

## Welcome from the Past President Mike Carlucci



Hello fellow Part-Timers and welcome to our 4th Coast CCA Newsletter. I hope your Spring Semester is going well. Last Summer was a busy time as I was in Russia, as I announced for the FIFA World Cup Soccer tourney, this after I completed my 6th Olympics as an English Announcer for the Ice Hockey competition during the

Winter games in Korea. (A Super Prime Time for both, but good back home in 2019 and looking forward to Tokyo in 2020)

Well, I hope your batteries are charged and energized as it is time to wrap up your Spring Semester and get ready for the Summer. First off, my term as President of Coast CCA has concluded as of late last year and I wanted to say it has been an honor, along with our superb board to serve and fight for you improving the betterment of our P.T. gigs. BTW, even though my term ended, I will always be around to assist as an advisor and *Past President* AND NOW WITHOUT FURTHER ADIEU, Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to introduce to you our new President of Coast CCA Curtis Williams.



### Welcome Message from Coast CCA President Curtis Williams

Hello P.T. Faculty! I have been teaching part-time and developing program content for the Coast Community College District since 2005. I was elected to serve as the Coast CCA President in August 2018 and will do my best to represent all part-time

faculty members. I have been active on bargaining teams, acted as a grievance officer and steward, and taken cases from the informal level all the way to binding arbitration. I have been teaching geology at the college and university levels since 1989. In addition to teaching geology, I have taught geography, environmental science, oceanography, history and computer programming at the college level throughout Southern California. I am also educationally qualified as a certified financial planner and have consulted with a number of state and local unions and individuals with regard to CalSTRS, CalPERS, OCERS and UCRS retirement systems. I look forward to making continued positive strides for our local unit.

By all means keep tabs with us on our website CoastCCA.Org as we continue to progress its' growth and production. As in the past, if you have any ideas or have some needs to be addressed, please fill out our survey on the website. You can also contact me or one of our staff our survey on the website and contact me directly at

<u>Curtis@CoastCCA.Org</u> or V.P. of Grievance & Negotiations, Richard Boddie at <u>Richard@CoastCCA.Org</u> or V.P. of Membership & Communications, Lynn Buller at <u>Lynn@CoastCCA.Org</u> or Executive Director, Rick Boone at <u>Rick@CoastCCA.Org</u>. And our Past President, Mike Carlucci can help out at Mike@CoastCCA.Org. Keep in mind, we all teach, as you do, and some of us have other lines of employment affiliated with our subject we teach, so bear with us. We will try to return your email or call ASAP; we all understand how class prep time, grading, and responding to emails is time consuming. We appreciate your patience.

We have made some great strides and headway with our negotiations/contract (details on the webpage). Our V.P. of Negotiation & Grievance, Richard Boddie, has paved the way for getting our adjunct their rights toward a continued and consistent hiring process and other crucial changes needed for our rights as a Part-Time Adjunct. He has done a tremendous job. If you have any issues/possible grievances, PLEASE contact Mr. Boddie immediately. He has worked and fought hard with our current grievance issues and has shined with success. So, if something comes up Mr. Boddie will work for you. His email contact is: <u>Richard@CoastCCA.Org</u> or <u>RBB137@Yahoo.com</u>.

#### Part-Time Faculty Contract Update

The negotiations team is wrapping up our latest contract renewal. There are some great additions and a raise which we will need to ratify soon. Please look for a separate email for Coast CCA Contract Ratification in the coming weeks. To vote on the contract, you need to be a Coast CCA member. Please complete <u>membership form</u> and email to Lynn Buller at <u>Lynn@CoastCCA.org</u> as soon as possible.

At, Coast CCA we are here to serve the betterment of the P.T. instructor that is at 7.5 LHEs and below. We continue to push for new important items and concerns, in our contract, that need to be addressed. We have the finest tools of representation that help us do our best in implementing better conditions. Lastly, don't forget to register for our Spring Social (see information on last page).

# **The Boddie Politic** Richard Boddie



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### "Democrat Blackfaces in Virginia in 2019" Or should that be red

Recently, the white governor of Virginia found himself in serious trouble as the result of a photograph of him that

was published from his medical school days, long before becoming a professional politician or in this case, governor. This was national, and then even international news, in these crazy times of instant news, social media, tweets, Instagram, "fake news," and the like.

