



THE ACADEMIC SENATE
FOUNDATION
for California Community Colleges

ASFCCC Directors Meeting Summary

Tuesday September 23, 2025

9:00am- 10:30am

Directors: Christopher J. Howerton* (President), Mark Edward Osea*, Erik Reese* (Secretary), Kimberley H. Stiemke* (Treasurer), Bethany Tasaka*, Tonya Davis*, Austin Webster

Guests: Amy Liao*

*denotes in attendance

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Check in with a prompt to share one recent “win” moment you’re proud of—big or small. President shared that the resolutions challenge at the ASCCC board meeting the past weekend resulted in the president generously donating \$50 to each area.

2. Approval of Agenda

MSC (Kimberley/Bethany) motion to approve the agenda.

Adopted by unanimous consent.

3. Approval of Minutes from 8/28/2025

MSC (Mark/Bethany) motion to approve the minutes from the 2025-08-28 meeting

Adopted by unanimous consent.

4. Reports

a. Treasurer

Worked with Brando over the summer and everything was current as of July/August.

Have not seen more recent updates.

b. President

Foundation website is updated with future meetings and the minutes will be posted.

5. Foundation Website

a. Consideration to add a list with years of past foundation presidents linked on “directors” page.

In our 18th year as a foundation, the president worked to unearth the history of the foundation, talking to many past ASCCC presidents and the past executive director.

Julie Adams, past executive director, was the driving force behind establishing the foundation.

Ask is to consider a link to the list of past ASFCCC presidents on the board of directors page.

MSC (Kimberley/Mark) motion to approve the addition of the list of past ASFCCC presidents to the board of directors page

6. ASFCCC Bylaws Update Follow-Up

ASCCC agenda item on the ASFCCC bylaws was approved by the ASCCC board as a consent item at the September ASCCC board meeting.

Now the ASFCCC bylaws are in effect and the website will be updated to reflect the new bylaws.

7. Scholarship Updates

Colegas scholarship applications are due on Oct 8.

Fall plenary scholarships are due next week on Oct 1.

Will be a few days redaction period before being sent to directors for review.

Received a single request for the innovation scholarship update.

a. Innovation Scholarship Update (PD)

Last year there was a workgroup that updated the rubric for the innovation scholarship, more about professional development in general and not only innovation.

There was concern that the rubric did not align with the application.

Request for a workgroup to align the rubric to the application, building off the past work.

Erik, Mark, and Bethany agreed to form a workgroup to provide a recommendation to the ASFCCC board on the innovation scholarship rubric for consideration at the October meeting.

Suggestion is to review the submitted application using the current rubric rather than pause.

Typically receive 2-3 maximum applications per semester.

Discussion about marking this opportunity and it was noted that the foundation already sponsors scholarships to a wide range of events.

Plan is to have recommendations on the innovation scholarship rubric for the October meeting and leverage those discussions for considering developing a rubric for general scholarship applications.

Thoughts about how to possibly rank the applications and provide transparency around the selection process.

President mentioned perhaps having a standing agenda item on scholarships as we work through the process.

8. Foundation Activities

Tonya suggested coming up with a calendar for ASFCCC events for newsletters to the field to market events.

The foundation president's update to the ASCCC board will inform the newsletter.

Could also include experiences of scholarship recipients in the newsletter.

Could tie reimbursement with recipients sharing their experiences and reflections. [Previous newsletter](#) for reference.

Discussion about frequency of the newsletters, perhaps once a term a few days before the area meetings before plenary.

Will plan to send them out the week of October 6 and March 9.

Plan to create a repository of newsletters on the ASFCCC website.

MSC (Kimberley/Mark) motion to distribute a minimum of three ASFCCC newsletters this year, one a few days before each area meeting before plenary and a summary at the end of the year

a. Fall 2025 ASCCC Plenary Event/Activity

Fall plenary location is not near many things so should think about events at the conference site.

[Activity brainstorming document](#) for reference.

Photo booth for a few hours is ~\$600-800 perhaps in connection with networking bingo.

First in-person plenary in some time so encourage mingling.

Relations with Local Academic Senates could help support the foundation event.

Invest in ASCCC items for the photo booth.

Plenary schedule should match expectations for timing.

Schedule 1.5 hours for the plenary foundation event, with games, including networking bingo.

Foundation will sponsor a photo booth for the president's reception.

b. Area Competitions

Request to put an area competition link directly on the foundation website with the start date of October 10, the day of the area meetings.

Monthly donors have requested their donations contribute to the area competitions with discussion of October through April contributing.

Official kick-off at the foundation president's update at the area meeting (complete with opening bell) and include the area competition information as part of Zoom registration or Zoom portal.

c. Spring 2026 ASCCC Plenary Event/Activity

d. Others?

9. Strategic Planning – Timeline

a. Previous Foundation Plans [2019-2022](#); [2016-2019](#)

b. Goals for the 2025-2028?

[Strategic plan brainstorming](#) as a starting point for the new strategic plan to be discussed next time.

10. Other Resource Development Opportunities

11. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:31am