

Association of California School Administrators



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President's Message

ACSA Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ACSA Region 14, I would like to welcome you back for the 2009-2010 school year, and wish you great success as we strive to meet new challenges and continue to support our "most eager to learn" students. Even with fewer resources, we can count on the brightest, most technologically savvy generation to arrive at their desks, counting on us to teach and lead. Students always excitement and hope to us as educational leaders. Years ago, I visited with my orchestra teacher, Jean Clower, at Fountain Valley High School. I was terribly, terribly shy, and Mrs. Clower helped me to become more self-confident through music. After all these years, she pulled out something from her desk that I had written. I asked "Why did you save that?" She replied, "We learn just as much from you as you do from us."

As ACSA members, I hope that you will take the opportunity to support and mentor one another. Consider joining a job-alike region committee. Committees provide instant networking, and an answer to a question by e-mail or phone. Committees meet regionally three times per school year, and region committee chairs serve as liaisons to the region board, region committees, and state ACSA committees.

On October 22, 2009, 2:00-6:00 p.m. the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Room EC 281, all committees will be meeting for the first time, from 2:00-3:30 p.m., followed by a Delegate Assembly. Charter presidents and presidents-elect will also meet at the same time for training and sharing.



I am honored to follow our most successful president Aaron Benton. We look forward to seeing you at this and other future events.

Sincerely,

Dr. Victor Thompson
President, ACSA Region XIV

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Newsletter Information

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Membership News:

Encourage a colleague to join ACSA and increase your impact!

You are the greatest testimony to the benefit of membership! By influencing a colleague, staff or associate to experience an ACSA membership you will:

- Expand your network of educational leaders;
- Strengthen ACSA to ensure your voices are heard;
- Play an integral role in helping education transform society through the power of collaborative action; and
- Receive recognition in EdCal and ACSA Online





Leadership Advance 2009!



Leadership Advance: June 26-27, 2009

"Our core purpose is to preserve and improve the quality of life through public education."

ACSA Region 14 leaders participated in its annual Leadership Advance at the Long Beach Renaissance Hotel. Newly refurbished, the Renaissance provided a warm setting around the theme of the Advance, "Ohana, All Participate in and Strengthen the Village." Attendees enjoyed the Aloha theme and attire, in other words, it was great to not wear a business suit! The first hour of the advance included business meetings for presidents, committee chairs, presidents elect, past presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, and treasurers, in which region board members provided job responsibility training.

Keynote Speaker Saitia Fa'aifo, "Dr. Aloha," the motivational speaker and author from Hawaii, addressed the topic "The Riches of Respect and Leadership." The Linaka Polynesian Dancers provided dance numbers from Hawaii, New Zealand, and Tahiti.

An awards dinner recognized outgoing Region 14 President Aaron Benton and other officers, followed by the installation of new officers. Disc jockey the Real Deal McZeal taught region leaders a number of line and Latin dances, and the talented region leaders caught on quickly. No left feet in this region! Saturday morning's presentations were by ACSA's State President Chuck Weis, and the law firm of Miller Brown and Dannis, "Effective Use of Legal Counsel."

The Advance concluded with final charter leadership meetings, and a tribute to retiring immediate Past President Mary Lynn Bachmann. We thank our generous sponsors Miller Brown and Dannis, Schools First Federal Credit Union, Valic, PeacePartners Inc. the Aquarium of the Pacific, Careacter-based Success, the Queen Mary, Babouch Moroccan Restaurant, and vendors Cookie Lee and Mary Kay for your support!

Mahalo nui loa!

ACSA Awards Update

Good News! Nomination forms for the 2010 ACSA statewide Awards Program have been posted on ACSA's website. Please visit www.acsa.org/awards to download nomination forms, find information on each of the awards, get help and resources including a sample criteria explanation, read FAQ, view current (2009) recipients and access an archive of all past recipients.

All nominations from Region XIV Charters are due to Charlene Bowden at: cbowden@busd.k12.ca.us or 16703 South Clark Avenue Bellflower 90706 by **January 5, 2010**.

