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## President's Message

I wanted to start 2011 on a high note with great expectations for our membership and our Executive Board.

I wanted that, but after the small turnout for our Chapter elections in December, it makes me wonder if the reason for the small turnout was that all the holiday luncheons were scheduled on the same day or if most of our members just don't care who is running their Chapter.

If we are not meeting your expectations, the only way we are going to know that is if you tell us.

Your Chapter Executive Board needs a handout. We

need you to extend your hand to us and tell us if you are satisfied with our decisions. The low voter turnout leads us to believe that every-



thing is fine. If you are not satisfied, we need you to extend a hand to us to help make the changes you envision. Suggesting that we resign our positions is not an option we are going to consider!

Sean, Ricardo, Judy, Tom, Esmeralda & I are looking forward to a successful 2011 and 2012. We anticipate that employees are going to be on their best professional behavior. Employees will treat their co-workers with dignity and respect. This includes treating everyone you encounter in the work place with the same courtesy you want extended to you.

As members of the "Rancho Family", let's start the New Year with a commitment to make our family the best family around !

Marti Reiter

## Bi-Annual Officer Elections Held at Chapter Meeting

Members voted for chapter officers at the December meeting held at the District office. Voter turnout was low at 15 %. Your E-Board is working to change how we do elections for the future to hopefully improve member participation. Multiple site and/or electronic voting are being ex-

plored and we will keep you informed as things progress. Two offices had multiple nominations. Marti Reiter was re-elected as President with 58% of the vote over Ricardo Foreman. Esmeralda Abejar was elected as the new Treasurer over Denise Phillips with 58% of the vote. All

other officers were elected without anyone running against them. All chapter officers do their jobs for you on a volunteer basis for a term of 2 years. Please continue to support us as we try to improve our chapter. The next officer elections will be held in December 2012.

## CSEA Executive Director Josie Mooney Resigns



Josie Mooney with SEIU officials.

Effective Friday, January 14, 2011, Josie Mooney resigned her position as CSEA's Executive Director. The CSEA Board of Director's voted unanimously to accept Josie's resignation and made the formal announcement at the Saturday Board meeting.

Also on Saturday, January 15, the Board formally appointed Dave Low as Acting Executive Director.

Dave Low (pictured at the right) is looking forward to

working with the Association President and board of Directors to balance the CSEA budget, fight to protect education funding and continue the business of representing our members and protecting classified jobs.

As we move forward, the Board of Directors will continue to call on us to keep this great Association on the path to success as we face the challenges ahead.



*"Michael is a great listener who is passionate about issues that impact public employees"*

## Michael Bilbrey for CalPERS Board of Administration

CSEA is asking for your support of Michael Bilbrey for the At-Large seat of the CalPERS board of Public Education. Michael Bilbrey has the skills and experience to deal with investment, corporate governance, asset management, healthcare benefits and cost containment issues. If elected, Micheal will

- Fight to protect defined benefit pensions
- Preserve and improve

CalPERS healthcare programs

- Increase CalPers openness and transparency

Micheal's skills and experience:

- Statewide leader for classified school employees for over 18 years
- Currently 1st Vice President of CSEA
- CSEA Investment chair

- CSEA Budget Committee
- CSEA Health and Wellness Taskforce
- MBA Degree and trained in pension oversight and investment

More info available on-line at: [mbilbrey@csea.com](mailto:mbilbrey@csea.com)

**You will receive ballots in the mail - don't toss them out!**

California Governor Jerry Brown



## Governor Releases 2011-12 Budget Proposal

Governor Brown introduced his January budget proposal to address the state's 25.4 billion budget deficit. In stark contrast to the approach taken by Governor Schwarzenegger, Brown's proposal spares K-12 funding from additional cuts—contingent

on voters approving an extension on temporary taxes.

