

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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### Board Reports

The Board members all expressed pleasure and gratitude that *Prop. V* and *Prop. 30* both passed, ensuring a better future for education and the District. "I can't wait to see what *Prop. V* brings us," Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said it was a great election, which took the efforts of everyone involved to be a success. He called the effort "extraordinarily important." **Garrett** congratulated Chancellor **Cindy Miles** for receiving the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce Women in Leadership Award in the Education category.

Trustee **Greg Barr** said he was looking forward to having financial resources for the District as the result of *Prop. 30*, and said he was impressed by the students working at the phone bank when he stopped by *Prop. V* campaign headquarters.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** said passage of *Prop. V* provides a reassurance that the District is supported by the community, and complimented everyone who worked on the campaign for a job well done. Trustee **Debbie Justeson** thanked everyone who worked on *Prop. V*.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Mohammed Alyasini** said that with the passage of *Prop. 30*, his sister who will be starting at Cuyamaca this spring will be able to get the classes she needs.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Samantha Elliot** reported on the recent Student Senate for California Community Colleges General Assembly meeting in Palm Springs. She thanked Chancellor **Miles** and Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** for making presentations at the event. **Elliot** recognized staff working on the implementation of SB 1456, which adds new student success requirements.



### Board Actions

**Wendy Corbin**, Benefits Technician, spoke to Item 501 Personnel Actions, expressing her concerns about the recent staff turnover in human resources. Item 501 was approved by the Governing Board. The Governing Board unanimously approved all remaining items on the [meeting agenda](#).

#### From Closed Session

The Governing Board met in closed session, and agreed to authorize December 21 as a holiday for CSEA employees in appreciation of Classified service to the District.

### Public Presentations

Grossmont College student **Alexander Neofitidis** expressed appreciation to Board Members for support of *Propositions V* and *30*. s Associated Students of Grossmont College President **Peg Marcus** presented Chancellor **Miles** and Academic Senate President **Gonda** with lapel pins as tokens of appreciation for attending the Student Senate for California Community Colleges General Assembly and for their amazing and over-the-top break-out session on *Women in Leadership*.

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said she was grateful to have trustees **Rosinski** and **Garrett** reelected to the board and continuing in their roles. ♦ **Miles** congratulated student trustee **Elliot** on the successful statewide Student Senate General Assembly meeting that was attended by more than 500 people. ♦ She commended the foundation for two recent events held on the same day; a donors breakfast recognizing top donors supporting the District; and the first retirees reunion held at the Water Conservation Garden. The reunion had a good showing and attendees want to see another reunion next year. ♦ A [video](#) produced by videographer **Ron Cook** spotlighting the District's veterans services was shown. The video will be shown at a statewide veterans summit in December. **Miles** pointed out that *Prop. V* will allow the District to expand its Veterans Resources Centers and services.

## Board and Chancellor Thank East County Voters

*Proposition V*, the District's facility bond measure, was passed by more than 57 percent of East County voters. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** praised Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** for encouraging the District to move forward with the ballot measure when initial polling showed support by a bare majority of East County voters.

**Miles** thanked many people for helping to garner support for the bond measure:

- ♦ The Governing Board members who walked door-to-door, staffed phone banks, and visited the campaign headquarters.
- ♦ The students who manned the phone banks for six weeks and engaged in Get Out The Vote efforts. Chancellor **Miles** said their compelling voice made a huge difference to voters.
- ♦ **Miles** cited a list of "heavy lifters" who worked behind the scenes: **Sahar Abushaban, Jeff Baker, Steve Baker, Julie Barnes, Bernadette Black, Tim Corcoran, Tim Flood, Anthony McIvor, Gabriel Miles, Pat Murray, Michael Reese, Arleen Satele, and Robin Steinback.**
- ♦ Chancellor **Miles** thanked **Sunny Cooke, Ernie Ewin, Guy Gonzalez, Sue Rearic, Anne Krueger, and Mark Zacovic** for acting as the "core leaders" who pulled together the campaign strategy. She also lauded campaign consultants **Bonnie Moss and John Hoy.**



**Miles** presented special recognition awards to **Leah McIvor** for her extraordinary leadership as Campaign Manager; to **Linda Jensen** and **Debbie Mack** for their Friday night leadership on the phone bank operation; and to student **Jase Watson** as the "most effective student phone caller."



## Presidents' Reports



President **Sunny Cooke** reported that the top five recently retired employees have 194 years accumulated service with the District, led by Business Communication Services Supervisor **Alba Orr**, retiring in December after 46 years. ♦ Veterans Day was commemorated with several activities held by the Student Veterans Organization throughout the week. ♦ Grossmont College, for the first time, hosted the Grossmont Union High School District's college and career fair "Got Plans?" for more than 5,000 high school students and parents.



President **Mark Zacovic** reported on the celebration of "Mole Day" October 23. Mole Day represents a measurement unit in chemistry and was created to foster interest in chemistry. Mole Day demonstrations were standing room only, and plans are underway for a bigger event next year. ♦ Representatives from 34 colleges met with 450 students as part of Cuyamaca College's University Transfer Fair on October 22. ♦ Disabilities Awareness Month was celebrated in October with several campus events including the College Hour, a Resource Fair, and the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game on October 31.

## District Services Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said the District is positioned and ready to proceed with implementation of *Prop. V*. This includes development and approval of the Facilities Master Plan – Phase 2; issuing an RFP for program management services and architects; consideration of a board resolution in January; preparation for the critically important bond rating presentation in early 2013; and selling bonds in February or March. The first bond funds are expected to be received by the District in mid-spring. ♦ **Rearic** said that with the passage of *Prop. 30*, the colleges are adding sections for the upcoming spring and summer terms to meet the updated FTES targets. **Rearic** pointed out that even with the passage of *Prop. 30*, the district will still face budget challenges in 2014/15 and must remain diligent. The District Employment and Benefits Services Department held benefit fairs and workshops to help with the transition to the new benefit plans. Open enrollment for benefits ends November 30. Employees can visit the benefits website at <http://www.gcccd.edu/benefits/open-enrollment.html> for more information about their choices and deadlines. **Rearic** thanked Interim Vice Chancellor Human Resources **Tim Corcoran**, Benefits Technician **Wendy Corbin**, and the entire Benefits Committee for their hard work and tireless efforts in bringing the recommended plan through implementation.

## Staff Reports

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** thanked everyone who worked on *Prop. V* and *Prop. 30*. **Corbin** also thanked District leadership for its guidance and for getting people involved in the election.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** reported on the recent State Academic Senate Plenary. She said among the issues discussed is a redefinition of student success as it applies to the new report card. **Gonda** attended workshops on integration of student services and instruction, and faculty evaluations.

CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** welcomed new labor relations representative **Dan Munoz** and wished former representative **Chris Swanson** well. **Houston** said CSEA board nominations will remain open until this week's CSEA board meeting; any new officers running unopposed will be reported at the next Governing Board meeting.

AFT representative **Alicia Munoz** said AFT is happy over the election results for the District, the state, and across the nation.

## Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2012\*, at the Grossmont College Griffin Gate. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

The schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for 2012 is posted online at [2012 Governing Board Meeting Schedule](#).

\*Note: this is the second Tuesday due to the Winter Recess.

## Staff Notes

The District welcomes **DeAnna Hernandez** and **Kari McKinnon**, newly hired Child Development Center Aides at Grossmont College.