



CTA State Council--June 2-4, 2017
Report from Sarah Robinson, Minority at Large Representative

General Session

In our general session, we heard passionate speeches from our NEA leaders. President Lily Eskelsen-García spoke about how we have “so much to do, and so little time” in our fight to preserve and protect public education. Vice President Becky Pringle got the entire crowd on its feet when discussing our current difficult political situation with the rallying cry “This isn’t the moment we wanted, but it’s the moment we’ve been called to!”



Pictured from left to right: Ben Bellingham (CVSTA), Leslie Littman (CTA Director, District I), Sarah Robinson (RBTA), Lily Eskelsen-Garcia (NEA President), Temisha Brame (CVSTA)

May 1st--Statewide Day of Action

Thank you to all members who participated in the day of action on May 1st. Walk-ins, press conferences, and other events were held across the state showing our commitment to educate all students. Click [here](#) to watch a video highlighting our work with photos from various social media sites as well as local news coverage. Let’s keep the momentum and keep organizing and fighting for public education and for our students!



(Members from Palos Verdes Faculty Association and El Segundo Teachers Association participate in May 1st actions.)

Legislation

Please contact your State Senator and voice your opposition to AB1220 (Weber). Unfortunately, the Assembly recently passed the bill despite CTA's opposition and it has moved on to the Senate. This bill would extend the probationary period for new teachers to possibly five years, denying them due process rights and the ability to speak out for their students. AB 1220 is the wrong solution to support good teaching and learning. At a time when we are facing a major teacher shortage, this will do nothing to help attract and retain the best teachers. Click [here](#) to send an email to your legislators and to share the information via social media.

Political Action

- The candidates endorsed by the Glendale Teachers Association were successful in their School Board races in April.
- State Council voted to oppose the Senate District 29 (Josh Newman) recall initiative.
- State Council approved a New Business Item affirming that CTA will not send any members or CTA staff to Texas unless it is to directly support the state affiliate should Texas pass its 'bathroom bill'.

Informational Items

- Region III Leadership Conference will be held September 22-24 at the Westin South Coast Plaza. Click [here](#) to register.
- If you or anyone in your association is retiring at the end of this year, please send your contact information to Bonnie Shatun at bshatun@aol.com so you can remain an active member as part of CTA Retired. We still need your voice!

This was the last State Council meeting for Ben Bellingham (CVSTA). I thank him for his guidance and friendship during my first year on the Council.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable, restful summer.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at (805) 431-8383 or robinson.sarahlou@gmail.com

In Solidarity,
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