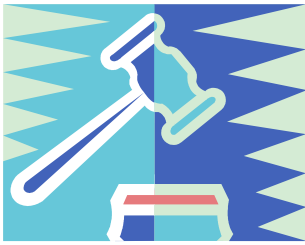
The proposal effects Community Colleges in the following ways:

- Reduces Community College apportionments by \$400 million
- Increases growth apportionments by \$110 million

- Increases Fees by \$10 per unit (to \$36)
- Defers \$129 million in funding to 2012-13
- Provides No Cola (1.67%)
- Extends categorical program flexibility measures through 2014-15.

## Chapter 579 Meetings

### Scheduled for 2011



There are no meetings for the months of July and August (during summer). TBD stands for “to be determined” (scheduled).

Save this for a handy reference and post where appropriate!

Date	Time	Site/Room
Jan 18	12:00 - 1:00 pm	SCC E-206
Feb 15	12:00 - 1:00 pm	SAC R-115
Mar 15	12:00 - 1:00 pm	CEC E-106
Apr 19	12:00 - 1:00 pm	OEC 125
May 17	12:00 - 1:00 pm	SCC D-121
Jun 21	12:00 - 1:00 pm	SAC (TBD)
Sep 20	12:00 - 1:00 pm	CEC (TBD)
Oct 18	12:00 - 1:00 pm	OEC (TBD)
Nov 15	12:00 - 1:00 pm	SCC D-121
Dec 20	12:00 - 1:00 pm	SAC (TBD)

*“We’re trying to keep you up to date on important Chapter news”*

# Chapter & Negotiations News

### Chapter News

The following items were moved and approved at the January chapter meeting:

- 2nd reading on the proposal to change our constitution to allow multi-site voting for ratifications. This by-law change will be effective when the official minutes are read at

the next meeting.

- 2011 Chapter Budget was approved as amended. Total expenditures of \$7950 were approved.
- Welcome to new member Eva Juarez from SCC !!

### Negotiations Update

The first meeting of the negotiations committee will be held on

Tuesday Feb. 1st –5 pm at SAC, room A-105. Any member who is interested may attend. The committee will begin to formulate our proposal to the district for this years negotiations, and will select the negotiations team that actually negotiates with the district. There will be many updates in future newsletters.

## New Alternate Area H Director Named

Our very own home-grown union brother Ricardo Foreman has been named to succeed John Ortiz as Alternate Area H Director. John will be taking on a new assignment as a Board of Trustee member at another district. Ricardo’s term will begin after our annual conference in August where he will assist

Area H Director Carolyn Everett in the many duties she has organizing and running regions 12,22,49,62, and 94. In addition, Ricardo will continue his duties on the statewide Community College Committee, which works to bring the special needs of Community Colleges to the CSEA state

organization.

We’re proud of you and thank you for your dedication and service !



**Ricardo Foreman**

The California School Employees Association is the largest classified school employee union in the United States, representing 220,000 school support staff throughout California. CSEA members perform a wide range of extraordinary work and leges, including maintenance and paraeducator and more. CSEA was formed in 1927 when a determined group of custodians came together to support an elderly custodian who couldn't afford to retire because public schools had no pension plan for such employees. Today, CSEA continues to thrive as a member-run union, democratically controlled by member volunteers in more than 750 local chapters throughout the state. The union is led by the CSEA Board of Directors. Labor Relations Representatives and other professional staff work under the authority of CSEA's Executive Director. We are proud of our contributions toward California's future, and we strive everyday to carry out our mission to improve the lives of our members, students and communities.



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## CPRO'S Corner

As we begin a new semester at Rancho, I thought it might do us all some good to step back from our daily grind and focus on the main reason we're here. Hope you enjoy this !

### THE STUDENT IS .....

- The most important person at our school. Without students, there would be no need for your position.
- Not a cold enrollment statistic but a flesh and

blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.

- Not someone to be tolerated so that we can do our thing. They are our thing.



- Not dependent on us. Rather, we are dependent on them.
- Not an interruption of our work, but the purpose of it. We are not doing them a favor by serving them. They are doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so.

( CPRO corner is my opinion and not necessarily the opinion of this Chapter.)

**KEEP'EM SMILING !!!**