



CEAC Board of Directors

2023 CEAC Policy Conference

August 25, 2023|12:30 pm – 2:30pm

Capitol Event Center, 1020 11th Street 2nd Floor, Sacramento

Sacramento County, California

12:36 pm

Call to Order (Balbas)

Officers present: 10 of 10; Regional Directors: 6 of 6; **Quorum Present**

1. **Approval of Minutes** (Leamon)

2023 CEAC Spring Conference / PWOI – League of Cities - **Attachment 1 Action Item – Motion** to approve minutes; Move to approve -DeChellis, 2nd Machado; **Approved**

2. **Correspondence** (Balbas)

a) Caltrans Letter on anti-swag at Transportation Conferences. Fleisch rightly mentioned, this just might be government over-reach. Gerety shared that CSAC has not decided, but likely will keep SWAG.

3. **CLODS Report** (CLODS) (Sadjadi)

a) Treasurer Emeritus Sadjadi – CLODS developed the slate of officers for 2024 to be presented in Oakland to the membership for consideration and voting. Sadjadi hopes Balbas will make into the CLODS. CLODS received the invitation to the Fall Conference to host the CLODS BBQ. Given during new Business placed here for continuity, **Penrose has been given a bird name by the CLODS – “THRASHER.”**

4. **NACE Report** (Machado)

Machado won the Western Region Vice President for NACE and reminded everyone that we need a new NACE representative, which will be selected by the CLODS. Focus on 2024 Palm Springs NACE Conference, much to get done:

- Technical Sessions – Mattson and Dashiell
- Sponsors and Exhibitors – need a list
- Golf program –
- Guest program - Dashiell and Johnson
- Wednesday Night Dinner in conjunction with the CLODS
- Need to develop a budget in the Fall - \$5k
- Profit for Alabama Conference was in the range of \$150,000 total for NACE – about \$30-40k for Alabama
- Geotechnical presentation by Leacox and McElroy

Discussion on technical sessions to include roads, project delivery, flood control and disaster recovery.

5. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff) (Neuburger)
The AT HOME program is a key priority at CSAC, with a housing focus. Housing is another hot topic, but there are conflicted conversations between the various push and pulls of housing development. Lengthy delays at BPLESG for licensing, CSAC has reached out to see what can be done. CSAC has been engaging in regional tribal meetings starting in September and October, the theme is being a good neighbor. Machado mentioned HCD grants and that PW departments are not typical grant applicants and PW departments could use help in education on these grants.

6. **Regional Directors Reports**

Balbas thanked Rosemarie Gaglione for stepping up to be the Bay Area Regional Director.

Johannes Hoevertsz and Rosemarie Gaglione – **Bay Area** – First meeting was held, Bay Area elected Gaglione, President Balbas in attendance.

Walter Rubalcava - Central **Coast** –Highlighted the excellent collaboration between the Counties along the coast.

Bob Bronkall – **NorCal** – will update the group under new business for the Bedroll conference.

Matt Randall and Kim MacFarlane – **Sac/Mother Lode** – Met virtually in August, voted in Kim MacFarlane as Regional Director, well attended, good discussions, storms, homelessness, and snow. McFarland highlighted the good discussion on storm recovery. Yuba County has a new PW director and received a \$22M Safe Routes to School grant, Placer Co has a large bridge project.

Fritz Buchman – **San Joaquin** – Due to storms May meeting was the next meeting hosted by Stanislaus County in San Joaquin County. Celebrity chef Lemond burnt dawgs and burgers. Kern County has had some rapid changes in leadership, Fritz will continue to reach out. Leamon suggested that maybe SoCal take Kern. DeChellis countered with deal if the Valley takes Mono and Inyo. Khan mentioned SoCal has lots of members.

Nardy Khan – **SoCal** – The region had virtual meetings, continue with this format. Khan mentioned that attendance is better with virtual meetings.

Bonus conversation: DeChellis reminded the Regional Directors to keep providing updates. Reminded the NACE representative and President to provide their articles for the newsletter. Asked for County updates, Contra Costa County provided an update two years ago

7. **Treasurer's Report:** (Johnson)

President Balbas thanked Treasurer Johnson for all his hard work on the budget and budget recommendations. Treasurer Johnson reminded us that:

CEAC is experiencing a budget shortfall, a sub-committee was assembled to evaluate funding alternatives. Three recommendations from the sub-committee:

1. One is to increase dues 10% per year for members and affiliates for three years.
2. Second recommendation is for job postings costs to increase from \$75 to \$125, Cities from \$150 to \$200.
3. Third recommendation is to increase revenue is to raise the registration on the Fall Policy Conference from \$100 up to \$150. Combined proposals would increase revenue by \$30,000 per year.

