

DAILY RECAP

San Diego '07



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More than 2,000 community college trustees, presidents, professional board staff members, leaders and educators traveled to San Diego, Calif, to take part in ACCT's 2007 Annual Congress. The meeting offered more than 80 educational opportunities on many timely topics. Pre-Congress sessions, concurrent sessions, roundtable discussions and general sessions provided participants with numerous opportunities to learn and interact with fellow colleagues.

Attendees converged with a common purpose to learn together and to find common ground. To kick-off the event, the National Anthem was performed by San Diego Mesa Community College District student, Jennine Jones and the Presentation of Colors was given by the San Diego Police Department Color Guard.

Pre-Congress Activities

ACCT's abbreviated Governance Leadership Institute and Pre-Congress session on What Trustees Need to Know About Presidential Contracts and Conducting the Presidential Evaluation provided a forum for attendees to discuss serious issues at their colleges. Members of ACCT's Corporate Council conducted sessions that took a close look at the current state of community college education and how two-year institutions can deal with consistently changing demands.

welcome participants. During the session, keynote speaker James Carmichael Renick, senior vice president, Programs and Research, American Council on Education, spoke about trends and transitions that face higher education leaders today.

Welcome to San Diego

Networking, celebration and appreciation took place during ACCT's Welcome Reception. The Mariachi Garibaldi group from California's Southwestern College raised energy levels on the Congress's opening day.

Opening General Session

Dignitaries from California celebrated the official opening of the Congress. ACCT was honored to have San Diego Community College alumni and current San Diego City Major Jerry Sanders

Future Challenges

Harry Pachon, president of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, was the keynote speaker during a luncheon session on Latinization of America or Americanization of Latinos. The juxtaposition between the growth of the country's Latino population and its stagnant graduation rates is worrisome, Pachon said.



Clockwise from upper left: Desna Wallin, associate professor, department of lifelong education, administration and policy at the University of Georgia, leads a session on presidential contracts and evaluations; participants at the Governance Leadership Institute share ideas; Stephen Handel, director of the College Board's National Office of Community College Initiatives, emphasizes a point during a pre-Congress session on the changing role of community colleges in American higher education; Robert Proctor, trustee, Lansing Community College, Mich., shares insight from his community; Associate Committee members observe the Wednesday meeting of ACCT's Board of Directors.

Clockwise from top left: Mariachi Garibaldi Band at the Welcome Reception; Diane Woodruff, chancellor of the California Community Colleges, with Scott Lay, president and CEO of the Community College League of California, and Jerry Sanders, City of San Diego Major; Jennine Jones, a student at San Diego Mesa Community College, sings the national anthem at the opening general session breakfast. Robert Joyce, a professor of public law government at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, leads a session on legal issues; Jame McMillan, Financial Aid Services, GA with Norman Mebane and Kennis Wilkins, Trustees at Martin Community College, NC.

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Harry Pachon, keynote speaker, shared insight about the Latinization of America and the impact on local communities. ACCT's Annual Awards Gala recognized and celebrated community college leadership during an unforgettable evening of awards presentations.

Securing Economic Prosperity

Tony Zeiss, president of Central Piedmont Community College, told attendees that one key to raising sorely needed new revenues involves telling stakeholders and donors what's in it for them. "Begging seldom works," he said.

Getting Kids Ready for College

Leaders at Elgin Community College dissected for Congress participants their efforts to raise the percentage of first-time students who could do college level work without remedial education. Elgin worked with local schools to align curriculum and raise high school students' awareness of college standards.



Clockwise from above: Ding-Jo Currie (center), president of Coastline Community College and AACC Chair, congratulates Constance Carroll, chancellor of the San Diego Community College District on receiving ACCT's Marie Y. Martin CEO Award; James Polk, trustee from Illinois Central College; from left: Anna Faye Kelley-Winders, Willis Lott and Mary Graham, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Administrators; Kitty Boyle and Paul Gomez, trustee, Chaffey Community College District, CA present Pacific Region Trustee Leadership Award to Rebecca Garcia, trustee, Cabrillo College, CA, and recipient; Geraldine Tucker, Lyn Austin and Patsy Rose during a concurrent session.

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Before returning home, revitalized and recharged, participants enjoyed informal roundtable discussions, new ACCT Board Members took their oath of office and the ceremonial Changing of the Guard — passing of the ACCT gavel — took place.

Changing of the Guard

On the last day of the Congress, Lynda Stanley assumed her duties as chair of ACCT. Stanley laid out her agenda for the coming year, informing participants that it was "your call to action."

Bamboo Ceiling

Diversity efforts notwithstanding, Asian Americans are severely underrepresented in higher-education leadership positions, said Bob Suzuki, the Congress's closing keynote speaker. Across post-secondary education, 7 percent of all faculty are of Asian descent, yet the group constitutes only 1 percent of presidents.



(Clockwise from right) Kitty Boyle (right), ACCT's immediate past chair, passes the gavel to Chair Lynda Stanley; Roundtable discussions; (left to right) Greg Shuckman, Dorothy "Dottie" Smith, Kathy Sellers Johnson, Carl Byrd, Helen Collins, and George Little; Arthur Anthonisen, ACCT chair-elect, shares his love for New York City; Brunch speaker Bob Suzuki wraps up the final general session.