Most people by now are aware of this embarrassing story, where Governor Ralph Northam, M.D. initially apologized for wearing

blackface back then, but then quickly recanted, alleging that the specific picture showing someone in blackface and another in a KKK robe with face totally covered actually could not have been him. So, Northam refused to resign under the pressure from multitudes of groups that were upset by photos of someone in blackface, and especially on this Caucasian Governor assuming it to be him. Ironically, the majority of black folks who were asked about this issue in interviews and polls, felt that Northam need not resign, quit, or leave office as a result of this controversy.

But here's the rub. If Northam were to resign, new problems would arise, perhaps even more serious than the ancient blackface photos taken prior to the new Virginia and the new South. The person that would replace Northam under the Virginia Commonwealth Constitution would be the Lieutenant Governor, who in this case is a young African American man, who recently has been accused of sexual assault by some people from his past. These matters are pending, but definitely not something to be ignored in this day and age, nor merely kicked down the road, as is so common these days by professional politicians.

So, in Virginia then, the next person in line to be governor is - the Attorney General. And in this case it's one Mark Herring. But if you can believe this, he also admitted to wearing blackface while attending a party back in his college days in the 1980s. (W'sup with white guys in Virginia wearing blackface back then? Were they trying to make it into the NBA or ABA, or actually subtly esteeming those of us who happen to have natural blackface?) I'm not at all sure what that's all about, other than making fun of us, or making black people the brunt of racist fun and humor. I don't really know the answer to that, although I DO have a theory.

But another thing I DO know, or at least submit to all who read this: Had the two previously mentioned blackface pretenders been in any way shape or form, directly or indirectly affiliated with Republicans or the Republican Party, this entire story would have played out totally differently by the lame stream media, the majority of what's left of the fourth estate news and their groups, affiliates, and agents, not to mention social media. And a Republican affiliated Lt. Governor with prior alleged the sexual issues would have been immediately vilified, and long-gone old news.

The total ongoing extreme bifurcation of our American political mind is destroying rational thought and discussion. And I further submit that it will (as the result of social media and moral decay) soon lead to a more tragic result that could make the war of northern aggression of the 19th century (wrongly by definition entitled the civil war) look like a minor league ball game. Consider the fact that the Confederacy had no interest what so ever in Washington, D.C. That war was a war of secession, the polar opposite of civil war. But of course, I could be wrong.... But I do believe that we are rapidly approaching an actual, by definition, civil war in America. And that's not hype....

Here I am also reminded of my television commercials that ran in 1992 and 1994 when I ran against Diane Feinstein in her first two U.S. Senate races. (My goodness, Difi has been in Washington, D.C. for well over 26 years now. Damn!). Regretfully, the message remains way too relevant today, maybe even moreso (lawyer speak) now than back then:

"REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, NAME YOUR POISON! Both parties raise our taxes, both parties steal our freedoms, both parties are out of touch with you and me.

I'm Richard Boddie, candidate for United States Senate. I'm not a Democrat, I'm not a Republican. I AM a middle-class American who's

fed up with government welfare costs, savings and loan bail outs, and corruption in high places.

As your Senator, I will see to it that Washington gets your message: Stay out of our work places, stay out of our schools, stay out of our lifestyles and private lives. But MOST OF ALL stay out of our pockets! It's time to really clean house in government, but Republicans like (John Seymour '92/ Michael Huffington '94) won't do it. And Democrats like Diane Feinstein won't do it.

Mainstream Americans, like you and me, must show BOTH major parties, that party time is OVER !!!

[Female voice over: "Richard Boddie for U.S. Senate. Getting the power back to YOU.]

1-(800) BODDIE 4 Senate

"With Republicans in power, man exploits man. With Democrats, just the opposite. ~ Richard B. Boddie, Esq. (1938 -)

## Membership Corner Lynn Buller



Part-time faculty lives matter and together we can be strong, be informed, and have our voices heard. Become a member and let's build a team that cannot be broken!

#### Together, we are stronger! Become a member today!

Send me an email at <u>Lynn@CoastCCA.org</u> and request your membership packet today!

**Celebrating Coast CCA Part-Time Faculty Social Dinner and Mixer** (For You & One Guest)

COSTA MESA COUNTRY CLUB

1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 May 3, Friday 5:30pm to 9:30pm

- Mingle with fellow educators and colleagues from OCC, GWC, CCC, and District
- Meet your Coast CCA Board of Directors
- Social hour with host bar and hors d'oeuvres.
- Delicious dinner buffet and dessert
- ✤ Great musical stylings with Matthew Akiona
- RAFFLE for a chance to win great gift cards & certificates!

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