

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: SUPERINTENDENT

COMMUNICATION NO. 229-2009/10-S
Prepared by the Office of the Superintendent
for Presentation to the Board of Trustees
June 14, 2010

SUBJECT: 2010-2011 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES DUES

A. Background

The district has received a renewal invoice for the Board's membership in the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). The Board voted previously to suspend its ACCT membership for the 2009-2010 year.

In light of the state's budget crisis and its effect on the district's budget, we are continuing to evaluate and pare memberships in various state and national organizations. Since the ACCT is a national trustee association, we ask that the board determine whether the district should renew its membership.

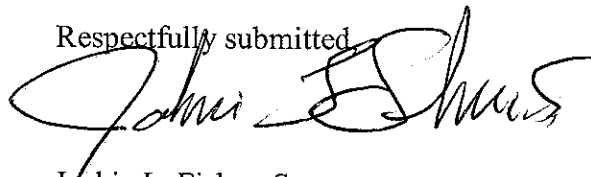
B. Budget Implications

Annual dues for July 1, 2010 – July 30, 2011, are \$5,274.00 (\$737 increase compared to 2009-2010 and \$1,337 increase compared to 2008-2009).

C. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees determine whether to renew membership in the Association of Community College Trustees for 2010-2011.

Respectfully submitted,



Jackie L. Fisher, Sr.
Superintendent/President



Antelope Valley Community College District
3041 W Avenue K
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Invoice Date: May 7, 2010

Invoice Number: 0000058680

Description	Unit Price
Association of Community College Trustees Membership -- July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	\$5,274.00

Amount Due: \$5,274.00

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PLEASE RETURN WITH PAYMENT

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT CHECK TO:
ACCT
DEPT 6061
WASHINGTON, DC 20042-6061



Date: April 30, 2010
To: ACCT Non-Member Board Chairs, Chancellors, and Presidents
From: Thomas M. Bennett, Chair, ACCT Board of Directors
J. Noah Brown, ACCT President and CEO
Re: **2010-2011 ACCT MEMBERSHIP INVITATION**

On behalf of the ACCT Board of Directors, we invite you to join the only national trustee association dedicated to representing the interests and meeting the needs of community college governing boards. As a way of thanking you for joining your peers by becoming an ACCT member institution, your membership benefits will begin immediately, *and we will waive your dues until July 1.*

With growing enrollments and a slow economy, *now is the time* to encourage, equip, and enable trustees to leverage positive attention on behalf of their colleges. ACCT has more than 40 years of experience leading, educating, and bringing together trustees so that they can learn from one another and speak at the national level with one powerful voice. Community colleges are receiving unprecedented attention at the national level, including nationwide enrollment increases and greater than ever federal-level support.

At the same time, community colleges throughout the country are taking on a new student success-driven community college agenda, including increasing student completion rates by 50% by 2020. To achieve this goal, colleges need the resources necessary to support this mandate. The involvement of community college trustees is vital in this process, and we must all stand together to make it work. Involvement with ACCT is critical to supporting governing boards' leadership and advocacy needs.

Advocating on Your Behalf

As the voice of community college trustees in the nation's capital, ACCT advocates on behalf of all community colleges. The ability of the nation's community college trustees to speak with one voice is critical to ensuring that your institution receives the support and recognition from Washington that it deserves. Direct trustee advocacy is THE key to communicating priorities to elected officials. As trustees, you are regarded by Members of Congress as important links to the very same communities they are elected to serve.

As a result of the leadership of ACCT and the collective, concerted voice of its membership, we were successful in securing unprecedented support and attention from Washington this past year, culminating in the creation and expansion of federal support that will benefit community colleges and their students through H.R. 4872, the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Bill of 2010. Specifically, the bill provides:

- \$13.5 billion to maintain a robust Pell Grant program;
- \$22.6 billion to increase the Pell Grant maximum by an amount equal to the consumer price index, totaling \$5,550 in 2010 and up to \$5,975 by 2017;
- \$2 billion for the Community College and Career Training Grant Program (\$500 million for each of four years, fiscal years 2011-2014); and

- \$2.55 billion to fund Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges (including community colleges), and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Last year, ACCT worked diligently to create new federal resources and opportunities for community colleges to lessen the impact of state and local funding cuts. Beginning with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and culminating in President Barack Obama's American Graduation Initiative (AGI), ACCT has been involved in crafting these legislative bills to maximize opportunities for our institutions and students. While AGI has not yet been enacted, ACCT continues to lead the fight to ensure that we are able to get this signature community college legislation enacted and funded.

Quality, Responsibility, and Accountability First

ACCT's strident and persistent efforts over the past several years have raised the profile of community colleges nationwide and directly benefited all community colleges, but especially member colleges through the involvement of trustees in groundbreaking ACCT programs and activities. In 2009, ACCT secured the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Lumina Foundation for Education to advance the Voluntary Framework for Accountability initiative, in an important new partnership with AACC and The College Board. On the job front, ACCT also joined in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses partnership to help direct funding for entrepreneurs and job-training programs toward community colleges.

In 2010, we launched a groundbreaking new partnership with the University of Texas at Austin's Community College Leadership Program, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to create a program that focuses on student success. This program represents a significant expansion and refinement of ACCT's already-esteemed Governance Leadership Institute, and the enhanced model will be a great benefit to community college trustees, presidents, and their colleges and students.

And in a truly historic move that stands to revolutionize the impact of community and technical colleges, ACCT has joined five other national community college leaders to facilitate colleges in meeting the goal of increasing student completion rates by 50% by 2020.

As a direct member service, ACCT has taken steps to make sure our services and products are available to members at the lowest possible cost. Three years ago, the ACCT Board froze all base registration fees for the Association's Annual Leadership Congress and National Legislative Summit – a commitment to ensure that members could attend national meetings.

ACCT's new electronic public policy updates – Latest Action in Washington (LAW) E-Alerts – get information about developments in Washington to members within 24 hours of major legislative action. The LAW E-Alert system has proven to be an exceptionally useful advocacy tool.

Equipping and Enabling Trustees to Support Your College

ACCT's Board Leadership and Education Services, which are continuously evaluated and consistently receive high marks by members, offer the highest-quality services and publications available for community college trustees, and they convey vital information about effective governance and exemplary trusteeship.



FEE SCHEDULE 2010-2011

Promoting Effective Board Governance through Advocacy and Education

REGULAR MEMBERS VOTING

Fall Enrollment <i>(Headcount)</i>	United States Annual Dues <i>(As of 7/1 /2010)</i>	Canadian/International Annual Dues <i>(90% of U.S.)</i>
0 - 1,000	\$1,755	\$ 1,580
1,001- 4,000	2,635	2,371
4,001- 6,000	3,505	3,154
6,001- 8,000	4,386	3,948
8,001-10,000	4,817	4,337
10,001-15,000	5,274	4,747
15,001-20,000	5,706	5,135
20,001-30,000	6,134	5,520
30,001-35,000	6,588	5,929
35,001+	7,027	6,323

Annual fees for affiliation are based on total enrollment for credit (full and part-time) for the most recent fall term registration. Fees are payable July of each year in U.S. dollars.

Canadian/International

Canadian and international members enjoy the same privileges and benefits as U.S. members, except for federal advocacy efforts (10% of ACCT budget), therefore the dues of Canadian and international members are set at 90% of U.S. dues.

Associate Members (Non-Voting)

Annual Dues: \$415

This category is for state associations, state agencies and other entities not eligible to become regular voting members.

Mail a copy of the invoice and payment to:

Association of Community College Trustees
Dept. 6061
Washington, DC 20042-6061