



California Council for Adult Education Los Angeles Metropolitan Section News Update - September 2010

Message from Los Angeles Metro President, Candace Lee

CCAE Members and Adult/Career Tech colleagues I welcome you back to the new 2010-11 school year. Our educational area has continued to see changes and cutback in the last two years. I plan to bring you quarterly updates on how CCAE is supporting all of you in the field. Remember that CCAE is an organization for teachers, classified employee as well as administrators. I look forward to communicating with you regularly in the upcoming year.

Mike Wada continues as CCAE's State President for his second year. In 2009 the State Board decided that the executive officers maintain their positions for two years in order to improve continuity in the program's operations. The last year and this year the office of President is filled by LA Metro member, Mike Wada.

Message from State President, Mike Wada

As we begin the new school year, our profession remains vulnerable to fiscal forces in the State. Although DACE remains relatively strong despite our budget reductions, the rapid erosion/elimination of adult ed in California is a matter of great concern. Stalwart programs such as Alhambra, Redlands, Palm Springs, and many more have been brought to their knees.

The estimate from CDE indicates that from a \$700 million adult ed block entitlement only \$250 million is actually being used for adult ed. The balance is being swept up by the respective school districts. Meanwhile a group of Southern California adult educators is conducting a more precise survey by gathering data to determine the actual severity of cuts under flexibility.

There has been much discussion that perhaps adult ed should focus on the 4 core programs (ABE, SBE, CTE, and ESL), but in many parts of the State, these programs have been eliminated as well. We cannot bury our heads in the sand; the hopes and dreams of our students are dependent on what we do to preserve services.

CCAE has been at the forefront of mounting a counterattack.

- In January, we ran AB (Assembly Bill) 1673, which would have required the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to study the impact of budget reductions and categorical flexibility on adult education. Although the bill was stopped in Assembly Appropriations, the LAO decided that they will do the study anyway. In early October, the LAO will visit our programs as the first step in preparing a report to the Legislature.
- Our lobbyist, Jeff Frost, created an opportunity with a group called "GET REAL", whose members comprise significant business and labor interests in the State, to include CCAE as an active partner regarding educational issues that revolve around the California economy.

All of this is meant to say two things:

1. You need to be a CCAE member. The more members we have, the stronger our voice. Your dues support the activities outlined above. Without a strong professional organization, there is no mechanism to impact policy.
2. You cannot sit back and expect Ed Morris or Mike Wada will fix this. It takes all of us. There are people in the Legislature who are willing to help us, but we need our members to connect with them at the right time.

Now is the moment to become informed on the issues so that we can have a ready cadre ready to move later in the year. Thanks to all for your continued and future support!



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LA Metro Membership

The State Board has agreed to hire Bonney and Associates to handle our membership and mailing list. The decision was made in conjunction with the closing of our state office in Sacramento. The Board felt that our expenses had to be reduced and we needed to act in a fiscally prudent manner. Membership rosters were our highest priority and thus we hired a professional to manage this part of our organization.

Within the new few months, we hope to have an updated roster of all LA Metro members. We will also be asking you to update us with your email as well as a current address so we can be in contact more easily.

Members, please ask your colleagues to join CCAE. We are an organization that focuses only on adult education. LA Metro has the largest voice of 900+ members. The second largest group is South Coast which consists of the Southern California districts surrounding LAUSD.

I know our membership numbers can be better and thus I ask you to join and use the payroll deduction plan. For full-time teachers it is only \$7.50/month for 10 months of the year. For classified staff, the payroll deduction is only \$3.00/month. Join and be counted.

Legislative Chair – Phil Dwyer

Because of the current state-wide budget crisis threatening adult education state-wide, many districts are drastically reducing staff and program offerings to the adult ed student community. It is during such difficult times that it is most important to participate in CCAE, your professional organization, strengthening it with your support and participation.

One of the principal ways CCAE supports its members is through legislative advocacy. CCAE-LAM will be working in conjunction with Cynthia Purlan-Colfer, State Leg Chair, and Jeff Frost, CCAE's lobbyist, to increase the impact of CCAE's advocacy. Other efforts include:

- Mike Wada, CCAE State President, is assisting Assemblymember Tony Mendoza with the implementing anti-gang training programs.
- Jeff Frost's message is that CCAE should be expanding connections with the business community and developing a larger network of alliances with businesses statewide.

CCAE has recently focused attention and effort on the following bills that affect adult education.

- SB (Senate Bill) 1396, introduced by Alan Lowenthal (D) Senate District 27 (South Gate), would set up three year a pilot program for three selected school districts to have 'maximum categorical flexibility' of funds to demonstrate progress toward greater academic proficiency. Last action on this bill was 8/13/10, when it was held up in the appropriations committee.
- SB 1298 introduced by Loni Hancock (D) Senate District 9 (Oakland) is also being held in Appropriations Committee, as of 8/13/10. This bill would restrict school districts from withdrawing from ROC/P's if their students attending the ROC/P would be negatively affected. Current funding could not be redirected to other uses.

This year, CCAE-LAM will ask for your support in attending CDE Adult Education sub-committee hearings. There are usually three sub-committee hearings, two of which are in held in Southern California.

Two other issues in the upcoming months will affect the direction of our legislative efforts.



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- A Strategic Initiative Plan for adult education has been developed by West Ed. This two-year project will influence statewide education and is scheduled to be released in the fall.
- CDE is planning to pilot three Regional Transitional Work Centers. These centers will be a collaborative effort among adult education, community college and One-Stop Centers.

Classified Awards, Abram Friedman Award and E. Manfred Evans Award

At our annual Fall Awards Dinner on November 5 we recognize our colleagues with the above awards. Outstanding classified staff members from each of our five areas, Central, East, South, Valley and West are honored. The Abram Friedman award is given to a community member involved with adult and/or career technical education. The E. Manfred Evans Award is awarded to a CCAE member who has generously served the organization. Please speak with your school CCAE representative to identify someone at your site to nominate. Applications will be available at your school. The deadline will be Friday, October 15. Winners will be announced prior to the November 5th dinner.

Mini-Grants

Five \$250 mini-grants will be offered this year, one for each of our five areas. We will be looking for exciting projects that can be completed by June 30, 2011. Applications will be available at your school. The deadline will be Friday, October 15. Winners will be honored at the Fall Awards dinner.

Fall Awards Dinner - Save the Date!

Friday, November 5
Casa Italiana
1051 N. Broadway, Los Angeles 90012
Social hour: 5:30-6:00. Dinner 6:00 pm
\$40 (\$45 at the door)

Scholarship Fundraising

Great American Online is a wonderful way to support the scholarships that we offer during the year. When you go to store.gafundraising.com you are able to purchase magazines at less 40% as well as other gift item. Enter your Chapter ID and with every purchase you make, a portion is donated to your CCAE Chapter. Participate during the holidays and help CCAE earn extra scholarship money.

✓ CCAE	Central Chapter	ID 1081314
✓ CCAE	East Chapter	ID 1079441
✓ CCAE	South Chapter	ID 1081272
✓ CCAE	Valley Chapter	ID 1081280
✓ CCAE	West Chapter	ID 1081306

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Fundraiser Update

Listed below is the profit we made on our Spring and Summer fundraisers.

Candy Sale	\$ 788.00
Spring Conference	\$ 442.75
Spring Dinner	\$1,323.41
Wine Tasting @ San Antonio	\$ 220.07

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