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## C.A.S.H. 29th Annual Conference

# New Programs, New Promise -

## California School Facilities 2008

Bill Savidge stated in his Message from the Conference Chair, "Our conference theme *New Programs, New Promise – California School Facilities 2008* reflects the continuing evolution of our complex world of school planning, design and construction. With so many new state programs come many challenges, and the responsibility for everyone in the organization to continue to grow professionally. Our goal is to provide the setting, focus the content, coordinate the best presenters, and acknowledge the accomplishments of our best teams." And our goal was met as we welcomed over 1,750 school facility professionals to the C.A.S.H. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show, February 25-28 at the Sacramento Convention Center and Hyatt Regency.

The conference started with a pre-conference golf tournament (see page 17 for a list of sponsors and volunteers) and an early bird reception.

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*C.A.S.H. Chair Ted Rozzi, Corona Norco Unified School District*

# 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Highlights *Continued from cover*

Ted Rozzi officially kicked-off the conference Tuesday afternoon to a very lively crowd and mentioned the good work of the organization as he highlighted the 2007 A Summary of the Organization's Work, which outlined many of the **new programs** C.A.S.H. has been involved in; one of which was the Facility Inspection

Tool (FIT) Guidebook which was given to attendees at registration. He also recognized the Double Diamond Contributors to the Statewide School Bond Campaign (see page 3 for listing); and the first and second cohort of the School Facility Leadership Academy Participants and Mentors.



*Double Diamond School Bond Contributors: Back row (l to r) John Baracy, Stone & Youngberg LLC; David Ruhnau, Ruhnau, Ruhnau, Clarke; Jeff Baratta, UBS Securities. Front row (l to r) Kevin Wilkeson, HMC Architects; Kathy Virtue, Virco Mfg.; Linda Holmes, School Facility Consultants; Roger Clarke, Ruhnau, Ruhnau Clarke; Kris Meyer, Ledesma & Meyer Construction Company, Inc.*



*C.A.S.H. School Facility Leadership Academy participant John Messick, Sundt Construction, during the opening general session*

Vice Chair and Annual Conference Planning Committee Chair, Bill Savidge, welcomed attendees and thanked the Annual Conference Planning Committee and welcomed first-time attendees.

Attendees were given **new promise** as they listened intently to Key Note Speaker Alison Levine as she told of her mountain climbing journeys – the most intriguing of which was leading the first team of women to climb Mount Everest. Conference attendees said this was the best keynote at C.A.S.H. yet.

Earlier that morning attendees packed the rooms in the School Construction 101/201, State School Facility Program and State Agencies' Top Tips for Getting Your Project Approved pre-conference workshops. The trade show also opened Tuesday morning with over 250 exhibitors and heavy traffic throughout the day. Attendees enjoyed dessert service in the trade show hall as well as an evening reception. Many exhibitors have already signed up to come back in 2009 where we will have

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*Opening General Session speaker  
Alison Levine*

an expanded trade show format opening the exhibit hall on Monday night for the Early Bird Reception and golf raffles. For a full list of this year's exhibitors, see page 16. Also on Tuesday, and throughout the conference, attendees were able to visit with our state agency partners and friends in the State Agency Resource Room. Included in that room were:

- The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)
- The Division of the State Architect (DSA)
- The California Department of Education/School Facilities Planning Division (CDE/SFPD)
- The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- The California Energy Commission (CEC)



*C.A.S.H. School Facility Leadership Academy participants Mary Baker and Jenny Hannah, Kern County Superintendent of Schools*

• The Department of Pesticides Regulations (DPR)  
C.A.S.H. thanks the agencies for their participation and for taking time away from their busy schedules to provide a service to our attendees.

Early Wednesday morning delegates were welcomed to the C.A.S.H./AIACC Leroy F. Greene Design & Planning Awards by Bill Savidge, Vice Chair of C.A.S.H. Bill Savidge and Jeffery T. Gill AIA, AIACC President,



*Jeffrey T. Gill, AIA, AIACC President, MCG Architecture and Bill Savidge, C.A.S.H. Vice Chair, West Contra Costa Unified School District*

were the emcees and handed out 14 awards to school districts and architectural firms for outstanding school design. For a complete list of award winners, see page 16.

The C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network also held a breakfast sponsored by Geary Pacific Supply and PCM3, Inc. on Wednesday morning with over 100 attendees where they discussed the FIT Guidebook and other pertinent maintenance issues. See article on page 8 for more details.

After breakfast, delegates were anxious to get back to the convention center to attend the many workshops and roundtables offered, as well as networking with state agencies and attendees.

Wednesday's lunch brought conference-goers back to the Hyatt for an outstanding luncheon session. Chair Ted Rozzi recognized Lettie Boggs for her outstanding service on the Board. See article on page 10 for full details of this presentation. He also gave the Nominating Committee Report where he indicated that Mr. Ed Mierau, President of Neff Construction had been appointed the newest member of the C.A.S.H. Board. He indicated that he appointed Cathy Allen, C.A.S.H. Board member to replace Lettie Boggs as the next Treasurer and Bruce McDaniel, Board Member, as the next Co-Chair of the Urban Committee.

Ted then asked Board Member Margie Brown to the stage to present the C.A.S.H. Membership Service Awards. Full article on page 10.

