



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

I want to take this opportunity, as the Chair of the JRC, to say thank you to the members of the Joint Rules Committee (JRC) for your continued support. I look forward to working with all CSL members as we strive to hire a Consulting Executive Director and Office Technician. Being elected as Chairperson of the JRC of CSL is an honor and I am committed to doing the best job I can do as we "Focus" on the tasks needed to keep "Team CSL" on the move.

The theme for my year in office is going to be "**Focus on 30**" and the five focus points I want all CSL members to consider will again be:

1. Legislation (Proposal writing and advocacy)
2. Code 402 (Fund raising and promoting Code 402)
3. Annual Session (Scheduling, Entertainment, Sponsors, Program Ads)
4. Member Involvement (Orientation, Committee Work, and Community Resources)
5. Staff Development (Consulting Executive Director, Office Technician, Interns, etc.)

The JRC of the California Senior Legislature will have the following sub-committees subject to JRC ratification:

1. Budget and Finance (Don MacAllister, Chair)
2. Fund Development and Public Relations (Julia Rosenberg, Chair)
3. Policies and Procedures (Jim Levy, Chair)
4. Session Planning (Joe Cox, Chair)

In addition to the sub-committees, a Bylaws committee will be appointed in the near future. I have decided to appoint the following Ad Hoc Committees subject to review by the JRC:

1. Resource Manual and Personnel (Lola Young, Chair)
2. A.A.R.P. / Wal-Mart Project (Evelyn Tom, Chair)
3. Surplus Money Investment Fund (Don MacAllister, Chair)

Keep sending me your comments and suggestions. The best way to contact me is by email: [eranumone@aol.com](mailto:eranumone@aol.com) or by phone at 209 826-0936.

Now is the time to begin promoting Code 402. We have printed 10,000 Code 402 cards for distribution in your communities; please contact the CSL office if you need more cards.

### What are Members up to?

**Senior Senator Bruce Steir** – Gave a lecture to seniors at the

Golden Gate Senior Center in San Francisco on "Stroke: Symptoms, early diagnosis and treatment."

**Senior Senator Kitty Mesler** – Was featured in the Program Guide of the Fontana Community Senior Center.

**Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens** – Presented CSL to the Rancho Cucamonga City Council.

**Senior Assembly Member Dieter Kammerer** – Spoke to approximately 150 people attending a senior lunch at the Fountain Valley Senior Center in Fountain Valley.

**Senior Senator Kitty Mesler and Senior Assembly Members Fran Givens and Jane Godager** – Were featured in an article in the *Fontana Herald News* regarding the CSL.

**Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens** – Spoke about the CSL at a "Meet the Nurses" breakfast at the Four-D College in Victorville

*If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please contact the CSL office.*

If there is any organization or individual that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please either call or email the CSL office the contact name and address at

[sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov](mailto:sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov)

Any news for the December Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by December 8, 2010.

**Mindful of Time**

by Norman Molesky

*Part of one's time involves what needs to be done. The time remaining involves what one wants to do, many things, no things or maybe a few.*

**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Joe Cox

The California Senior Legislature has just finished its 30<sup>th</sup> session. Over that thirty year span, I have seen some great CSL proposals become law. Good session planning is one of the reasons that we have been successful. It takes the help and cooperation of every CSL member to achieve our goals. In the past you have done a great job!

As we begin the 31<sup>st</sup> year, I am requesting that you again take an active part. I have read the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legislative Session evaluation summary and will be reading them over and over several times this year as we plan the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Session. Correcting past mistakes and creating new avenues for achieving our goals will be our key goal for this year.

One of the events that we have not been able to achieve the past several years is to get the Governor to address our opening ceremony. Let us all work on this item. I know that there is someone that knows how to do this. Marcia Gould was able to get the Governor to appear at one of our sessions a couple of years ago. Let's get the Governor to address the CSL at our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Session opening ceremony!

I was really impressed this year with the way the speakers were escorted to the podium – a professional job. We need to conduct all of our session meetings with the same professionalism.

Let's roll up our sleeves and get started. STAY ACTIVE AND STAY INVOLVED.

*Remember when GOOGLE, iPod, email, modem were unheard of, and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table?*

**Updated Contacts Needed**

If you have moved, you must let the office know your new address so that you can continue to receive mailings. Let Sherry Jenkins know of your change of address, email or telephone number AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

*How's this for a political platform? Don't lie through your teeth!*

**Code 402**

Don't forget! When you do your taxes or help somebody else do theirs, remember Code 402 on the California State Income Tax Return. Also, remind all your friends and family!

**Website for Ombudsmen**

For some information on Ombudsmen on a federal level try this link:

<http://www.ltcombudsman.org/sites/default/files/library/gazette/Feb-Mar2010-Gaz.pdf>

*How come we choose from just two people to run for president and over fifty for Miss America?*

**CSL Office Closure**

The CSL office will be closed:  
November 25-26 - Thanksgiving  
December 10 – Mandatory Furlough

**Thank You**

by Charles Molnar

I would like to thank all my fellow CSL members who voted my Property Tax Postponement Proposal AP-21 into the Top Ten State CSL Proposals for 2011. I am honored and grateful for your support of this much needed righting of a wrong inflicted upon the most vulnerable of our senior and disabled citizens.