The CSAC service contract has an annual CPI inflationary factor that is projected to increase expenditures by approximately 8%, raising the cost from \$219,286 in 2022 up to \$237,000 for 2023. Good news was shared that 57 of 58 Counties have paid their dues. Siskiyou is the County that has not paid. There was talk about how to engage the Director, Machado suggested contacting their Board of Supervisors to encourage participation.

Treasurer Johnson thanked the Regional Directors for their outreach efforts then asked if the Board had any questions. There were none.

Attachment 2 - Discussion Item – Treasurer’s report – ACTION – ACCEPT the REPORT – 1st Dashiell 2nd Penrose – Unanimous

8. Committee Reports: -

- a) Administrative – **McFarland**, well attended, lively discussion on AI. This was a robust conversation by the membership that was there. San Joaquin Co. will present at a future Admin Committee on their PW Academy. Mentioned that maybe we could set up a mentoring program.
- b) Flood Control and Water Resources – **Shepard** update, endowments are stinky for public agencies, we say no, Nardy and Shepard are thinking a subcommittee can tackle this subject.
- c) Infrastructure and Development, aka the Committee formerly known as Land Use – **Tillotson**. Discussed illegal dumping and impacts on our infrastructure. Interest in future topic revolving around financing.
- d) Resource Recovery and Waste Management – **Carter**, the meeting was well attended. The Little Hoover Commission attended the meeting, it was a very good discussion. Plug for the forums. Bronkall assured us that “white glove” treatment was incoming.
- e) Surveyor – **Bronkall** – What is the nature of a durable monument? What are surveyors? Where are we and is this all a dream? These and other existential thoughts seemed to consume the Survey group. Dallas Sweeny from the Board attended. Discussed how many active surveyors there were, it’s unknown. LSIT applications are up, anticipate an uptick in future years for the LS.
- f) Transportation – **Zarif**, Caltrans Local Assistance attended, CEAC was very well behaved. Future discussion on asset management, Caltrans,

and possible technology changes to pavement rating.

- g) Fellowship – no update. **Balbas** – reminded us we are going to need lots of help for NACE 2024.
- h) Oversight – **Balbas** - By-laws changes and budget discussions have dominated the conversations, recently.
- i) Scholarship –**Meyers** – Received four applications and we are awarding 3 scholarships. We need more applications. Mehdi encouraged all in attendance to find more CEAC applicants for the scholarships.

9. **Unfinished Business (Balbas)**

- a) ARTICLE III Dues and Assessments Update – Bylaws amendment - **Attachment Three – Action Item** – Item postponed as the Bylaws need to be voted on by the membership and we need to provide notice so that the members can vote on this amendment. Carried forward from Spring Conference to the Policy conference and now to the Fall Annual Meeting, due to Dashiell damning self-incriminating admission that he messed up three times. Parliamentarian Penrose reminded us that the By-laws are voted on by the General Membership. Once the By-Laws are amended the Board will be able to correct the table going forward. Membership needs to be noticed by October 16th for voting during the Annual Meeting in November. 10% increases in 2023, 2024 and then 2025, with annual CPI starting in 2026.

Recommended Motion – Approve two more 10% dues increase for 2024 then the 10% increase with CPI below going forward starting in 2026 and direct Treasurer to build the 2024 CEAC Proposed Budget accordingly with modifications to the By-Laws as shown below. Bring back clean revision of By-Laws at least 10 days before November 17th 2023 (e.g. by November 7th publish a member vote along with Policy Agendas) with any corrections or adjustments for final ratification at the fall conference for distribution to the membership and final ratification by the Board of Directors. **1st – Bronkall, 2nd – Kokkas - Unanimous**

