustee Ruiz recently attended a legislative conference and met with representatives of the Underfunded District Caucus. The representatives met with legislators to discuss equalization in the proposed budget. Trustee Ruiz recommended that a consultant be hired to assess the need for CCCD to pursue obtaining equalization funding.

Chancellor

- Ken Yglesias, chancellor, expressed that the past couple of weeks were difficult for the District. The District lost three people that truly cared for and assisted students. Chancellor Yglesias extended condolences on behalf of the entire District to the families of Trustee Berger, Bruni Cronk and John Buller.

Presidents

- Ding-Jo Currie, CCC president, extended well wishes on behalf of Coastline to the family of Trustee Berger. President Currie acknowledged Trustee Berger for his dedication to students and education.
- Wes Bryan, GWC president, expressed condolences to the family of Trustee Berger. President Bryan thanked

the Board for their support and confidence in his ability to lead GWC. President Bryan announced that enrollment is up at GWC 1% and opening day festivities were well attended on campus. President Bryan invited all to participate in the GWC Foundation's opportunity drawing for a new Toyota Matrix. To purchase a ticket for the drawing, please contact the GWC Foundation at x58315.

- Gene Farrell, OCC president noted that his announcements on behalf of OCC would have been of great interest to Trustee Berger due to his commitment to student success. President Farrell announced that the culinary arts program recently won a local event and will not be participating in a regional cooking competition. President Farrell congratulated the OCC dance team for their recent national championship in the open division which is comprised of four-year universities. President Farrell noted that OCC's enrollment numbers are down yet the number of applications have increased.

Student Government Organizations

- Taryn Dickinson, president, ASGWC, expressed condolences to the family of Trustee Berger. Dickenson announced that the state of the Student Activities office is good at GWC. Currently, the ASGWC is working on the planning of a welcome back event for students as well as a week of events surrounding the grand opening of the newly remodeled Student Center.
- Elliot Hayes, ASOCC president, extended sympathies to the Berger family on behalf of the students of OCC. Hayes announced the ASOCC is in the process of selecting committee chairs for the upcoming semester and thanked President Farrell for assisting the ASOCC in the selection process.

Academic Senate Organizations

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, commented that during the past several years it seemed as though Trustee Berger attended every event for students held at CCC. On behalf of the senate, Lovig extended sympathies to the family of Trustee Berger. Lovig announced that the senate recently met to discuss core learning outcomes for students. The senate is currently reviewing the hiring priorities for full-time faculty replacements.
- Dibakur Barua, GWC senate president, commented on the dedication of Trustee Berger and GWC faculty member Bruni Cronk to students. Barua extended sympathies to their families. The senate held its first meeting of the semester and welcomed President Bryan's presentation and discussion of the vision for the future at GWC. The senate will participate in the replacement process for the vice president position left vacant by President Bryan's promotion. Barua wished OCC president Gene Farrell well on his upcoming retirement.

- Kevin Parker, OCC president, expressed condolences to the family of Trustee Berger and the members of the board. Parker noted that the senate discussed student learning outcomes at a recent meeting and will continue to make them a priority this semester.

Employee Representative Groups

- Shannon Wilson, executive director, Coast Federation of Teachers, Local 1911/American Federation of Teachers congratulated President Farrell on his upcoming retirement. Wilson read a statement from President Dean Mancina extending condolences to the family of Trustee Berger. The letter also requested that the Board appoint Alice Saltzman to fill the vacant seat. Saltzman received the second highest number of votes in the November election.
- Diana Sharp, president, Coast Federation of Classified Employees, Local 4794, congratulated President Farrell on his upcoming retirement. Sharp expressed sadness on behalf to the CFCE and extended sympathies to the family of Trustee Berger. Sharp encouraged the board members to consider Alice Saltzman to serve on the board as she obtained the second highest number of votes in the November election.
- Bob Covert, president, Coast Federation of Adjunct Faculty. Covert extended sympathies to the family of Trustee Berger. Covert encouraged the board members to consider Alice Saltzman to serve on the board as she obtained the second highest number of votes in the November election.

Appointment of Staff

Classified Management

Kudlik, Richard B., DIST, Director, Internal Audit Services, Classified Management, full time, 12 mo position, new hire effective 02/07/05.

Classified

Camargo, Alicia D., GWC, Bookstore Clerk 2, Classified Unit, .475 time, 12 mo position, from hourly effective 02/20/05.

Gray, Edward W., GWC, Bookstore Clerk 2, Classified Unit, .475 time, 12 mo position, from hourly effective 02/20/05.

Keeling, Moses, GWC, Bookstore Clerk 2, Classified Unit, .475 time, 12 mo position, from hourly effective 02/20/05.

Acceptance of Retirements

Farrell, Gene, OCC, President, retirement effective April 1, 2005.

A Southern California native, Gene is a community college product. He attended Compton College and was a Compton

football player. He served two years in the United States Army, then returned home to play three years of football at California State University at Long Beach. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees there. Gene did additional post-graduate work at Long Beach, Chapman University and Cal State Fullerton. After serving as a high school history and geography teacher, and football and wrestling coach, Gene joined the Golden West College faculty in 1969. He has served a total of 34 years with the Coast Community College District. In addition to teaching in the Physical Education Department at Golden West College, he was an assistant football, baseball and track and field coach. He was Golden West's head wrestling coach for one season. Gene was the GWC athletic director for two years, from 1980-82, and served as Associate Director of Business Services from 1982-84. He was Director of Business Services from 1984-86. Gene moved to Orange Coast College in 1986 as Dean of Administrative Services. He was responsible for the coordination of all fiscal affairs on OCC's campus. Gene became the Coast Community College District's vice chancellor of business affairs in 1988. For a dozen years, he was responsible for the district's budget development and management, and for facilities planning. He also served six months as acting Vice Chancellor of Human Resources. Following his retirement from the Coast District in 2000, Gene served as an administrative consultant with Long Beach City College and with the Ventura County Community College District. He came out of retirement to assume the presidency at Orange Coast College in July of 2002. He was OCC's eighth president, and has served for nearly three years. The college's 57-year presidential roster includes: Dr. Basil H. Peterson (1947-64), Dr. Norman E. Watson (1964), Dr. Robert B. Moore (1964-82), Dr. Bernard J. Luskin (1982-84), Dr. Donald R. Bronsard (1985-89), David A. Grant (1989-95), Margaret A. Gratton (1996-2002) and Gene J. Farrell (2002-05). Gene's major accomplishments as OCC's president have included the passage of the \$300-million Measure C bond issue in 2002, the development of an Orange Coast College Academic Masterplan, and the recent completion of a campus Facilities Master Plan. With \$250 million in construction projects going up across the campus for the next eight years, Gene's significant imprint upon the college will be seen for the next 50 years or longer. Gene lives in Huntington Beach with his wife, Dorothy, a retired Coastline Community College employee. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Gene enjoys travel, history and golf.

MEETING CALENDAR

February 16, 2005	Regular Meeting
March 2, 2005	Regular Meeting
March 16, 2005	Budget Workshop
April 6, 2005	Regular Meeting
April 20, 2005	Service Awards
May 4, 2005	Regular Meeting
May 18, 2005	Regular Meeting