

## California School Employees Association



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## Chapter 33 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

**Location: CSM 10-401**

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Members present: Herb Mintz, Rachel Corrales, Ulysses Guadamuz, Juanita Celaya, Kathy Chaika, Dean Drumheller, Hanns Ullrich, Charles Jones, Chris Weidman, Annette Perot, Chuck LaMere, Medelline Lowe

Meeting called to order 5:13pm – Annette Perot

1. **MINUTES**

The minutes from the E-Board meeting of May 4, 2011 were attached for review. It was moved by Kathy Chaika and seconded by Chris Weidman to approve the minutes as submitted.  
The motion carried with 9 attendees voting "aye", and 3 abstaining.

The minutes from the E-Board meeting of July 6, 2011 were attached for review. It was moved by Ulysses Guadamuz and seconded by Herb Mintz to approve the minutes as amended.  
The motion carried with 9 attendees voting "aye", and 3 abstaining.

The minutes from the Drive Release meeting of July 20, 2011 were attached for review. It was moved by Kathy Chaika and seconded by Medelline Lowe to approve the minutes as amended.  
The motion carried with 10 attendees voting "aye", and 2 abstaining.

2. Treasurer's Report – Chris Weidman

Report of accounting activity and ending balances for July 2011 were attached to agenda.  
Checking account ending balance: \$8796.31  
Savings account ending balance: \$7925.94 with interest of .67

It was reported that the CSEA Annual Conference expenses total \$3,769.25 with the expense breakdown attached, leaving approximately \$5000.00 remaining in the checking account.

3. CSEA Annual Conference

Chris Weidman reported on the outcome of some of the 2011 resolutions from the CSEA Annual Conference. A reference guide on all of the resolution outcomes were attached.

- a. Resolution #8 (Online electronic balloting): There will be another year of beta testing.
- b. Resolution #9 (Strike Fund): Defeated
- c. Resolution #11 (Dues Increase for 11 & 12 month employees): Defeated.  
Charles Jones noted that out of the 1,500 voting conference attendees, 1,196 voted it down, and that most of those who voted it down would not have been affected. He concluded that this shows that people are against unions and organized labor at this time.
- d. Resolution #16, 6 & 7: Defeated
- e. Resolution #2, 3 & 4: Approved
- f. Resolution #5 (Honoring Veterans during the week of Veterans Day): Referred to Communications Committee
- g. Resolution #1, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 17: All were withdrawn by Area G.

Medelline Lowe reported on her experience as a first-time attendee at the CSEA Annual Conference. She said she learned quite a bit and even felt guilty that she has not been more involved in her union, because now, during these tough economic times she realizes that it is because of her union that she still has a job. She explained how she felt empowered, and the energy of CSEA members from all over the state coming together and working as one was palpable. She suggested that it would be good of 1 or 2 new Chapter 33 members go each year – it might open their eyes and make them more willing to participate in the union.

Chris Weidman agreed, adding that the requirements aren't that strict, they only need to attend 4 meeting, and he noted that we need to get younger members involved in the union.

Charles Jones reported on the 4 offices that were up for election. He noted that CSEA is a conservative organization, and when the incumbent 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ivan Pestrano had someone translate some of his comments in Spanish, and some people got up and left. Pestrano lost his bid for re-election to Alternate Area F Director Ben Valdepena; subsequently Dale Sorenson was installed as the new Alternate Area F Director. The conference delegates re-elected Allan Clark to serve as president, Michael Bilbrey to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Delores Rodriguez was elected association secretary.

4. CPAC – Charles Jones

Reported that OAPSE President Joanne JohnTony (State Association President elected in 1985) made a good speech, talking about 'tea baggers' – and that we'll kick their ass! (She doesn't like republicans.)

Michael Bilbrey won by more than 50% of the vote. California State Control John Chiang dropped in during the conference, he was a good speaker. Chiang put together a program to track the base salaries (no perks) of all school employees in CA in a continuing effort to make the payment of government officials and employees more transparent. While CSU's and US's have published theirs, Community Colleges have not yet.

Charles noted that politicians seek CSEA's support because they can count on us to get out the vote, the only problem he see's is union employees are under attack & people use that against us.

Kathy Chaika said she thought Leland Yee had submitted a bill to have all administrator salaries published.

5. CPRO – Herb Mintz

Herb announced that the CSEA Chapter 33 Monthly Review was emailed out and the website has been updated. He noted that he was not happy that there are new employees who do not have email addresses yet. Annette said that a request for an email address must be submitted by their supervisor.

Herb informed us that the district has recently added a "Setting The Record Straight" section to the district website which counters what the district administration and Board of Trustees say is misinformation about the college regarding the Fitness Center, Lehman Brothers, Save the Garden, Woodland Wildfire Management/Tree Removal and KCSM-TV.

He noted that CSEA is not represented in the newspaper article about the upcoming District Bond (Measure H) and the reporter (Neal Gonzalez) should have our point of view.

Herb briefly discussed San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and the controversy regarding his announcement that he will run for mayor of San Francisco despite an earlier promise to not seek the office when he was installed as interim mayor when Gavin Newsom was elected Lieutenant Governor.

6. President's Comments

Annette informed us that there are current employees on the E-Board who have not met their required meeting attendance obligation, and will be asked to resign. If she doesn't get a response, per the bylaws, they will be removed.

7. Good of the Order

Ulysses asked about the bond and if we are going to endorse it? No decision was made at this time.

Motion to adjournment meeting – Kathy Chaika/Rachel Corrales & Ulysses Guadamuz

Meeting adjourned 6:08pm