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**Chairman Donald F. Averill** served for eight years as chancellor

of the San Bernardino Community College District, and in 2008 completed his 47th year in California public education. He also worked at the secondary level for 14 years, moving to the community college system in 1977. Dr. Averill became superintendent/ president of Palo Verde College in 1996 prior to serving as chancellor at San Bernardino.



**Celia Barberena** was selected as the first woman president of

Chabot College in 2007, previously serving as the vice president for student services at Hartnell College since 1996. She has also served as the dean of special programs at Modesto Junior College. Throughout her career, Dr. Barberena has worked to support systemic changes in curriculum and instruction, counseling and mentoring of students.



**Kevin Bontenbal** is the instructional technology librarian at

Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, a position he has held for 12 years. Last year, Cuesta College completed its self-study, and Mr. Bontenbal served as the accreditation faculty co-chair. He has also been curriculum chair for three years, served as the professional development coordinator, and is secretary/treasurer of the Academic Senate.



**Jane de Leon** began her appointment as American River College's

dean of planning, research and professional development last June. She is also the college's accreditation liaison officer and served last year as the faculty co-chair of the Los Rios Community College District Accreditation Coordinating Committee. Previously, she served for 18 years as an English professor at American River College.



**Kevin Fleming** is the regional director for the Inland

Empire Center of Excellence, hosted by the San Bernardino Community College District. The center provides environmental scanning and data analysis, labor market research, technical assistance, and partnership development services for the 11 colleges in Desert Region 9. He previously served at the University of Redlands and Ohio State University.



**William V. Karns** is the vice chancellor, education and technology,

in the Los Rios Community College District. He previously served for 10 years as vice president for instruction and student learning at Cosumnes River College; he has also been dean of humanities at the college, in addition to teaching English courses. He has served on five accreditation teams and is the co-chair of the district's accreditation committee.

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**Eva Kinsman** is a retired educator, having served as teacher and principal at both elementary and secondary schools. Mrs. Kinsman also taught at the university level and has been a clinical supervisor of student teachers for many years. Her WASC experience includes 25 years as a team member or chairperson. She is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Copper Mountain Community College District.



**Mona Lee** serves as the dean of student services at Kapi'olani Community College, one of seven community colleges in the University of Hawaii system. She oversees the various units within the college's student services organization as well as the developmental education program, including course offerings in math and English along with coordinated counseling and learning support.



**Sharon Lowry** has served as the vice president of academic affairs at Antelope Valley College in Lancaster since July 2005. She serves as the college's accreditation liaison officer, co-chairs the curriculum, student learning outcomes and distance education committees and coordinates development of the educational master plan and the Palmdale Center.



**Richard Mahon** is an associate instructor of humanities at Riverside City College, where he has taught since 1998. He has also taught history, philosophy, and political science courses in California community colleges. During his tenure at RCC, he has served as academic senate president since 2006. He served as Standard IV chair and self study co-editor for his college's self-study in preparation for a fall 2007 visit.



**Steve Maradian** was appointed the ACCJC vice president for policy and research in February 2008. He joins the commission after serving as president of Los Angeles City College. He has also served as vice president of the University of Armenia for two years. He has held a number of administrative positions at colleges and universities across the country and has experience with several accrediting commissions.



**Kindred I. Murillo** joined the community college system in 1996 as a part-time business and communications instructor with the Desert Community College District. She currently serves as the vice chancellor of administrative services for the Contra Costa Community College District. Before this assignment, she served as the vice president of administrative services at Pasadena City College.

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**Rhea Riegel**  
serves as the institutional research coordinator for

Fresno City College, where her responsibilities include reporting on student success and providing support to the college's program review and strategic planning efforts. Ms. Riegel is also an associate faculty member for the University of Phoenix, where she teaches writing and literature courses.



**Brian Thieboux**  
joined the faculty of Palo Verde College in Fall 2001.

He is a professor of English and business administration and is the college's ALO and institutional researcher. Mr. Thieboux has served on three previous California community college accreditation teams in as many years. He has a diverse background in teaching, training and business management.