

ACSA Business Services Council

Winter Meeting
February 24, 2010
ACSA Sacramento Offices

I. Call to order, attendance, and introductions

Called to order at 9:30 am by President Christensen

<u>Members in attendance</u>	<u>Region</u>	
Karl Christensen	18	President
Wes Grossman	1	
Stephen Luhrs	2	
Cindy Petersen	3	
Enrique Navas	5	
Bill Stephens	6	
Ann Jones	8	
Mike Berg	9	
Monica Williams	10	
John Caudle	11	
Walter Con (alternate)	12	
William Young	13	
Anthony Ortega	15	
Jack Bagwell	16	
Dianne Poore	17	
Gina Potter	18	
John Von Flue	11	President elect
Nils Karlsson	12	Board Liaison
David Gasser		ACSA staff
Brett McFadden		ACSA staff
Adonai Mack		ACSA staff
Anna Lenew		ACSA intern

II. Council Business items

- Minutes from Oct 2009 were approved without amendment
- No year-end report was submitted.
- ACSA budget – in order to curb expenses, members will be reimbursed for the first and second meetings only. No reimbursement is budgeted for the May 26th meeting. Approved by consensus.
- Legislative Policy Committee meeting will be attended by Steven Luhrs on behalf of the President-elect.
- William Young, Region 13, approved as President-elect for 2010-11.

III. LAO / Capital Briefing

LAO: Met with Edgar Cabral and Jim Soland, analysts for Prop 98, cash management, facilities, mandates, federal programs, Race to the Top, career tech, and NCLB

Discussions involved:

- California general fund revenue expectations and requests for federal assistance.
- Prop 98 guarantee and federal maintenance of effort floors.
- Recommendations to maximize flexibility for education.
- Governor's education budget proposal.
- QEIA funding outside of Prop 98.
- Mandate reform recommendations to include 1) funding, 2) eliminating mandates, 3) hybrid approach.
- Economic recovery – expect slow and steady recovery after 2012
- LAO report to be out February 25, 2010.

Capital: Met with Rick Simpson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Assembly Speakers office, and Susanna Cooper, Principal Consultant to President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg.

Discussions involved:

- Structural budget problems exist – same tensions to not cut expenditures and not raise taxes.
- Cash deferrals proposals.
- Expectations for change from the Governor's January budget.
- Expectations for categorical flexibility beyond 2012-13.

IV. Policy and Project updates

January conference call:

7-10 members were on the call. There was a good exchange and was helpful but not everyone had a good feel for the numbers and the impact as it was so soon after the release of the Governor's budget proposal.

Council meeting dates for 2010-11:

October 27, 2010

February 23, 2011

May 25, 2011

Council discussions:

Dennis Meyer - CASBO
Jeff Frost - Frost, Davis and Donnelly
Adonai Mack – ACSA

- Class size reduction future flexibility continuation - not on the table for discussion.
- Deferrals and the effect on school district cash flow – working on specifics at this time.
- Administrative cut proposal – target may go away but not the cut. Administration cuts are a topic that polls well. Concerns exist that this may be more probable than other proposals.
- ACSA adequacy lawsuit – several issues delaying the filing. Don't expect any money soon.
- PERS and STRS – increased costs looming with expectation that the employers will cover the cost.

Round table discussions:

- Negotiations status – almost no one negotiating compensation.
- Budget reductions – common cuts include furlough days, student day reductions, and class size increases.

ACSA update

- Working on a collective bargaining manual.

May agenda

- Capital visit to include Assembly and Senate budget staff and Department of Finance

In response to questions from Susanna Cooper regarding CSR flexibility and cash deferrals, council decided that response was best delivered from a CBO representing a district rather than from the ACSA Business Services Council or ACSA. Gina Potter, region 18, was selected to write this response representing her district.

V. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.