Past Chair Kathleen Moore had the honor of awarding Constantine Baranoff, Past Chair and almost retired associate superintendent of facilities and planning of the Elk Gove Unified School District, the James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement award. Constantine was truly touched by this honor as he sat

with his family and listened to Kathleen bestow the honor. See the full details of this presentation on page 6.

Wednesday afternoon attendees had a choice of going to the School Tour to Vista Del Lago High School in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; or attending workshops and roundtables.

On Wednesday evening many firms hosted dinners and events for attendees and the Maintenance Network held a reception at the Hyatt sponsored by Tandus and USA Shade & Fabric Structures.

Thursday morning breakfast brought back the dedicated attendees to the General Session and Breakfast. Bill Savidge welcomed attendees to breakfast and introduced Lettie Boggs, C.A.S.H. Treasurer. Lettie gave the

annual Treasurer's report and informed attendees that the organization was in good financial standing. Lettie also passed the baton to Cathy Allen, C.A.S.H. Board Member and incoming Treasurer. Bill came back to the stage to introduce Senator Tom Torlakson. Senator Torlakson, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, addressed the C.A.S.H. membership at the breakfast on Thursday morning and also outlined the challenges that the State's current fiscal situation creates for implementing major policy changes, as well as for a statewide bond in 2008. Senator Torlakson will carry SB 1354, a C.A.S.H.-sponsored bill that is intended to address the "complete schools" issue which is a central priority for C.A.S.H.

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*C.A.S.H. Vice Chair and Annual Conference Planning Committee Chair, Bill Savidge, West Contra Costa Unified School District*

# Presentation of the 2008 James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award

***Following is the presentation given by Kathleen Moore during the lunch general session on Wednesday, February 27.***

## ***Constantine Baranoff***

There are few times in life when one has the opportunity to acknowledge and publicly thank a special mentor.

But that opportunity, and very special honor, is now mine in having been asked to present this lifetime achievement award here today.

The James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award honors the memory and legacy of Jim Murdoch, who had an unrivaled commitment to education, and even more particularly, school facilities. Every year, C.A.S.H. recognizes one of its own with the

award – one who has dedicated his or her professional life to continuing the legacy begun by Jim. This year's recipient is a nationally recognized leader in school facilities, an inaugural member of C.A.S.H. and one of the early chairs, a mentor to many, and a very special person in my career. I am pleased to bestow the honor of the James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award to a friend, a colleague, a boss and fellow past chair of this organization, Constantine Baranoff.

Constantine, or Connie as he is known to many, has committed 40 years of his life to the funding, design, construction and maintenance of educational facilities in the Elk Grove, Sacramento City and Lodi Unified School Districts.

His initial involvement in school planning, interestingly enough, occurred while still in high school when he was asked to design the playfield irrigation system for his school. He majored in Civil Engineering at California State University Sacramento and, in addition, took course work in School Planning at Stanford University.

In 1967, an opportunity occurred with Sacramento City Unified School District and, for the next 8 years, he was involved with the planning and construction of 29 significant projects. In Lodi he completed 25 projects.

In Elk Grove, since 1981 until his semi-retirement last year, he planned, constructed and opened 40 new schools, and completed significant additions and/or modernizations at every existing school in the district. He leaves the Elk Grove District having built a facilities department from just two people to 25 with the responsibility for over 4 million square feet of buildings and grounds valued at \$1.6 billion. He served one of the fastest growing school districts in the nation, and his

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*(l to r) Kathleen Moore, Director of the CDE-School Facilities Planning Division; Constantine Baranoff, James L. Murdoch Award Recipient, Elk Grove Unified School District; Ted Rozzi, C.A.S.H. Chair, Corona Norco Unified School District*

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The final general session brought a smaller but energetic crowd to the Hyatt for the last time. Cathy Allen was at the helm to introduce Paul Navarro, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Mr. Navarro echoed the same themes as Assemblyman Mullin and Senator Tom Torlakson concerning the effect that the State's fiscal challenges will have on legislation and the discussion about a statewide school bond. Mr. Navarro is one of the leaders of the group that has been convened to take a more critical look at the results of the Macias Report.

Bill Savidge came back to the stage to bid a final farewell to the attendees. He thanked staff for their hard work and dedication to make the conference a success. Over 40 attendees stayed



*Paul Navarro, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Cathy Allen, C.A.S.H. Board Member, Western Placer Unified School District*




*Senator Tom Torlakson*

behind to debrief and start planning for yet another successful conference.

Attendees from the debriefing said this was the best C.A.S.H. conference yet, from the speaker to education content to the meals. Some remarked "that the C.A.S.H. conference is the best value for the money."

The first Annual Conference Planning Committee will be held March 26 from 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the CSAC Conference Room, 1020 11<sup>th</sup> Street, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. If you are interested in being on the Committee, please contact Lisa Church at (916) 448-8577 or lchurch@m-w-h.com.

Mark your calendars for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 23 – 26, 2009 at the Sacramento Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel. 

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diligent efforts in planning and building schools for students in the Elk Grove Unified School District has established the district as a leader in school construction in the state and the nation.

I had the privilege of working with Constantine for 15 years, as did many others in this room today. And I was thinking how I could convey to all of you the significance that one person can have on a staff, on a board, on a district and community – to convey the special qualities that make Constantine a leader in this field and a beloved boss that evoked fierce loyalty. Three qualities stand out – his integrity, creativity and vision.

Integrity – Connie's word was golden with staff, the board, developers, property owners, contractors and the community. He never had a negative word to say about anyone, even the disgruntled public, a quality I most admire.