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*If it got dark any earlier, we wouldn't have to get up at all.*

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**Another Thank You**

by Georgia Meade

Late Senior Assembly Member Jerry Meade's wife, Georgia, would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts of money and friendship on both Jerry's and her behalf and to all the kindness she was showered with during the session

**Results from the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legislative Session**

Joint Rules Committee Members:

Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, Chair

*Alt - Nery Hartschen*

Senior Senator Jim Levy, Vice Chair

*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg, Vice Chair

*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Assembly Member Quincy Campbell

*Alt - Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe*

Senior Senator Joe Cox

*Alt - Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby*

Senior Assembly Member Don MacAllister

*Alt - Senior Assembly Member Sharon Lamagno*

Senior Senator Kitty Mesler

*Alt - Senior Senator Sol Fingold*

Senior Senator Bruce Steir

*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom

*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Senator Carla Treuting

*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Senator Lola Young, Immediate Past Chair

Legislative Committee Members:

Senior Senator Anne Mack, Chair  
*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Senator Craig Orange, Vice Chair

*Alt - Senior Senator Jack Alderson*

Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh, Vice Chair

*Alt - Senior Assembly Member Billie Taylor*

Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch

*Alt - Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson*

Senior Senator Dee Erman

*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Senator Nneenah Frazier

*Alt - Vacant*

Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager

*Alt - Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma*

Senior Assembly Member Allan Hurst

*Alt - Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens*

Senior Assembly Member Richard Shontz

*Alt - Senior Assembly Member Anne Warren*

Senior Senator Lola Young

*Alt - Senior Senator Vernon Uecker*

## New Top 10 State Proposals

**AP-34 Senior Assembly Member Krohn: Elder Abuse Prevention.** This proposal removes the sunset date from the elder abuse prevention provisions of the Financial Elder Abuse Reporting Act of 2005.

**AP-11 Senior Assembly Member Shontz: Identity Theft Fines.** This proposal establishes definite minimum fines for identity theft of \$5,000 for first offense and additional \$3,000 for each additional offense.

**AP-4 Assembly Member Tucker: Elder Abuse Fines.** This proposal increases elder abuse fines by 10% and transfers the additional funds to local entities for combating elder abuse.

**AP-25 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Hearing Aid Availability and Cost.** This proposal requires that hearing aids be made available for over-the-counter sales and vendors be encouraged to submit a plan to the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau.

**SP-16 Senior Senator Eaton: Property Tax Exemptions.** This proposal increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

**AP-13 Senior Assembly Member Rolfe: Income Tax Mileage Deduction.** This proposal authorizes an income tax deduction for mileage equal to the difference between the Federal volunteer mileage deduction and the Federal business mileage deduction.

**AP-32 Senior Assembly Member Krohn: Independent Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office.** This proposal establishes an independent LTC Ombudsman Office within a private nonprofit organization.

**AP-7 Senior Assembly Member Sorenson: Prescription Purpose.** This proposal requires the prescriber of medication to include the condition or purpose of the drug on the label.

**AP-21 Senior Assembly Member Molnar: Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral Program.** This proposal rescinds the indefinite suspension of the senior citizens property tax deferral program to allow claimants to claim to postpone ad valorem property taxes under the Senior Citizens Property Tax Postponement Law.

**AP-43 Senior Assembly Member Bloch: Disaster Emergency Transportation for Disabled and Senior Citizens.** This proposal mobilizes paratransit, paramedics, and others to move disabled and seniors to safe places in the event of natural disasters.

## New Top 4 Federal Proposals

**AFP-2 Senior Assembly Member Weintraub: Medicare Coverage of Dental Care and Hearing and Visual Aids.** This proposal expands Medicare coverage to include dental care and dental plates; hearing aids; and vision aids, including eyeglasses and contact lenses.

**SFP-1 Senior Senator Steir: Public Housing for Senior Veterans.** This proposal requires that preference for public housing be given to eligible seniors who are honorably discharged veterans.

**SFP-5 Senior Senator Hartmann: Tire Safety Identification.** This proposal requires tire manufacturers to clearly label tires with month and year of manufacture and include the info on sales receipts.

**SFP-6 Senior Senator Eaton: Social Security and Medicare Sustainable Program Costs.** This proposal requires the enactment of legislation addressing the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare program trust funds so that program costs are sustainable.

**Pictures from the  
2010 Anniversary Legislative Session**



More CSL Members in the Assembly Chambers



CSL members ready to get to work



Various CSL Members and volunteers in the Assembly Chambers



Various CSL Members and volunteers in the Assembly Chambers



Senator Mark Leno presenting a Resolution to the CSL on the last day of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Session

**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

November 15-17, 2010	Los Angeles with C4A
January 4-6, 2011	Sacramento with Leg Committee
February 14-15, 2011	Sacramento
April 11-12, 2011	Sacramento
June 13-14, 2011	Sacramento
September 12-13, 2011	Sacramento
October 24-27, 2011	Sacramento

**“Help the Golden State Support the Golden Years!”**

**Legislative Committee Meetings**

January 4-6, 2011                      Sacramento with the JRC

**California Commission on Aging Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
December 7-8, 2010	Burlingame	Joint Activity with State Independent Living Council
February 1-2, 2011	Sacramento	TBA
April 5-6, 2011	Santa Cruz	TBA
June 14-15, 2011	Merced	TBA
September 13-14, 2011	Sacramento	TBA
November 14-15, 2011	Los Angeles	TBA

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