

CLA Literacy Section Notes of the Conference Call on 3-12-08

Participants: Randy Weaver, Mary Miller, Monica O'Hara, Delores Allmond, Jacquie Brinkley, Carey Gross, Rosie Manela, Beverly Schwartzberg and Joanne Wright

- 1) *Election of officers 2008:* The incoming President-elect may not have to assume the office of President due to CLA's re-organization plan. However, even when interest groups replace sections, there will be a need for leadership roles. With that in mind, the section needs to look forward to locate future leaders.
- 2) *Leadership committee:* The committee is charged with the task of finding candidates for both the President-elect and Secretary positions. Mary Miller and Monica O'Hara volunteered to serve on this committee. Randy will check with Lynne Price to find out if she is still able to serve. Randy will send his home email address to the Board for use when he goes out on family leave.
- 3) *Legislative Committee:* Carey's update included concerns over the 10% cut to the State Library. She reports that the field's sense is to move to protect what we have, rather than rally to go out there and get the funding back. There is also a library bond for new buildings that is trying to go forward. At each meeting there is an opportunity for a literacy update. Carey would like to use this opportunity to keep everyone at the meeting informed. In the future, Carey will email one week before each meeting and ask what's happening. Suggestions for the packets distributed at Legislative Day are needed. Last year there was a letter from the Santa Clara ALLI group included. There are now four ALLI programs. Contacts include: Shanti Bhaskaran, Rosie Manela, Carrie Scott, and Joanne Wright. Rosie has a copy of a letter from her group to the State Library. Shanti's group letter is dealing with issues on the federal level. Joanne will speak further with Carey about the need for the Sacramento/Solano group to provide a letter. The letter should address the issue of how much libraries and literacy programs mean to adult learners. There is a meeting of the Legislative Committee next Friday. Carey will have more details at that time. Carey will send out a message about the effect of our cuts on the state library budget and our funding. Everyone is hoping to hold the line and that the cuts not get any deeper.
- 4) *CLA Conference Planning Committee:* Jacquie reported that Randy and Holly Fulghum-Nutters were receiving great input from the field. The State Library has agreed to help host a pre-CLA meeting on Friday, November 14. One person (Literacy Coordinator) from each program would be invited. Friday night's stay in San Jose would be paid. Valerie Reinke may possibly be presenting. Nine topics were offered in the survey. The top 3 include: recruiting techniques (tutors & learners), brain research, and participant support (tutors & learners). Following the discussions, there will be breakouts. Presently, the committee is looking for colleagues in the field who would be able to present. The Writer To Writer awards ceremony will be held during lunch.

- 5) *Outstanding Librarian in Support of Literacy*: Carey asked that everyone be thinking about nominees and about serving on the committee. Joanne has agreed to join this committee.
- 6) *State Library Website Blog*: Delores mentioned that the blog contains very little information about literacy. This would be an excellent way to keep literacy fresh in people's minds. It was suggested that items like literacy stats, state comparison information and the fact sheet be posted on the blog. Jacquie will send out an email to the listserv alerting people to the blog. Another suggestion was that Americorp information be posted here as well.
- 7) *ELF Funding*: Bev asked about funding for next year. Jacquie stated that she didn't know that this had yet been decided.