Creativity – He problem solved with such creativity we were all in awe at times of what he might come up with next. He created the hopscotch school concept to "leap" ahead of permanent school construction to house a burgeoning student population. He negotiated a volunteer developer fee for up to forty percent of the cost of schools before Level 2 fees were even envisioned and he pioneered one of the first, and probably most successful, district wide Mello-Roos Districts in the state.

Vision – Constantine is always two moves ahead in the facilities chess game. He had a vision for his districts and staff and went about the hard work of making it happen. While an engineer and technician at heart, he was always one to see the forest through the trees and had the personal leadership qualities to bring everyone along.

Constantine strategized and prepared a

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## **C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network Breakfast**

The C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network held its annual breakfast on Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> to update members on issues of interest to maintenance and operations departments, and to thank them for their participation in the Maintenance Network.

The C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network is co-chaired by Jim Bush (School Site Solutions, Inc.) and Joe Dixon (formerly of Capistrano USD now with the Santa Ana USD), and they would like to thank the following sponsors of both the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Breakfast and the C.A.S.H. Maintenance reception: Geary Pacific Supply, Tandus, PCM3 and USA Shade & Fabric Structures, Inc.

The agenda included an overview of M&O workshops at the Conference by the co-chairs of the Annual Conference M&O strands, Alex Parslow (HMC Architects) and Fred Diamond (Rowland USD), as well as an overview of legislation and

budget issues of interest to M&O departments by Ian Padilla (C.A.S.H.). The main presentation, however, was the unveiling and overview of the new C.A.S.H. Facilities Inspection Tool (FIT) Guidebook. Brooks Allen (American Civil Liberties Union) and Jema Estrella (Los Angeles COE), both members of the C.A.S.H. committee that developed the C.A.S.H. FIT guidebook, made the presentation. Specifically, Mr. Allen provided an overview of why this document was needed, and Ms. Estrella provided a more detailed overview of each section of the guidebook, as well as how it is intended to be used. The C.A.S.H. Facilities Inspection Tool Guidebook Committee is available for download on the C.A.S.H. website.

Later that day, the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network hosted a reception and a good time was had by all. See below for a list of sponsors for these events. 



### **Maintenance Network Sponsors**

#### ***Maintenance Network Breakfast (\$1,815 each)***

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#### ***Maintenance Network Reception (\$1,815 each)***

- **Tandus**
- **USA Shade & Fabric Structures**

# Budget Committees Increase Funding for Emergency Repair Program


***The Senate and Assembly Budget Committees have completed their first review of mid-year budget reductions, and both Committees approved an increase in funding for the Emergency Repair Program (ERP).***

Specifically, the Committees increased ERP funding from the \$100 million proposed in the January

Budget to \$200 million. C.A.S.H. was the only statewide education organization to support the ERP in the budget subcommittees.

This is good news for districts who have submitted or plan to submit applications for ERP funding. As you might recall, due to the State's fiscal constraints the Governor and Legislature borrowed some of the ERP funds to help balance the Budget because at the time few districts were utilizing ERP funds; however, since AB 607 was

signed into law in 2006, which among other things provided an option to apply for ERP funds as an upfront grant, applications for ERP funding have increased significantly.

The Senate and Assembly Budget Committee's decision to increase funding for the ERP will allow districts who qualify for the program to make the necessary repairs to ensure that their schools are clean, safe and functional. 

~Jan Padilla

# Assembly Budget Committee on Education Reviews Deferred Maintenance Program


***The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education met on Monday February 4th to continue its review of the Governor's mid-year budget-balancing reduction proposals, and their impact on education programs.***

Members of the Subcommittee include Chairwoman Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica), Assemblyman Mike Duvall (R-Brea), Assemblywoman Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield), Assemblyman Gene Mullin (D-South San Francisco) and Assemblyman Sandre Swanson (D-Oakland).

Concerning issues of interest to the school facilities community, the Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP)

was on the list of programs reviewed by the Subcommittee. As you will recall, the Governor proposes to fully-fund the DMP at \$294.302 million, but like all programs the DMP is subject to the Governor's proposed 10.8% mid-year budget-balancing reduction proposal. For the DMP, the result is a \$32.064 million proposed reduction.

When asked by Chairwoman Brownley about his assessment of the proposed cut to the DMP, Paul Warren from the Legislative Analysts Office (LAO) stated that the impact could be significant because the DMP is an important program for protecting the State's significant investment in school facilities. Representing C.A.S.H., Ian Padilla testified that the DMP should not be cut because funding for maintenance is among the first programs cut

at the local level, and that sufficient funding for maintenance is vital for school districts to ensure that their facilities are maintained in a way that allows them to be clean, safe and functional. In his testimony, Mr. Padilla also reiterated Mr. Warren's comments concerning the DMP's importance in protecting the State's investment in schools facilities. A representative from Public Advocates, a civil rights group, also provided testimony stating that full-funding of the DMP is one of their organization's high priorities to ensure that all students have equal access to well-maintained schools. No other advocacy groups provided testimony in support of the DMP. 

