LANGUAGE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

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

MAJOR POLICY – First Reading

Teacher Preparation: English Language Learners (Page 260, Paragraph 1)

CTA believes students in California have greater language diversity than in any other state or nation, and that our State must meet the challenge of ensuring equal access for these students. CTA recognizes that there is an ever-increasing number of languages spoken by California students, many of which are dissimilar to English and have no written materials. *CTA believes all educators need to have an in-depth understanding of language acquisition so that they can comprehend how strategies support students' language development during instruction of all academic areas. Furthermore, CTA believes it is important for all educators to understand how first language acquisition contributes to students' second language acquisition.* While knowledge of the primary language of the students is desirable, CTA believes the most basic need for teachers of these students is to obtain the skills and knowledge for effective teaching of English Language Learners.

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

NONE

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NONE

MATTERS PENDING

1. Fact Sheet on Testing Laws – Recommendation that CTA staff create a fact sheet that lists the guidelines on California English Language learner testing laws.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. The LNG Committee welcomed Seth Bramble, our CTA Legislative Advocate, who updated the LNG Committee on legislative matters.

2. The LNG Committee took the following position on one piece of legislation:

    - SB 1108 (Padilla) – Approve

3. CTA Board Member Theresa Montaño, presented the CTA Teacher Evaluation Framework to the LNG Committee.

4. Discussion related to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Educator Preparation Standards Revisions, Updates, and/or Modifications Recommended by the English Learner Authorizations Advisory Panel.

5. The LNG Committee conducted elections. Nancy Hofrock was elected as Chairperson of the committee, Cheryl Ortega was elected Vice Chairperson, and Bev Bricker was elected Recorder.

6. The LNG Committee thanked LNG Committee members Rosalinda Quintanar and Cecy Cedillo who have termed out, for their service to the LNG Committee.

7. The LNG Committee thanked CTA Staff Consultants Tomás Martínez and Norma Ortiz for their contributions and work on the committee.