

# 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

November 5, 2003

### **Plans Move Forward to Relocate District Office**

Vice Chancellor C.M. Brahmbhatt provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the plans to build a new District Office on undeveloped land across the street from the existing site.

In July, the Board heard the results of a feasibility study on the potential relocation of the District office. At that time, questions were raised about driveway access, city approvals required and internal constituent concurrence.

Since that presentation, District staff has met with the City of Costa Mesa to discuss traffic and other issues. City staff has agreed that easy access to the new proposed District Office complex would be possible by extending the existing left-hand turn lane. The District has begun the process of soliciting bids from architects interested in designing the new building. A Request for Qualifications has been released and proposals are due by December 5. Architect selection will come back to the Board for approval following that date.

### **Decision Regarding Developing Existing District Site Postponed**

On a related note, the Board chose to postpone a discussion on what to do with the current District site property once it is vacated. The District has been approached by several parties interested in leasing the 12 to 13 acres along Adams Avenue.

Responses to a Request for Proposals for a potential ground lease of the District site were due November 3. A committee of the Board comprised of Trustees Walter Howald and Paul Berger reviewed the 13 proposals received. The Board Committee members recommended the Board postpone a full review of those bids to a special meeting on Friday, November 14, 2003. Committee member Walter Howald said the Committee needed time to obtain additional information and clarifications about the received proposals.

The Board agreed to postpone the discussion, and an adjourned meeting of the Board is scheduled for this Friday for that discussion.

## **REPORTS**

### **Board of Trustees**

- Board President Paul Berger congratulated the District's Teacher of the Year honorees – CCC's Kathy Andruss, GWC's Chuck Whitchurch and OCC's Sharon Callaway Daniel.
- Trustee George Brown announced that the KOCE subcommittee has been working diligently on the potential sale and will continue to meet with the KOCE Foundation.
- Student Trustee Madeline Levy reported that students are concerned about rising tuition and textbook costs. According to a recent survey, annual tuition costs are rising yet state education spending has dropped. Textbook prices are also high, yet many students are turning to the Internet to buy textbooks at cheaper prices. While students take advantage of less expensive books, bookstores such as OCC's rely on bookstore revenue to fund student activities.

### **Chancellor**

- Chancellor Bill Vega thanked the District staff committee who worked on the John Renley retirement event for a job very well done. The CCCD Foundation raised over \$5,000 in honor of the Dr. John Renley Faculty Scholarship Fund.

### **Presidents**

- CCC President Ding-Jo Currie congratulated Kathy Andruss for being honored as CCC's Teacher of the Year. Currie also announced that the CCC Foundation's first annual golf tournament was a great success and thanked everyone who participated. In November, Coastline will be hosting a leadership event for community college women leaders.
- GWC President Ken Yglesias congratulated Wes Bryan and his staff on a successful mid-term accreditation report. Yglesias also thanked Sue Burman, Doug Larson, Carolyn Kirkpatrick and Janet Houlihan for their hard work pulling the report together. Yglesias said that while enrollment has dropped 10% in head count, FTES has only decreased by about 2%.

- KOCE President Mel Rogers reported that KOCE's Ed Arnold and Sandra Robbie were selected to be among OC Weekly's Hot 25 People in Orange County. Rogers thanked the board committee for their hard work on the challenging issues regarding the sale of KOCE.
- OCC President Gene Farrell congratulated Sharon Daniels for being awarded OCC's Teacher of the Year.

### **Academic Senate Presidents**

- Margaret Lovig, CCC senate president, reported that the senate held a meeting with consultants regarding master planning for the college and will attend more meetings in November. Lovig recently attended the statewide senate plenary sessions where discussion took place regarding new accreditation procedures.
- Dibakur Barua, GWC senate president, also participated in the fall senate plenary session, where he led breakout discussions regarding diversity. Barua also reported the findings of a study showing that a decline in enrollment at community colleges is generally preceded by a decline in funding and that it takes five years or more for community college enrollments to recover. The senate announced the publication of its first newsletter.
- Kevin Parker, OCC senate president, announced that the senate has been participating in discussions regarding the possibility of hiring new faculty to replace some of the many OCC retirees. The senate has also participated in curriculum discussions and continues to monitor legislation and budget issues at the state level. Parker congratulated Dibakur Barua on his award for outstanding service to the statewide academic senate.

### **Student Government Organizations**

- Heather Arroyo, ASGWC President, thanked fellow student government representatives who helped to collect books for local elementary school children and blankets for the victims of the area wild fires. Registration is underway for the November blood drive. GWC students are looking forward to Homecoming events, including the football game on November 15 versus OCC.
- Erick Garcia Aragon, ASOCC vice president, announced that representatives recently attended a leadership conference in Sacramento with Cal SAC members from around the state. The Angel Tree project will take place in December and ASOCC will collect gifts for residents of the Children's Center. Aragon also announced a student blood drive would take place in November.

### **Employee Representative Groups**

- Tina Bruning, president, AFT Local 1911, reported that the District Benefits Committee has negotiated an agreement with a new life insurance carrier. Fortis Benefits Insurance Co. to provide life insurance to District employees/retirees and long term disability insurance to District employees.

The new carrier will allow employees and retirees to make a voluntary reduction in life insurance benefits for tax purposes.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENTS**

The Board congratulates the following retirees:

Marie W. Grams, DIST, Risk Services Specialist, Confidential, retirement effective 12/31/03. Marie Grams is retiring after more than twenty-eight years with the District. She was first hired to work in the Guidance office at Orange Coast College in August of 1975. She moved up the ranks at OCC, being promoted into more responsible administrative support positions until April of 1995 when she was promoted to a position in the Risk Services department at the District. Marie became an integral part of the Risk Services team and was selected as CCCD Employee of the Year in 1998-99. Marie earned her Associate of Arts degree and Certificate of Achievement at OCC through the District's Professional Development program.

Marie and her husband, Karl, and their Bassett, Herbie, plan to split their time between their home in Fountain Valley and their retirement home in Prescott, Arizona, in addition to seeing more of their daughter Karen and son Karl, and their extended families. Marie says they have many projects on the back burner, neglected hobbies, and travel to fill their time. She will be greatly missed by her coworkers at the District who all wish her the very best in retirement.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS**

- Charles Lowe, CCC, Supervisor, California/Mexico Trade Assistance Center, effective 11/28/03.
- Shannon Pratt, OCC, Bookstore Clerk, effective 10/31/03.
- Loann To, GWC, Admission/Records Office Assistant, effective 10/15/03.
- Michelle Visco, OCC, Instructional Associate-Learning Disabilities Program, effective 11/03/03.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CLASSIFIED STAFF**

The Board authorized the following classified hires:

- Julie Mansilla, CCC, Corporate Developer, effective 10/27/03.
- Stephanie, Rosky, OCC, Clerk, effective 10/13/03.

### **MEETING CALENDAR**

November 19, 2003	Regular Meeting
December 10, 2003	Organizational Meeting
January 14, 2004	Regular Meeting
February 4, 2004	Regular Meeting