Region XIV Goals

1. Promote the mission of State ACSA, which is to:
 - ❖ Support California's educational leaders;
 - ❖ Ensure all students have the essential skills and knowledge needed to excel; and
 - ❖ Champion public education
2. Provide clarity in roles and responsibilities of state, region, and charter level officers, by:
 - ❖ Utilizing the Advance to get specific about the duties and expectations in order that people leave the training knowing what their job will be for the coming year;
3. Strengthen communication between the region and charters, by:
 - ❖ Utilizing the Advance to make necessary linkages between directors and charter officers, and other region officers, so charters know who they can call upon for assistance;
 - ❖ Reaching out to membership to work on region-level committees that can give information to committee and council representatives;
 - ❖ Maximizing the use of technology as a tool for communication to keep members informed;
 - ❖ Increasing presence of Board Members and region support staff at membership or other important functions at the charter level.
4. Ensure all fiscal responsibility in planning and budgeting for major expenses this year, by:
 - ❖ Identifying the major expenditures and discussing ways to minimize costs
 - ❖ Increasing ACSA membership recruitment at the region, charter, and individual level

Region XIV Board, 2009-2010

President: *Dr. Victor Thompson, Director, LACOE*
President Elect: *Dr. Amy Stuht, Principal, Long Beach*
Past President: *Aaron Benton, Executive Director, Redondo Beach*
Secretary: *Janan Hughes, Principal, Bellflower*
Treasurer: *Jim Jones, Principal, TUSD*
State Board: *Dr. Sara Cairns, Director, Downey*
VP Legislative Action: *Dr. Laurie Love*
VP Programs: *Alvaretta Baxter, Principal, Paramount;*
Isel Taylor, Principal, Bellflower
VP Recognition/Awards: *Bonnie Lytle, Principal, Norwalk-La Mirada;*
Charlene Bowden, Director, Bellflower
VP Communications/P.R.: *Jane Tasker, Principal, Torrance*
VP Members Handbook/Info: *Dr. Carol Hanson, ABC Unified;*
Susan Hixson, ABC Unified
VP Member Services: *Dr. Lars Nygren, Principal, Redondo Beach*
Professional Development: *Dr. Teresa Lanphere, Principal, Torrance*
ACSA Membership: *Rich Malfatti*
Region XIV Consultant: *Mary Ann McCuiston*

Please encourage members
to visit our ACSA Region
XIV Website
at www.acsaregion14.org.

2009-2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
August 14, 2009	Region Executive Board Charter Reports: ALACOSA	LACOE Room ECC 601	7:00 a.m.
September 18, 2009	Region Executive Board Charter Reports: Torrance, Lynwood	LACOE Room ECC 601	7:00 a.m.
October 22, 2009	Region XIV Delegate Assembly <i>Region Executive Board to follow</i>	LACOE EC 281	2:00-6:00 pm
October 8, 2009	State ACSA Delegate Assembly	Ontario	
October 9, 2009	State Board of Directors	Ontario	
November 5-7, 2009	ACSA Annual Leadership Summit	Sacramento	
November 13, 2009	Region Executive Board Charter Reports: Bellflower, South Bay Committee Reports: Adult Ed, Career Tech, Curriculum, Human Resources, Member Services, Retirement, Small School Districts	LACOE Room ECC 601	7:00 a.m.
January 5, 2010	ACSA Award Nominations DUE! <i>Submit to Bonnie Lytle or Charlene Bowden</i>		
December 11, 2009	Region Executive Board Charter Reports: Long Beach, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica Malibu, Culver City Committee Reports: Urban Education, ACSA/CAPEA, Secondary Ed, Middle Grades, Leg Action, Equity & Diversity, Co-Administrators, Business Services	LACOE Room ECC 601	7:00 a.m.
January 22, 2010	Region Executive Board Charter Reports: ABC, Compton Committee Reports: Classified Ed, Ed Options, Elementary Ed, Leg Policy, Student Services & Special Ed, Superintendentcy	LACOE Room ECC 601	7:00 a.m.
February 4, 2010	State ACSA Delegate Assembly	Costa Mesa	
February 5, 2010	State Board of Directors	Costa Mesa	
February 10, 2010	Region XIV Delegate Assembly - Every Student Succeeding Awards <i>Region Executive Board Meeting follows</i>	TBA	3:00-4:30 p.m. 4:30-7:30 pm 7:30-8:00 p.m.
March 12, 2010	Region Executive Board Charter Reports: Paramount, Inglewood, Palos Verdes	LACOE Room ECC 601	7:00 a.m.
March 15, 2010	ACSA Legislative Action Day	Sacramento	
April 22, 2010	Region XIV Delegate Assembly - Administrator Awards <i>Region Executive Board Meeting follows</i>	TBA	3:00-4:30 p.m. 4:30-7:30 pm 7:30-8:00 p.m.
May 13, 2010	State ACSA Delegate Assembly	Sacramento	
May 14, 2010	State Board of Directors	Sacramento	
May 21, 2010	Region Executive Board, Charter Reports: Norwalk La Mirada, Downey	LACOE Room ECC 601	7:00 a.m.
June 25-26, 2010	Region XIV Leadership Advance/Delegate Assembly	TBA	