

# FEATURED SPEAKERS

## TUESDAY

AFTERNOON

### Is Anybody Listening?

**Michael Steinman**

Michael Steinman, Pomona Unified School District's 2009 - 2010 teacher of the year, said goodbye to a career in the business world in 2001 and became a teacher. In 2008, Steinman designed a vehicle for his students to vent their fears and concerns about the ailing economy and the "business as usual" mindset in a short testimonial video titled *Is Anybody Listening?* The nine-minute film caught the attention of the White House and President Obama, who referenced it substantially in his March 10, 2009 speech on education. It has subsequently been viewed by millions.

The short film, developed to give his students a living lesson on the vibrancy and workability of democracy and freedom of speech, has inspired many. Additionally, it has focused the world's attention on the plight of the teenage generation and teens' perspective on important issues.

In this kick-off session, Michael Steinman and his students bring this video to life as they ask – and answer the question, "Is anybody listening?"

## WEDNESDAY

MORNING

### No Barriers - Only Solutions!

**Neal Petersen**

South African-born Neal Petersen is an adventurer, solo around-the-world racing yachtsman, businessman and international speaker. PBS airs a documentary about his life, *No Barriers – the Story of Neal Petersen*, and he wrote the award-winning autobiography, *Journey of a Hope Merchant*.

Petersen has faced many challenges in life – poverty, discrimination and other insurmountable barriers – and he always responded by turning them into opportunities and solutions. His experience shows that imagination coupled with determination to achieve can break through the toughest challenges. Neal completed the 1998-99 "Around Alone," a 27,000 mile yacht race, 9 months at sea alone in a boat he designed and built himself. In sharing his high-impact, unique and extraordinary adventure, Neal delivers a powerful message that "In Life There Are No Barriers – Only Solutions!"



# THURSDAY

MORNING

## Actions Speaker Louder Than Words

**Jan Hargrave**

It's a scientific fact that a person's body gestures give away his true intentions. Actually, over 90 percent of all face-to-face communication is nonverbal; thus, the silent messages of the body often reveal more than the spoken word in conveying true feelings and attitudes. Jan Hargrave is an expert in the field of nonverbal communication and author of *Let Me See Your Body Talk*, *Freeway of Love*, *Judge the Jury*, *Strictly Business Body Language*, and *Poker Face*.

Clear, practical and fun, Jan offers a wealth of detailed information concerning the "hidden messages" of the people around you as well as yourself. Her fascinating presentation provides the advantages you need to make in-depth character assessments as well as an increased ability to form more successful and rewarding relationships. Understanding this information can spell the difference between success and failure in most encounters.

LUNCHEON

## California's Future

CSAC has extended invitations to California's gubernatorial candidates with the intent of having the Governor-Elect speak to the Association membership about the future of California as we prepare to enter 2011. With the CSAC Annual Meeting taking place just weeks after the general election, the conference provides a great opportunity to hear from California's 39th Governor.

The new administration will be facing existing challenges, significant fiscal constraints, and the strong possibility of program restructuring. What does this mean for California's 38 million residents? How will decisions and direction impact our 58 counties and the programs and services we provide? What will it take to put the shine back in the Golden State? Join us to learn where we, as a state, are headed.

