NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

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MAJOR POLICY - Immediate Action (2/3rd vote required)

A. None

MAJOR POLICY -First or Second Reading

A. None

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

A. Declare moot the January, 2012 referral from the CTA Board of Directors to the ACT, C&I, FPE, Neg, and TEAF committees to have a joint meeting at a State Council weekend to discuss and consider the recommendation to create a task force to study the impact and effects of online learning.

Rationale: CTA has already authorized an On Line Task Force.

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. In March 2012, the CTA BOD referred the following to the Negotiations Committee: Approved the High School Restructuring Task Force recommendation that appropriate State Council committees review "School Restructuring Options Under NCLB: What Works When? Turnarounds With New Leaders and Staff." Upon review of the article *Turnarounds With New Leaders and Staff*, there is not enough evidence to support Turnarounds being a viable model for schools. There is no evidence that business models translate to an educational setting.

MATTERS PENDING

1. NBI 1/13-11: That CTA delete the section on charter school policy designating a charter as an "CTA Charter School" starting with "local association may sponsor a charter school…" ending with "shall result in the revocation of CTA charter school status."

2. NBI 1/13-21: That CTA believes charter schools have a positive role in California's education system when they are created by local, democratically elected school boards, are nonprofit and all educators are members of a union.

3. NBI 1/13-23: That CTA provide a report to State Council on the cost on charter school oversight that includes estimate of District and other Charter authorizers staffing cost for authorization, revoking, and appeal hearings.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Chairperson Pat Sabo welcomed returning members of the committee and had new members and guests introduce themselves.

2. The committee elected Allen Freemon as Vice Chair, replacing Jolene Tripp who is now Option 2 staff. The committee wishes Jolene well in her new position.

3. The committee received a brief report from Mike Egan on the recently invalidated court decision regarding charter school employees falling under NLRA (National Labor Relations Act) rather than the EERA (Educational Employment Relations Act) since charter schools are publicly funded, privately employed.

4. Members who were interested signed up for the CTA Member Lobby Program.

5. CTA Board liaison, Terri Jackson, gave a report on the long range strategic plan and the steering committee. A survey will be going out *to all members* of CTA.

6. The committee determined that it is not necessary to continue collecting information to compare costs under a statewide School Pool versus districts' current Health Benefits due to the implementation of the Federal Affordable Care Act.

7. Betty Forrester, Negotiations Committee member from UTLA, gave a short report on the UTLA/LAUSD agreement on evaluation that was bargained in court-ordered negotiations.

8. The committee heard a report from CTA Leg Advocate Jennifer Baker on the impact of AB340 on CalSTRS and CalPERS.

9. The committee responded to the Strategic Planning Discussion Questions.

10. The committee received a report from Seth Bramble, CTA Leg Advocate, on legislation regarding School Pool, Charter Schools, Teacher Evaluation and Teacher Dismissal.

11. Felice Strauss, Staff Consultant, reported on the Parent Empowerment Act, the Affordable Care Act and the Governor's Proposed Budget.

12. The committee thanks Norma Potter for filling in for Jeff Good, Negotiations Committee Staff Consultant, who is recovering from surgery. Cards were passed around for committee members to write a note of good wishes to Jeff.