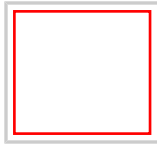


President's Monthly Message

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

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< **Learn more** about the CCA President, Ron Norton Reel, [here](#).

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Dear Chapter Presidents:

Last week a letter regarding CCA's support of the Community College Initiative was sent to you by US Mail. Some have called and asked to have the electronic format to forward to chapter emmbers. [The letter is attached so you may forward to your members.](#)

Sincerely,
Ron Norton Reel
President, CCA

July 17, 2007

CCA Delegates:

CCA Delegates just returned from the National Education Association's Representative Assembly held in Philadelphia. CTA had more than 1,200 elected delegates of the 11,000 total delegates participating in the largest democratic union meeting held within the world. NEA has 3.2 million members. California was the largest delegation at the NEA Representative Assembly. One of the highlights of the conference for many of the delegates was the visits by prominent presidential hopefuls. Democratic candidates included Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards, Dennis Kucinich, Bill Richardson, Christopher Dodd, and Joe Biden. Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee was the lone Republican candidate to accept the speaking invitation.

CCA Has Own Strand At CTA Presidents Conference:

More than 600 local chapter presidents have signed up for the CTA Presidents Conference being held at Asilomar this week. CCA will spend Monday and Tuesday in sessions developed for community college participants exclusively. CCA chapter presidents will have many elective workshops available on Wednesday and Thursday.

CCA President Wants to Visit Your College:

CCA President, Ron Norton Reel, wants to visit local chapters. He wants to explain how CCA/CTA can help local chapters represent members in the most effective manner possible. His presentation will focus on how local chapters can take advantage of funds that have been budgeted just for local chapters. Email President Reel at ronnortonreel@aol.com for a specific visit date.

CCA Members Appointed to CTA State Council Committees/Task Forces:

Joan Scholars (Mt. San Antonio College), Budget Committee; Rachel Maldonado-Aziminia (Chabot College), California Educator Committee; Ron Norton Reel (Mt. San Antonio College), Chair of the Chairs Committee; Jan McKissick (Butte College), Representation Committee; Lynette Nyaggah (Rio Hondo College), Website Advisory Workgroup; and Corina Soto (Southwestern College), Cesar Chavez Memorial Education Awards Committee.

CTA Officers Want to Visit Community Colleges:

The CTA Officers would like to visit our campuses this academic year. If you have an event scheduled with your faculty that you want them to visit, notify President Ron Norton Reel, and he communicate with Dian Hasson, CTA Higher Education Board member, and the CTA Officers on logistics.

Lassen College:

Multiple legal suits have been filed by faculty, former administrators, and classified personnel. The superintendent/president of Lassen CCD has resigned effective July 3, 2007.

STRS Initiative:

Please refrain from signing an Initiative at the signature gathering stage, sponsored by former Assemblyman Richman. The Initiative, if passed, would hurt peace officers, public safety members, school employees, State employees, teachers, local agency employees, and all public employees.

SB 840:

The CTA co-sponsored single-payer health reform bill, SB 840 (Kuehl), cleared the Assembly Health Committee on a 12 – 5 vote last week, but GOP Assembly members say the governor will veto it again this year.

Hartnell College:

A Hartnell College professor is being represented by CTA in a PERB charge against the college because the administration unilaterally altered his teaching schedule in retaliation for protected activity (his participation in union work).

Sierra College:

A Sierra College professor is being represented by CTA in a threatened permanent teacher dismissal.

Kern Community College Chapter:

CCA staff presented three days of training for executive boards of the individual colleges.

Salary Raises:

College of the Sequoias:
Full-time faculty, 7.7%

Shasta College:
Full-time faculty, 6.7%;
Part-time faculty, 7.53%

Long Beach City College:
Full-time faculty, 5.92%;
Part-time faculty, 8.5%

Rancho Santiago Cont. Ed:
6%, elimination of Step 1, joint study to provide health benefits

Any questions? Call the CCA office at 916/726-4207.