- C.A.S.H. Staff

# C.A.S.H. Service Awards

***Each year C.A.S.H. recognizes several members who go above and beyond on behalf of C.A.S.H. and California's public school children.***

This year C.A.S.H. Chair Ted Rozzi presented Lettie Boggs, Colbi Technologies, Inc. with an award for her time served as a C.A.S.H. Board Member. C.A.S.H. Board Member Margaret Brown presented membership service awards to Brooks Allen, ACLU; Jenny Hannah, Kern County Superintendent of Schools; Vinceena Kelly, Los Angeles County Office of Education; and



***Outgoing C.A.S.H. Treasurer Lettie Boggs, Colbi Technologies, Inc. and C.A.S.H. Chair Ted Rozzi, Corona Norco Unified School District***

Laura Knauss, Lionakis Beaumont Design Group for their support of the organization.

Following are presentations given during the 2008 Annual Conference.

## ***Lettie Boggs, Colbi Technologies***

This next award goes to a very dedicated and deserving individual. She has been a member of the C.A.S.H. Board since 2000. During her term on the C.A.S.H. Board, she has served this organization with distinction and professionalism. She started her term on the board eight years ago while working as the Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Operations for the Anaheim City School District. In 2002 she started her own company, Colbi Technologies.

She is one of the founders and the first co-chair of the C.A.S.H. Urban Committee and always made sure that urban school facility issues were brought to the forefront at the leadership level. She is a member of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy Steering Committee, which launched the inaugural class in 2006. She is also one of the three core faculty that delivers the vigorous curriculum to the students. We relied heavily on her for her expertise in school facilities planning as we had discussions about complete schools and adequacy of school facility grants.

She has served as your Treasurer for the past two years making sure the organization stays in good financial health so we can continue our quality legislative and regulatory efforts and operations that this organization is accustomed to. She will give her final annual Treasurer's report at tomorrow's breakfast. She will be missed by her peers on the Board but is not going far. The leadership in this organization will continue to call

upon her for her expertise on school facility issues.

It is my honor to call up my friend and fellow board member, Lettie Boggs, to the stage to receive her award for time served on the C.A.S.H. Board.

## ***Brooks Allen, ACLU***

This first award goes to a very dedicated individual who has made significant contributions to the C.A.S.H. organization through his efforts to ensure that schools are clean, safe and functional. Specifically, he is one of the key individuals responsible for the statewide implementation of the Williams Lawsuit, and has worked with the C.A.S.H. Maintenance Network to provide outreach to Maintenance and Operations departments and county offices of education, served on the C.A.S.H. Facilities Inspection Tool (FIT) Guidebook Committee, and worked with C.A.S.H. advocates for approval of AB 607 which makes it easier to access Emergency Repair Program funding. Perhaps his most significant contribution to the C.A.S.H. organization is his work assisting many individual school districts to conduct facility inspections and access Emergency Repair Program funding. His greatest accomplishment, however, came last year – he and his wife are proud parents of their first child, Ishon. It is my pleasure to present Brooks Allen with this C.A.S.H. Membership Service Award.

## ***Jenny Hannah, Kern County Superintendent of Schools***

This next award goes to an individual who has been very active in C.A.S.H. and is a strong advocate for districts and county offices on issues such as grant adequacy and alternative education.

She has devoted a good portion of her own time to advocate on behalf of



*(l to r) Laura Knauss, Lionakis Beaumont Design Group; C.A.S.H. Board Member Margie Brown, San Ramon Valley Unified School District; Jenny Hannah, Kern County Superintendent of Schools; Brooks Allen, American Civil Liberties Union*

counties and districts. This individual is dedicated to school facilities issues, which is evident by her recent participation on OPSC's committee on grant adequacy and her leadership in the state on county office issues.

This individual is very effective in telling our school facilities story; and does so with a high-level of energy, expertise and enthusiasm. She is always an advocate for the organization and maintains a good rapport with her Assembly Member, Jeanne Fuller, who is also a member of the State Allocation Board.

She is currently a participant of the second cohort of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy. As some of you know, participating in the Academy requires a huge dedication of personal time; spending several Friday nights and Saturday's in Sacramento. We hear she is doing exceed-

ingly well in keeping up with the vigorous curriculum and daunting homework assignments all while doing her real job and taking care of her family. She is married to her high school sweetheart and the proud mother of two teenagers.

It is my pleasure to bring up Jenny Hannah to present her with a C.A.S.H. Membership Service Award.

### ***Vinceena Kelly, Los Angeles County Office of Education***

This next award goes to someone who when she speaks, people listen — and not just because she's from LA County. She has been meticulous in studying county office programmatic issues such as financial hardship and career technical education. She most recently represented the county perspective on the C.A.S.H. Facilities Inspection Tool (FIT) Guidebook Committee

which developed the FIT Guidebook you received in your registration materials. This individual is always willing to step up to the plate and make sure that the voice of counties is heard before the Implementation Committee and the State Allocation Board; as well as other state agencies.

She has also dedicated many hours to serve on the Construction Strand for the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference.

This remarkable individual is married and has two grown children which has freed up her time for travel and adventure. She is an avid scuba diver and has enjoyed trips all over the world in pursuit of giant manta rays and whale sharks. This award goes to Vinceena Kelly.

I'd like to accept this award on behalf of Vinceena who couldn't be here this afternoon.

### ***Laura Knauss, Lionakis Beaumont Design Group***

This next award goes to a woman who has been involved in C.A.S.H. for many years. Whenever she presents at C.A.S.H. workshops, she receives glowing remarks about her wonderful presentation style. She never says "no" to this organization and that is evident by her current positions as co-chair of the Architecture Strand for the Conference Planning Committee and a member of the Legislative Advisory Committee.

