

DESERT REGIONAL CONSORTIUM MEETING  
HILTON – SAN BERNARDINO  
January 22, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Ron Vito and introductions were made by all in attendance (29). The minutes from the November 13, 2006 meeting were presented and approved.

**II. Updates:**

**Occupational Deans/CCCAOE**

Victor Valley College presented their General Aviation certificate and degree program, tabled for next meeting.

Riverside Community College presented their Insurance Program for a second read. ROP/Joint Deans Meeting was held on AB2448. They are working on a two-county effort to sequence courses between ROP K-12 and CC programs. Queen Hamilton reminded everyone of the CCCAOE Spring Conference in Sacramento, March 14-16, 2007. The format will be a bit different; she asked for input on what issues we'd like to see discussed at the 2008 CCCAOE conferences. The Spring conference will include a **WIB** day (March 15) emphasis on partnerships. They are asking all consortia to give a list of questions/concerns to present to Jose Millan from the Chancellor's Office during a Q&A session on the last day of the conference. At the conference regional meeting the Chancellor's Office will demonstrate how to complete and submit the electronic applications for VTEA 1-C. SB17—State wants us to know they are listening to our concerns; funding will be part competitive and part allocation--\$52million this year, \$58million next year and continuing until 2012.

**Contract Education/EWD**

EWD will have the opportunity to be on a monthly schedule. Discussed joint programs with manufacturing companies. The Contract Ed/EWD workgroup has decided to develop a DVD to showcase all 11 community colleges in the region utilizing mini-grant funds that are available this year. Each mini video could be shown on individual college websites. Scott shared the statewide EWD update, and will email it to the listserv. The ACE Conference is coming up (Feb. 21-23, 2007). If you are excited about AB361, this is the conference to attend. EWD Conference is the following week. California Corporate College project is in planning stages. It will be the California arm of a national council. Economic Development is holding a workshop on Regional Planning and Regional Collaboration on March 29, at the Riverside Convention Center.

**CalWORKs**

Discussed the governor's budget proposal--will get same \$9 million. Regarding consortium mini-grant funds, the CalWORKs workgroup has decided to develop a video to promote the region colleges which will be used in registration offices, DPSS offices, etc., to market our programs. Good ideas on banners and job boards. CalWORKs has been invited to Student Services Association conference in April, 2007.

**NCWE**

June Yamamoto presented "Tough Choices or Tough Times." There is a free Homeland Security Regional Southern California Conference at Long Beach, February 21-23, 2007. The AACC Conference (parent organization to CCCAOE) in Tampa, Florida in April. Free grant writing workshop, contact June for more information.

### **III. Regional Consortium Update:**

#### **➤ Perkins State Plan Issue Papers: Staff Development**

Community colleges have identified a list of issues for new Perkins IV. Each region will take the lead on professional development. Marshall will be speaking on behalf of the region. We have one month to do this.

#### **➤ Staff Development Requests**

We still have funds available. Polled group and voted to approve all submissions.

### **III. Presentations**

Kevin Fleming and Kevin Anderson gave a Railway Occupations Report. There are 16,000 jobs available, in rail only, not including logistics, air and warehouse and another 50,000 in support occupations. Be sure to invite BNSF to your job fairs. Valley College offers a twelve-unit certificate program in General Railway Operations.

Each of the 11 colleges in the Desert Region gave a presentation on their college, new programs, building projects, etc.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00pm

**Next meetings:** March 14-16, 2007, at CCCAOE Spring Conference, and  
March 26, 2007, at the San Bernardino Hilton.