10. **New Business**

- a) **Bedroll Conference – Bronkall** – New camp found that is similar to Camp Conery that went up in flames, Camp Tehama in Mineral, CA, in Tehama County. Comes with a mess hall and kitchen, has a trout pond, bring your own BBQ grill. Dashiell volunteered to run the program, timeline was discussed for holding the Bedroll in late June early July.
- b) **NACE Representative – Sadjadi** – Machado self-promoted to NACE Western Regional VP with California help, thereby abandoning his NACE Representative-ship, Dashiell is now new NACE representative, **1st by Machado, 2nd by Kokkas – Unanimous**
- c) **2024 Conference Dates – Gerety** – May would be better for the CEAC Policy Conference, to develop legislative measures, much circular conversation with the history of the name of the Policy Conference. The

Policy Conference has good attendance and is affordable. DeChellis remembered when the Policy Conference cost \$50, back in the Elder Days. No action – Waelder suggested we might consider pulling the Policy Conference back a couple of weeks earlier in August to time better with Sacramento Sausage Making. Balbas suggested that we should continue to hold it in August so that we can inform the Supervisors at the CSAC Annual Conference. Neuberger reminded us we only update our Priorities and Legislative Proposals every other year. Sadjadi reminded the group that this conference was Maurice Shiu’s idea and that the purpose was to inform the Supervisors on what was important for CEAC.

- d) **CEAC Liability Insurance – Balbas** – No CSAC coverage but General Liability insurance would be a good idea for our event, \$2M general liability, \$1M in aggregate. Two proposals received, low bid was \$2046 per year, would cover conferences, special events, golf, and social activities. No Board Directors and Officers insurance coverage, all seemed to think that coverage was necessary. Neuberger gave a fine discussion on insurance and coverages. Sadjadi recalled that CEAC used to have a rider with CSAC. Neuberger reminded CEAC that CSAC does not direct the CEAC Board, therefore we are independent and not under CSAC. Motion to get insurance – 1st by Dashiell, 2nd by DeChellis – No - Sadjadi, remainder of the membership present voted aye.
- e) **Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment** – Leamon – No update.

11. **Life Membership**

None

12. **Announcements**

Scheduled Conferences

- a) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Alameda County, November 13-17, 2023
- b) NACE Annual Conference, Palm Springs, Riverside County, April 15-18, 2024

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, CA, date August 24-25, 2023
- b) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Alameda County, November 13-17, 2023
- c) NACE Annual Meeting, April, 2024 – Need to determine if a Board of Directors meeting should be scheduled during the NACE conference in
- d) Palm Springs.

13. **Round table discussion – Conference Fees**

- a) Dashiell suggested a remote option, Balbas said due to cost, we will try the owl/remote light version for the Fall Policy Conference in August.

2:30 pm **Adjourn** – Motion by DeChellis, 2nd by Kokkas, unanimous consent to adjourn

Meeting Roster
Voting Board Members: Officers & Regional Directors
 NP = Not Present

Officer	Office	County/Organization
Brian Balbas	President	Contra Costa
Panos Kokkas	Vice President	Trinity
David Leamon	Secretary	Stanislaus
Howard Dashiell	Immediate Past President	Mendocino
George Johnson	Treasurer	Riverside (Retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Mike Penrose	Parliamentarian	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Matt Machado	NACE Representative	Santa Cruz
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
Regional-Directors	Region	County
Rosemarie Gaglione	Bay Area	Sonoma
Walter Rubalcava	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Bob Bronkall	Northern California	Humboldt
Kim MacFarlane	Sacramento Mother Lode	Tuolumne
Fritz Buchman	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin
Nardy Khan	Southern California	Orange

Non-Voting Meeting: Committee Chairs and CSAC Staff

Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Josh Pack - NP	Administrative	Butte
Pattie McNamee - NP (Retired)	Fellowship	Contra Costa
Glenn Shephard	Flood Control/Water Resources	Ventura
Trisha Tillotson	Infrastructure and Development	Nevada
Brian Balbas	Oversight	Contra Costa
Jared Carter	Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.	Madera
Alicia Meier	Scholarship	Mendocino
Aleks Jevremovic - NP	Surveyor	Santa Barbara
Najee Zarif	Transportation	San Joaquin
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
Catherine Freeman	Senior Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Mark Neuburger	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Ada Waelder	Legislative Advocate	CSAC

Kristina Gallagher - NP
Amber Garcia Rossow - NP
Merrin Gerety

Legislative Analyst
Legislative Analyst
CEAC Program Manager

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CSAC
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Others in Attendance

Blossom Scott-Heim
Kent Edler

Title

Supervising Engineer
Assistant Director

Agency/County

Tuolumne
Santa Cruz