This recipient is not only deserving of this award for the countless hours she has given C.A.S.H., but also because of her dedication to the betterment of school facilities in California. She is married to an architect, but we won't hold that against her, because she is one herself and the proud mother of two teenage children.

I am pleased to call up Laura Knauss to receive her C.A.S.H. Membership Service Award. 

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## ***Trade Show Continental Breakfast (\$1,815 each)***

- Harley Ellis Devereaux
- Tilden-Coil Constructors, Inc.

## ***Trade Show Dessert Service (\$1,815 each)***

- Harley Ellis Devereaux
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# C.A.S.H. Mourns the Loss of Highly Esteemed School Architect – Kal Porter


It is with deep sorrow that we report to the school community the passing of a dear friend and long-time supporter of the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.), Kalmar Porter, a friend and colleague to many. Kal served school districts faithfully as an architect for more than half a century. Kal died on his own terms on Monday, February 25th. It is not lost on the C.A.S.H. faithful that Kal died on the beginning day of the week of the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference. He will be sorely missed.

Those with deep roots in school design and with the passion to

provide safe and attractive schools know or will have known of Kal Porter. He is remembered as the humble creator of schools of distinction in exterior beauty and interior ambiance that supports the learning and teaching process. In the view of this writer, he was the best school design architect in California and much is lost in that he is gone. Those of us that knew him and appreciated his work have a legacy left by Kal of commitment to excellence to school architecture that is a deep well that we may draw upon into the future as we plan and build schools for the next generation. That excellence of design

and commitment to students is Kal Porter's legacy.

Those wishing to send a message to Kal's wife Phyllis Porter may do so at PSWC Group, Architects, 330 Zachary Street, Ste 100, Moorpark, CA 93021. Electronic messages may be sent to [mandy@pswcgroup.com](mailto:mandy@pswcgroup.com).

It is important to note that Phyllis Porter was a founding member of C.A.S.H. and a long time member of the Board of Directors. The C.A.S.H. Board, its membership and its staff convey their deepest sympathy to Phyllis and Kal's family. 

– Tom Duffy

## Presentation of the 2008 James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award

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12-year billion dollar funding plan that is still being executed to this day.


Constantine was born in Korea but immigrated to California when he was eight years old and has lived in West Sacramento for more than fifty years. He has been married to his wife, Olga, for thirty-six years and they have raised two sons, Constantine and Sergei, all of whom are here today together with his long time secretary, Joy Kraynak, as well as Elk Grove Unified School District Board President Brian Myers.

The education community, and particularly the school facilities industry, has been graced by the presence and leadership of this year's recipient. C.A.S.H. and its members, and particularly myself, are forever indebted to this wonderful man for his support of children, community, and colleagues, and his leadership and dedication to

the betterment of school facilities in California.

This gentleman, the mentor of many, will now join the ranks of other remarkable persons – Floyd Stork, Dave King, Gene Hartline, Carl Thorsted, and Bill

Cornelison in receiving this prestigious award.

Please stand and join me in honoring Constantine Baranoff as the 2008 recipient of the James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award! 



*Past James L. Murdoch Lifetime Achievement Award recipients: (l to r) Bill Cornelison, Lake County Office of Education (retired), Carl Thorsted, past C.A.S.H. Treasurer, Constantine Baranoff, Elk Grove Unified School District (retired) and Gene Hartline, California Financial Services*

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**Once again, these people are the heart of the C.A.S.H. Golf Tournament!**


# Leadership Academy Holds Reunion at Annual Conference

***The 2008 Annual Conference witnessed the first-ever reunion of the C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy, as several dozen graduates and current participants traded war stories and laughs, compared notes and career paths, while cementing old friendships and making new ones with their peers from the other class.***

The event, hosted by C.A.S.H., and emceed by C.A.S.H. Chair Ted Rozzi, took place Monday night at the Hyatt, and the students and staff lingered until the room was locked up by hotel staff. Bright and early the next morning, however, this year's class filled the

School Construction 101/201 workshop with their distinctive red shirts, as the Academy Leadership had decided for this year to begin assigning Conference workshops as part of the Academy curriculum.

Later in the day, Academy staff met, as they did at last year's Conference, with the current-year participants, and then with their mentors, to receive guidance on how to continue to improve the program. The feedback was positive, open, and, once-again, helpful.


The strongest suggestion from the students was to give them more time to interact with each other, to share their professional challenges, and to collaborate on solutions. So the second cohort is clearly building ties to each other and to the C.A.S.H. organization, which are two of the key objectives of the Academy. 

# CHPS to Hold Second Annual Greentools Conference

***The Collaborative for High Performance Schools, Inc. (CHPS) presents the second annual Greentools for Healthy Schools Conference, Training and Expo on September 11th and 12th, 2008 in Sacramento, CA.***

The conference will bring together experts in green, healthy school design, construction and operations for two days of workshops, featured speakers,

awards, a CHPS school tour and exhibitions. This year's event will focus on three central themes: climate change, high performance school policy, and turning existing schools into high performance schools. Greentools for Healthy Schools aims to make high performance schools a feasible, affordable reality for school districts across the nation.

For more information, please visit [www.chps.net/greentools](http://www.chps.net/greentools) or call (415) 957-9888. 

