

# Redwood Service Center Council

## General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2022

**Time:** 8:15 - 2:00

**Facilitator:** Alyson Brauning

**Minute Taker:** Kathryn Howell

### Call to Order @ 9:30am

#### Land Acknowledgment

**Agenda** for the General Meeting on 1/8/2022 approved with flexibility.

- All breakout sessions will be held in a large group rather than in breakout groups.

**The minutes** for the General Meeting October 16, 2021 are approved without objection.

### Discussion/Action Items

The meeting opened with introductions of all in attendance.

**Service Center Council Chair Report** -- Alyson is thankful to all those who are present and made the effort to attend. A written report is available.

The Redwood conference is being held April 29-30 at the Hilton DoubleTree, and will be free to CTA members.

**Morning Information Sessions** (held in large group per agreement of those in attendance and flexible agenda)

#### **CTA/ABC Basics**-- Corey Penrose

- CTA/ABC is the political action committee of CTA to help with funding for local campaigns. Local chapters should contact Corey for help with applications for funding for school board races, etc.

#### **Redwood Equity Team** -- Ever Flores

- 3-1 (g) is a NEA bylaw created to support equity within NEA for minority members and representation at the NEA RA. CTA is working toward more equity for people of color in the organization through the Ethnic Minority Early Identification & Development Program.

#### **CTA/NEA Retired** -- Orval Garrison

- There are myriad benefits of belonging to CTA/NEA retired, and the association is working constantly to protect retiree benefits and rights. CTA/NEA is a champion for all

retired educators. Current major issue with retirees is financial liability for mistakes made at district level when they return to work on an emergency basis.

**Vendors Report** -- Sean Maybe, NEA Member Benefits; Norma Alfaro, California Casualty

- NEA and CTA Member Benefits are extensive and totally worth it! Many members are not aware that they are automatically members of NEA and therefore do not take advantage of the benefits.
- California Casualty can provide competitive insurance to members, and has benefits specific to educators
- The Standard Disability and Life Insurance has special enrollment opportunities for new members. This is important for members because they do not pay into state disability, and this is a necessary income supplement in case of disability. It's important to let members know that the complementary enrollment from CTA will expire and members will need to sign up after that.

Lunch @ 12:12  
Meeting reconvened at 12:42

**Elections/Candidates for CTA Board of Directors**

- An informational video from [Shane Parmely](#) who is running for CTA Board of Directors District P
- RSCC leadership nominations will be accepted at the March, 2022 meeting
- NEA RA state and local delegate timeline is available. NEA RA will be held in July in Chicago.

A complete report was submitted by Ed Malaret, and is available on the website.

**Chapter Concerns/Celebrations**

Rohnert Park-Cotati EA is at Impasse with a Fact Finding hearing on Jan. 20, and is asking for support from other locals.

Valley of the Moon TA is working on an MOU for virtual options for all in-school meetings. It was observed that the choice to meet live for RSSC may have repercussions at the local level.

Eureka TA is concerned with consolidation issues with Eureka City District and South Bay District, with the process being done in seemingly illegal ways. District consolidation must be voted on by the citizens of the district.

**Afternoon Information Sessions** (held in large group per agreement of those in attendance and flexible agenda)

**CTA Board of Directors District A** -- Jerry Eaton

- Everything in this report is supported by more information at [cta.org](http://cta.org)
- Remember, we are the association -- don't use CTA in the 3rd person!

- Get involved at your local, step up and get involved.
- CTA conferences: some in-person conferences are still happening, sign-up!
- State Council is virtual, all reps and alternates can attend
- Mask and vaccine mandates are not under the control of this association, but we need to police ourselves and stand together to be safe.
- We are still moving from a service model to a organizing model; we need to encourage all members to step up, not just wait for someone else to do something

**NEA Board District 2 -- Van Cedric Williams**

- The presentation is available on the website
- NEA Leadership Summit, March 2022
- NEA RA in Chicago July 3-6, 2022. Declaration form is available online.
- \$400M for community schools is coming to CA from the federal government. This is a community model, using community resources to build programs for students.

**CTA Staff Report -- Mark Mitchell**

Three articles were distributed:

- School Services “State Revenues at Stratospheric Levels”
- CTA C4OB “Summary of State K-12 School Guidance for Masking, Isolation and Quarantining”
- LA Times “California Politics: The state budget’s mountain of cash”
- There is a great deal of money expected to be coming to schools in the upcoming budget. Don’t allow your district board and administration to convince you times are tight.

**Treasurer’s Report**

This full report is available on the website. Scholarship expenditures are not yet reflected. The second allocation of 40% will be deposited within the next few days.

**New Business:** None

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:53pm

**RSCC Calendar:**

<b>RSCC Steering</b>	<b>Friday, March 11</b>	<b>Santa Rosa RRC</b>
<b>Member Engagement</b>	<b>Friday, March 11</b>	<b>Epicenter, Santa Rosa</b>
<b>RSCC General Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, March 12</b>	<b>Santa Rosa RRC</b>
<b>RSCC Steering</b>	<b>Friday, May 13</b>	<b>Santa Rosa RRC</b>
<b>Member Engagement</b>	<b>Friday, May 13</b>	<b>Epicenter, Santa Rosa</b>
<b>RSCC General Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, May 14</b>	<b>Santa Rosa RRC</b>
<b>Multi-Service Center WHO</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>