San G SCC General Meeting & State Council January 2018

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The quarterly San G SCC General Meeting was held on January 13, 2018 and covered the following topics:

* Declarations of Candidacy for the NEA RA are due to the Service Center no later than Jan 31, 2018
* Political trainings to prep for upcoming elections are Feb 20, Mar 13, Apr 24 and Aug 7
* The Fall Leadership Conference will be at the Riviera Resort October 5-7, 2019
* The upcoming EMLD conference is open to all for $125
* The WHO Awards are on May 18 at the Mission Inn
* CAVA (CA Virtual Academy) is a part of CTA and have an impending strike vote
* Remember the 30 day rule for Expense Reports….don’t be late
* The Political Academy is April 27-29 in Los Angeles….send PAC team members
* Be sure that members emails and personal contact info is up to date

State Council was held January 20-21, 2018

 The primary focus of this state council was to prepare representatives and their locals for the upcoming elections and decisions in the Janus case before the Supreme Court. Two highlights were an address given by Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Tony Thurmond, and the participation of State Council in the Women’s March Los Angeles. The following topics were of note:

* NEA representatives are lobbying Congress on CHIP and DACA.
* Arguments in the Janus case are expected to begin in February and a decision may come down as early as March or as late as June. Information on the case and how to prepare your local is available here: https://www.cta.org/janus
* The Special Education Committee is working with CCTC regarding changes to General and Special Education credentials.
* The Language Acquisition Committee presented a letter for SPI Tom Torlakson regarding Reclassification of ELLs.
* The Governor’s budget is going to provide additional funding at the local levels. How will the district be allocating those funds? All locals should be involved in the LCAP funding committee.
* The Early Childhood Education Committee is reviewing AB 1754 advocating pre-k for all students.
* The CTA liaison to CalOSHA, Michael Musser is still collecting reports in regards to workplace violence against teachers and support staff. Please contact him at britcartr8@gmail.com with any information.
* Approximately 5000 teachers in California are DACAs….CTA is looking into ways to provide support and protection.
* Changes to teacher prep programs were discussed in relation to the proposed changes to the credentialing of General and SPED teachers. Special Ed would be reduced to the following credentials: Early Childhood Special Ed, Visual Impairment, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Mild/Moderate Support Needs and Significant Support Needs. CTA is forwarding recommendations to the CPD.
* The CTA Communications department is working on updating and revamping the website to make it more user friendly. This could take a few months but will have better functionality and integrate many of the stand-alone websites as well. The magazine The Educator is also online and offers additional material beyond the print copy.
* Information on CTA endorsed candidates in the upcoming election can be found at <https://campaign2018cta.org/> There are candidate thumbnail biographies and statements. This information can be used by locals to support the overall state campaign.
* Additional information regarding the January State Council can be found here: <https://www.cta.org/About-CTA/Leadership/State-Council.aspx>

Respectfully submitted by Laura Anderson

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