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# House Education and Labor Committee Holds Hearing on National School Facilities Needs – CDE’s Kathleen Moore Testifies

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the House Education and Labor Committee held a hearing to examine the current condition of America’s public school buildings and to hear from Congressional Members who have authored bills to address those needs. A panel of field practitioners included Ms. Kathleen Moore, School Facilities Division Director of the California Department of Education, who testified regarding California’s experience and mentioned Californians for School Facilities (CSF) as a “tireless advocate” for federal funding for California’s school facilities. To view Kathleen’s testimony, click on the February 20 2008 latest news update on the C.A.S.H. website at [www.cashnet.org](http://www.cashnet.org).

The Congressional Member panel consisted of:

- Representative Ben Chandler (D-KY), sponsor of the 21st

Century High-Performing Public School Facilities Act (H.R. 3021)

- Representative Bob Etheridge (D-NC); co-sponsor of the America’s Better Classrooms Act of 2007 (H.R. 2470);
- Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ), Member, House Education and Labor Committee and sponsor of the School Building Enhancement Act (H.R. 3197);
- Representative Darlene Hooley (D-OR), Co-Chair of the House Green Schools Caucus;
- Representative Dave Loebsack (D-IA), Member, House Education and Labor Committee, sponsor of the Public School Repair and Renovation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3902);

The Practitioners Panel consisted of:

- Judi Caddick, Teacher, Illinois Education Association, Lansing, IL;

- Mary Cullinane, Director, Innovation and Business Development Team, Microsoft Corporation, New York, NY;
- Kathleen J. Moore, Director of the School Facilities Planning Division, California Department of Education, Sacramento, CA;
- Paul Vallas, Superintendent, Recovery School District, New Orleans, LA;
- Dr. Paula Vincent, Superintendent, Clear Creek Amana School District, Oxford, IA

Chairman George Miller (D-CA)

began the hearing by stating that although numerous studies have linked high quality, clean, safe school buildings to better academic performance, our nation’s schools are crumbling and it is time for the federal government to pay attention to this issue.

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*Kathleen Moore (far left), Director of the CDE-School Facilities Planning Division*

# Legislative Analysts' Office Reviews Governor's K-12 Bond Proposal

The Legislative Analysts' Office (LAO) released its *Analysis of the 2008-09 Budget Bill* on February 20th. Concerning issues of interest to the school facilities community, the LAO's review of the Governor's proposed State Budget includes an analysis of his proposal for new K-12 education facilities bonds in 2008 and 2010. The following is a summary of the highlights of the LAO's analysis. Visit the LAO's website at [http://www.lao.ca.gov/analysis\\_2008/education/ed\\_anl08.pdf](http://www.lao.ca.gov/analysis_2008/education/ed_anl08.pdf) for complete analysis.

## **Need Better Data**

The LAO states that, "The state has more than \$8 billion in previously approved bond funds available for K-12 facilities and has no good data to estimate the need for additional school facilities. Without better data, determining an appropriate amount of bond

funding for any K-12 facilities program is virtually impossible. If the state is going to maintain its current facilities program, then we recommend it build a school facilities data system that includes information on the age, capacity, and cost of K-12 facilities."

## **Cost of Building Schools**

Concerning the issue of accurate data on the cost of building schools, a primary concern for C.A.S.H., the LAO states that, "Data from a recent report by the Macias Consulting Group for the SAB contains some information on construction costs, but it does not provide district-specific information on the planning costs, such as architectural and design costs."

## **2008 School Bond**


Of particular concern to C.A.S.H., the LAO concludes that because funds from previous bonds and Proposition

1D are still available, "...it may be premature to approve additional K-12 bonds at this time."

## **Financial Hardship Program**

The LAO recommends that, "...the state consider an alternative approach to assessing financial hardship that focuses on the local revenue sources available to the district." Further, the LAO recommends that, "...the Legislature set reasonable expectations of what a district should contribute, without looking at specific account balances. This approach would look at two indicators of district resources – the assessed value of property within the district and the amount of revenues from developer fees – to determine an expected district contribution. The state would provide hardship funding if the costs of construction projects exceed the expected district contribution."

## **Charter School Facilities**

The LAO also makes recommendations concerning charter school facilities. Specifically, the LAO states that, "While the Governor's proposals would make significant improvements to the system, additional changes could be made to further improve facilities programs for charter schools. In addition to approving many of the Governor's proposals, we recommend the Legislature explore three other options: (1) providing more resources per-pupil grant programs rather than increasing bond funds; (2) expanding eligibility for the SB 740 program; and (3) as a condition of participating in the state facility program, requiring local school districts to provide charter schools with proceeds from local bonds." 

– Ian Padilla

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# February 27, 2008 State Allocation Board Meeting Notes

The February 27 SAB meeting was held during the C.A.S.H. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on School Facilities.

In what has become the norm lately the SAB meeting lasted over 3 hours on what appeared to be a relatively light agenda. There were two consent specials items, of which one was approved and the other will be brought back; one specials/appeals item, which will be brought back; one regulation/policy item, which was approved; and one report, which was "received" rather than "accepted" by the SAB, and will be brought back after discussion of the issue with the SAB Implementation Committee.

## **Executive Officer Statement**

1. OPSC received an opinion from the Attorney General (AG) concluding that surplus site sale proceeds could be used to fund on a one time basis local school district pension liabilities. The AG opined that current law would permit that. However, the SAB attorney stated that SAB regulations prohibited it and the regulations would need to be revised to allow it and be consistent with current law. The issue of amending the SAB regulations is on the SAB Implementation Committee meeting scheduled for March 7.
2. OPSC has established a Grant Adequacy Working Group to, according to Rob Cook, dig deeper into the Macias report and understand the methodology. The first meeting of the group will be February 28 at 10:00 in the Governor's Conference Room at the Capital. Rick Simpson from the Speaker's

Office and Paul Navarro from the Governor's office will co-chair the meeting. A second meeting of the group is scheduled for March 7, the same day as the next Implementation Committee meeting.

