

John Martin, NorCal PT Director's Report
CPFA Conference, Mesa College, San Diego
April 23, 2016

Theme of the Conference: Making a Difference for Adjunct Faculty

- Introductions and Welcome!

General Session I: California Politics and Higher Education – Update from Sacramento

Matt Canty – FACCC, Legislative Advocate. He discussed his background as a former staff member and how he secured his new job with FACCC. Spoke on AB-2069: PT Office Hours and Student Success; and AB-1690: Seniority and Due Process Rights for Part-time Faculty.

Session II: Breakout Sessions:

- A. Parity and Union Dues Presentation by Margaret Hanzimanolis. <http://cpfa.org/parity-in-california-community-colleges/>. See last two issue of the CPFA Journal. (I did not attend.)
 - B. Freeway Fliers, a documentary by Brad Rattle. The Freeway Fliers Documentary shares the stories part-time faculty in higher education. In return for educating the majority of America's college students, these teachers are underpaid, and receive few, if any, of the benefits of tenured faculty. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz1JlmjvF4g>
Great Q and A segment followed
- Lunchtime:
 - Guest Speaker: Lori Saldaña, former state legislator and running for mayor of San Diego. She spoke on her Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and funding for California's Environmental Fund, which included increasing the use of hybrid vehicles and reduced-emission buses.

General Session II.

- The **2016 Robert Yoshiko Award** went to Bradley Rettele for his work on his documentary. It reads:

California Part-Time Faculty Association
The 2016 Robert Yoshioka Non-Tenured Faculty Advocate Award
Bradley L. Rettele
In Recognition of and with Great Appreciation for His Groundbreaking Video
Production of "Freeway Fliers"
This film is a major contribution to the Part-time Faculty struggle for Justice and
Equity for all Faculty.
Thank You, Brad, for making us "visible"
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Elections took place: The newest members of the CPFA Council are as follows:

- Peg McCormack, Legislative Analyst
- Dijana Fazlic, Finance Director
- Valerie Broxholm, Northern Representative
- Lin Chan, Greater L.A. Representative
- Josue Arredondo, Southern Representative. (He has since stepped down)
- Robert Yoshioka, Ex officio

General Session III. PTF Panel Discussion, participants:

- Lin Chan, CCC/CFT
- Dorothy Reina, CCA/CTA
- Matt Dimtu, FACCC
- John Martin, CPFA
-, SDAFA
- Jelger Kamin, UPTE

Questions and Responses went for an hour and a half. Variety of issues were raised and there is a consensus on the unequal working conditions, lack of parity pay and health benefits; many referred to the documentary and the parity pay presentations; future legislation ideas: mandate sick leave issues whereas PTF are not getting the transferred accumulated sick days to their primary place of work before retiring, the 67% cap, job security issues whereas local bargaining units in wall-to-wall units are not doing their job, and so forth ...

General Session IV. STRS Retirement presented by Ed Derman and Sharon Hendricks: Know Your STRS Retirement! After the presentation, Mr. Derman received the,

“California Part-Time Faculty Association
2016 **Special** Robert Yoshioka
Non-Tenured Faculty Advocate Award
Ed Derman
Deputy CalSTRS CEO, Plan Design and Communication
1998 – 2016

In Recognition and with Great Appreciation for his Twenty-Eight Years of Service to CalSTRS; For His Development of New Programs and Resources to Enhance STRS Members’ Retirement Options, For His Management of State and Federal Legislation Affecting CalSTRS and For His Development of the Defined Benefit Supplement and Medicare Premium Payment Programs.

Ed Derman has overseen the ombudsman, actuarial, government affairs and program analysis communication offices of Cal STRS and worked closely with external stakeholders to improve retirement for all faculty.

We are those external stakeholders and CPFA says:

*“Thank you Ed for all you have done to make
Retirement better for all Faculty!”*

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End of the day! Social hour and dinner followed.