

CTA Virtual State Council

January 2021

Report from Sarah Robinson, At Large Representative

This meeting was again held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Committee meetings were spread out over the week of January 18-23, culminating with our General Session on Saturday, January 23.



State Council voted to re-elect our executive officers. CTA President Toby Boyd, Vice President David Goldberg, and Secretary Treasurer Leslie Littman will continue their leadership of our association.

State Council also voted to increase representation for our retired members. CTA/NEA retired membership has grown to over 19,000 members but they currently have only 4 State Council delegates. Under the new representation rules, CTA Retired will now have 9 State Council seats.

EMEID members joined State Council to learn about the work of its delegates. If you are interested in applying to the program and learning more about leadership roles in CTA, the application is available starting February 6, 2021. More information is available at cta.org/emeid

Conferences

One of the benefits of our virtual environment is that all CTA conferences are now available, cost-free to all members. Go to <https://www.cta.org/conferences> for more information and to register for a conference that interests you. You can also access all upcoming CTA conferences, webinars, trainings, etc. via the new personalized online calendar. Check it out [here](#).

As a CTA member, you can also attend NEA conferences. NEA is partnering with the American Counseling Association and the Trevor Project to present Time to Thrive on February 9-11, 2021. The objective of this conference is to promote safety, inclusion, and well-being for LGBTQ+ youth everywhere. Visit <https://timetothrive.org/> for more information and registration information.



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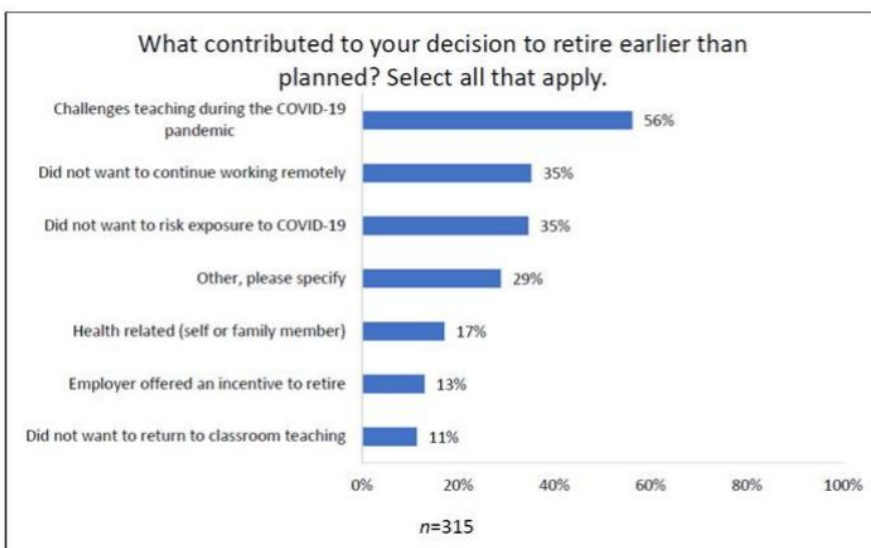
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- The Civil Rights in Education Committee has been conducting a 3-part series on Ethnic Studies. You can access recordings of previous sessions as well as register for the final session on January 26: [1/12/21: What is Ethnic Studies as a discipline?](#), [RSVP for 1/26/21](#)
- Credentials & Professional Professional Development Committee reported that the CTC is currently undertaking a 'refresh' of the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP) and is seeking public input and comment. Since many local districts use the CSTPs as part of their evaluation process, it is important that our members express their concerns and thoughts about the revised standards. Click [here](#) to provide feedback.

- Curriculum & Instruction Committee recommended an interim position of Co-sponsor on AB 101 (Medina) which would provide Ethnic Studies as a graduation requirement. This is the same bill that C&I supported last year (AB 331) and was vetoed by the governor.
- Retirement Committee offered the following statistics on retirements so far this year: The numbers below represent people who have already filed for retirement this year when compared to other years.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total (Jul-Dec)	4,254	4,499	4,815	4,467	5,644

As a result of the significant increase in the number of service retirements fiscal year-to-date, CalSTRS surveyed most of the members who have retired to determine if they had retired earlier than planned and if so, what were the contributing factors. As of January 7, 2021, 517 responses have been collected and 62% indicated they had retired earlier than planned.



You can access the full State Council Report by clicking [here](#).

CTA members are working in unprecedented conditions to continue to educate and support California’s youth, many at a risk to their own health and well-being. Our leadership continues to advocate for CTA members to return to in-person instruction only when it is safe. You can read CTA President Toby Boyd’s statement [here](#) on the reopening of school buildings. CTA Executive Director Joe Boyd added “the virus doesn’t operate on a calendar. We can’t just choose a date and say this is when we’re going to open our schools. We have to make sure it is safe.”

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this report. I wish you a healthy, happy 2021!

In solidarity,
 Sarah Robinson
 Redondo Beach Teachers Association
 At Large Representative