3. The OPSC workload list for the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) is approximately \$300 million. After today's SAB actions \$47 million will remain in ERP funds. Additional funds from the Proposition 98 Reversion Account could be added to the ERP fund to address the current need.
4. The SAB chair reminded everyone that any actions taken on new construction project approvals at this or subsequent SAB meetings would not be considered full and final until the grant adequacy adjustment issue is resolved by the SAB.
5. Senator Simitian requested that an issue regarding the rescission of a financial hardship determination for San Bernardino City USD be discussed at this SAB meeting under public comment. The district received written confirmation from OPSC that they qualified for financial hardship. Based on the written approval the district obligated \$5 million. OPSC subsequently notified the district that the financial hardship eligibility was rescinded pending further review. Since the issue was not scheduled as an action item the SAB could not direct staff to take any specific action. However, the board requested that the staff attempt to resolve the issue diligently and quickly, and if at all possible bring the item to the March SAB for action. SAB member

Moore stated that written approvals from State agencies are considered "gold" by school districts, and it could create chaos if districts can't rely on written approvals. Senator Simitian stated that if new information is found, or previous information is found to be inaccurate, the State must take corrective action. This issue will come back to a future SAB meeting, possibly March.

## **Status of Funds**

**New construction** – \$132 million was apportioned leaving \$2.4 billion  
**Modernization** – \$30 million was apportioned leaving \$2.7 billion  
**Emergency Repair Program** – \$20.4 million was apportioned leaving \$47 million

## **Sequoia Union High School District – Material Inaccuracy**

OPSC recommended that the district be required to repay \$57,643 in interest lost by the State due to premature release of funding, and prohibit the district from self-certifying project information for 5 years. The district's modernization project, in the amount of \$350,779, would be rescinded and the district could re-file it with the condition that the amount will not exceed the amount originally funded for the project and the number of pupil grants requested will remain the same. After discussion the item was held over since the issue of penalties for material inaccuracies is on the SAB Implementation Committee meeting agenda scheduled for March 7, and whatever actions the SAB might take on such penalties could impact the Sequoia situation.

Buellton Union Elementary – Request by the district to defer a portion of the offset of the Excessive Cost Hardship for Small Size Projects, and receive four percent increase for small size projects.

While the OPSC recommendation was, "Staff cannot support the District's

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request”, the OPSC write-up stated that the board may wish to consider the unique circumstances of the District, which are: 1) a small district with a population of less than 1,000 and consists of only two schools; 2) the offset requirement would result in the District utilizing funds from its three percent reserve; and 3) use of the three percent reserve would result in a Qualified Certification from CDE. After significant discussion the SAB directed staff to continue trying to find a solution that does not result in bankrupting the district, and bring the item back to a subsequent SAB meeting. Staff was also asked to look at the regulations regarding the offset of the Excessive Cost Hardship Grants to determine if any changes should be made to them.

### **Proposed Joint Use Program Regulation Amendments**

OPSC stated that per the request of the SAB at the January 2008 SAB meeting, staff met with the parties that made public comment on the non-profit organization issue, and staff clarified that the amendments were made pursuant to discussions that occurred at the October and November 2007 Implementation Committee meetings.

The SAB approved the following amendments to the Joint Use Program Regulations:

1. Other than the School District passing a local bond under Section 1859.127, the source of funds being contributed by the Non-Profit Organization (NPO) must be independent of the partner school district.
2. If the partner is not a nationally chartered NPO it must have an independence in governance, defined as no more than one common board member, ex-officio board member, officer, management or staff irrespec-

tive of whether voting or non-voting and whether employee, contractor, or agent. This restriction applies only to the extent that the employee, contractor, or agent has managerial authority in one or both entities.

3. The NPO must operate programs or services, aside from the programs or services for the school district, or community and pay for the additional ongoing operational costs or program services associated with the joint-use purposes and/or a minimum of 25% of an eligible Joint-Use Project facility cost.
4. For the 2008/2009 funding cycle, accept applications from June 1, 2008 through March 1, 2009. For the 2009/2010 funding cycle and all future funding cycles accept applications from March 2 of the prior calendar year through March 1 of the current calendar year. Apportion funding based on the SFP regulations in effect at that time.
5. Districts may provide up to the full 50 percent local share of eligible costs if the local bonds approved by the voters contain an acknowledgement that the proceeds will or may be used for both of the following: 1) joint-use purposes (the term joint-use must be in the bond language), 2) the subject projects must be identified in at least one of two following ways: either the specific facility type requested for the SFP joint-use project, and/or the specific school site. This amendment would be effective only for voter approved local bonds authorized on or after February 27, 2008. Districts that passed a local bond prior to that date may provide the full 50 percent of local share of eligible costs if they identify the joint-use project in the voter approved local bond language, the district board resolution authorizing the bond, or school district board meeting minutes.
6. OPSC withdrew their proposed changes to the project funding priorities relating to the percentage

of the joint-use partner contributions, and instead proposed making no change to the existing funding priority regulations.

