

CABTE News

California Association of Bilingual Teacher Educators

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The California Association of Bilingual Teacher Educators (CABTE) is privileged to be an “associate” of the California Council on Teacher Education (CCTE) as well as an “affiliate” of the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE). We derive our non-profit status through our affiliation with CABE, and our outreach to university Bilingual educators through CCTE. Both CCTE and CABE create space in their conferences for CABTE to hold its business meetings and reach out to educators throughout the state of California who are engaged in the preparation of bilingual teachers.

At the October 2015 CCTE conference in San Diego, CABTE was fortunate to have two guest presenters. Kris Nichols, coordinator of CABE’s new professional development (PD) programs made a brief presentation and distributed information about new PD offerings by CABE, along with CABE membership application forms which include the opportunity for individuals to select the CABTE affiliate as part of the CABE membership.

CABTE was especially grateful that Paula Jacobs, a staff consultant at the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), accepted our invitation to bring us up to date on how CTC is streamlining its processes and requirements. In a friendly and animated session, participants first introduced themselves and identified issues they encounter in implementing their programs followed by much appreciated responses and clarifications from Paula. She shared with us about the revised English Language Authorizations earned by most current teaching credential candidates and the Biennial Report requirements for Bilingual [teacher] Authorization program sponsors. She encouraged us to subscribe to the CTC’s Professional Services Division (PSD) enews and guided participants to use the resources available on the Commission’s website to stay informed regarding accreditation. To subscribe to the PSD newsletter, send an email to:

PSD-news-subscribe@lists.ctc.ca.gov

Paula also encouraged us to apply and participate in training regarding the accreditation system or become members of the Commission’s Board of Institutional Review (BIR), that conducts accreditation review activities as a part of the peer review process.

Nominations for CABTE Board officers were solicited, followed by an online election and a short survey of member priorities prepared by Juan Flores, CABTE past president. The new CABTE officers are: Karen Cadiero-Kaplan, President (San Diego State University), Margarita Berta-Avila, President Elect (Sacramento State University), Zaida McCall Perez, Secretary (Holy Names University), and Lynn Scott, Treasurer

(Humboldt State University). They will assume their duties in January 2016. Survey priorities identified by Juan’s survey were: building/supporting bilingual programs, political initiatives, recruitment/retention of bilingual faculty, bilingual professional development at k-12, coordination/communication, bilingual education research, and advocacy. Also mentioned was the *múltiple gula* bill.

Other interests being supported by CABTE this year have included supporting selected legislation, participation of CABTE board members on the statewide Seal of Biliteracy taskforce, CABTE representative participation at the CABE board leadership meeting, and mentorship of developing researchers participating in the CCTE Quest for Teacher Education Research.

Upcoming activities include three CABTE sponsored sessions at the March CABE conference in San Francisco. Fernando Rodriguez-Valls will host a half day institute and panel addressing Spanish Academic language. He is seeking panelists from both northern and southern California. In addition, CABTE will host a reception for its membership and potential members, and another potential CABTE sponsored session will host a panel of Master’s level research thesis presentations about bilingual education by Master’s level bilingual teacher-researchers on bilingual education-related topics. University faculty leading bilingual thesis by teacher researchers are invited to contact me (drzaida@gmail.com) if they have candidates who are willing to present their study on a panel at CABE in San Francisco, March 23-26.



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State Senator Marty Block (left) presents a Senate resolution commending the work of CCTE to CCTE President Juan Flores at the Friday Policy Session during the Fall 2015 Conference.