7. OPSC will review final DSA approved plans. If the plans create a reduction in square footage that is greater than or equal to five percent of the square footage contained in the preliminary plans, a commensurate reduction to the previously authorized apportionment will be taken to the next available SAB meeting.

### **Report on Material Inaccuracy Penalties**

OPSC reported to the SAB on the background and methodologies they use in recommending interest penalties and loss of self-certification. The OPSC write-up stated that they anticipate presenting an item at the March 2008 Implementation Meeting.

The OPSC report stated that the most common Material Inaccuracy is premature certification on the Fund Release Authorization Form that districts have entered into binding contracts for at least 50 percent of the construction included in the plans. Before an interest penalty for a premature fund release can be assessed the SAB must find that the district received a funding advantage as a result of the false certification. Since the funds were prematurely released to the district, the State lost interest on the funds during the period of time that the funds should have remained in the State bond fund accruing interest, and the amount of interest the State lost is the interest penalty assessed against the district.

In making a loss of self-certification recommendation to the SAB, factors OPSC considers include the following:

1. Did the project meet the Fund Release Authorization requirement before the 18-Month Time Limit on Fund Release?
2. Does the district have a prior rescission associated with a premature fund release?

3. What is the cumulative total, in days, of all non-compliance for all premature fund releases for the district?
4. Does the district have other audit findings related to current or past audits?
5. Are there any mitigating circumstances?

OPSC reported that since the inception of the SFP in 1998 the SAB has found 7 districts to be materially inaccurate, including two districts at the January 2008 SAB meeting.

There was significant discussion regarding whether the interest penalty period ended on the date the audit determined that there was a premature fund release or whether the interest penalty period ended when the project was eligible, e.g. the date the district entered into a binding contract for at least 50 percent of the construction. OPSC stated that the interest penalty period goes to the date that the audit findings are concurred. The SAB requested that staff review the regulations, and the law if necessary, and report back on what flexibility the SAB has in determining the penalties for material inaccuracy.

Assembly Member Mullin requested that the SAB “receive” the report rather than “accept” the report as stated in the OPSC recommendations in the write-up since the SAB technically was not accepting what was in the report. Rob Cook stated that it’s just a report and it won’t effect anyone’s “day in court”. The SAB legal counsel stated that since the item was not scheduled as an action item, the SAB doesn’t have to vote on whether the report is “accepted” or “received”. In deference to Assembly Member Mullin’s concern the chair suggested that the SAB, by consensus (not a vote), receive the report.

A representative from Fresno USD addressed the SAB stating that for several months the district has requested a hearing before the SAB on a material inaccuracy issue in their district. The SAB legal counsel warned the SAB that they were restricted to

only a general discussion of the issue since it was not on the current agenda.


An attorney with Atkinson Andelson Loya Ruud and Romo informed the SAB that statute gives them discretion in determining the penalty for a finding of material inaccuracy, and statute even provides for arbitration.

In response to the discussion regarding “intent” related to false certifications by school districts, Rob Cook stated that in determining whether a material inaccuracy has occurred, it is not necessary for the SAB to determine that a certification was knowingly false. Mr. Cook stated that intent was beyond the scope of the SAB responsibilities and that would be something for a trial court to decide.

Tom Duffy, representing C.A.S.H., presented the SAB with a study C.A.S.H. recently completed to determine cost increase trends associated with new school construction. C.A.S.H. analyzed 38 projects that were built using re-use plans between 1994 and November 2007. The data showed that project cost escalations exceeded the SAB inflationary adjustments by much greater than 6 percent, in one case by as much as 200 percent.

He also pointed out that C.A.S.H. has heard from school districts that some developers are referencing the Macias Report, stating that school districts are receiving more money than it costs to build schools.

The SAB chair stated that the Grant Adequacy Working Group will include the C.A.S.H. study in their review of all data.

The SAB ended at 7:15 PM   
~C.A.S.H. Staff

### **House Education and Labor Committee Holds Hearing**

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Republican members agreed that school facilities were important community centers, but had issues with the appropriate federal role. In


addition, the issue of prevailing wage under Davis-Bacon, they believed, would also cause federal dollars to be used less effectively. This was countered by Democrats on the panel and on the Committee, Congressman Hare (D-IL) begged to differ, saying experiences in his district led him to believe that paying workers the prevailing wage results in better quality work and that is what we want for our nation’s schools.

Mary Cullinane from the Microsoft Corporation also discussed the importance of quality school facilities, but stated that schools should incorporate innovation and should never be considered a final product. She also stated that the federal government should encourage deeper, more sustained public-private partnerships. The Microsoft School of the Future is an example of an urban innovative adaptive school model.

Another theme that came up often was that of green schools. One of the Congressional panelists, Congressman Holt (D-NJ), authored HR 3197, a bill that would provide grants from the Secretary of Education to state and local educational agencies for EnergySmart schools and Energy Star programs. After teacher salaries, “energy costs are the second largest cost for schools,” said Holt. He went on to say that his bill would help encourage schools to invest in energy-efficient equipment and systems that would result in cost savings and environmental benefits.

Chairman Miller stated that he would be sending further questions to members of the panel, specifically on the effectiveness of federal programs in California and other issues.

Please e-mail Anna Ferrera at [aferrera@m-w-h.com](mailto:aferrera@m-w-h.com) with any questions about CSF, the Education and Labor hearing or the bills addressed by the panels.

CSF will be holding their Spring Meeting on April 14-15, 2008, in Washington, D.C. 

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