Desired Outcome for Attendance:

- Improve understanding of trustee responsibilities in leadership role
- Learn about areas of potential improvement for Board in governing role
- Expand understanding of Accreditation

Sessions Attended:

- **THURSDAY**

  *Excellence in Accreditation: Using Data in Pursuit of Quality.* This workshop will cover new institutional federal regulations, learning outcomes data, standards of student achievement and other data that drives quality improvement.

  **Overview:** This was a wonderful presentation! Doug Houston, Bill McGinnis and Raul Rodriguez presented the value of effective data, and how to use it in the self-evaluation process. We explored the ‘culture of evidence’, and its meaning relative to creating transparent practices of implementing, monitoring and analyzing consistent metrics for the purpose of information decision making and documenting institutional effectiveness. I have detailed notes and the presentation for those who would like to have them.

- **FRIDAY**

  *Can Recent Legislation (like AB 182) and Governmental Policies Affect your District’s Ability to Issue Go Bonds and Impact Future Go Bond Elections?* The panel will discuss a number of hot button topics that may affect a district’s bond program. On September 3, 2013, legislation limiting variables in a bond financing was passed by the California Senate. It would be prudent for districts issuing their remaining authorization or planning on a bond election in the future to understand the impact on the district's bonding program. The session will discuss the key items of the legislation, present hypothetical simulations, and discuss other governmental policies (like continuing disclosure requirements) that may affect a district’s ability to issue GO Bonds.

  **Overview:** This presentation was quite interesting. I learned that the type of bonds that the District sells has an impact on program timing, board responsibilities and options going forward. VP Nelson also attended the session, and will be more adept at presenting the finding to the board than I.

  *Leading Change: Professional Development Strategies to Improve Accreditation outcomes: Student success is a priority, but accreditation can be a challenge! In this session panelists will discuss development of effective training aimed at teaching to the standards and will share their process and outcomes as well as demonstrating the potential for future training programs.*

  **Overview:** The presentation was given by Barbara Beno/ACCJC, Susan Bray/ACCCA, and Bonnie Ann Dowd/ACBO. They stressed the importance of shared professional development across the institution, and the benefits that can be reaped from this approach.

9 December 2013
The Path To Transfer: Update on the Implementation on SB1440. This session will provide an update about the community college response to landmark legislation passed by the state of California to facilitate transfer into the CSU system, including data about student transfer and other successes.

Overview: Unfortunately I was called away from this session just moments after it started, and was not able to attend. I have downloaded the presentation and have it available for those who wish to receive it.

Bridge to Success: How Community Colleges and Adult Education are Creating Successful Pathways. This session shares information on The Bridge Program and tells the story of an adult education program working in partnership with a community college to achieve student success.

Overview: Presented by Jamillah Moore/Ventura CCD and Lordana Corson/Conejo Valley Adult School. The dynamic established by the local Adult Education community and Ventura College is a model to emulate. Adults who had no concept of becoming college students were supported in their efforts to become GED recipients, and then Ventura College Stucents.

- SATURDAY

Purposeful Institutional Change: Leadership Skills, Knowledge and Disposition. This study provides insight to how leadership development should be crafted to enable community college leaders to guide their institutions through organizational change. A survey, which we refer to as the National Survey of Community College Leaders (NSCCL) was administered to mid and executive-level community college administrators throughout the country. Study findings provide insights to future directions on leadership skill development.

Overview: This session was presented in a very dynamic and engaging manner by two CSU instructors. The bottom line about the cycle of change, and the process of enlisting all participants in a meaningful manner resonated well with me, and what we are attempting to accomplish for the students of College of Marin.

Successes of the California Community College’s Sustainability Template: The CCC Sustainability Plan “Template” serves as a roadmap and toolkit for all districts to pursue leadership in environmental, economic, and social sustainability. This presentation will share experiences with this innovative approach to sustainability planning and will offer recommendations on how to employ the Sustainability Template at your campus.

Overview: The team from SMCCD, CCCCO and AALRR presented an effective approach to engaging the college in a meaningful dialogue about sustainability, and how to enlist the students, staff and faculty in achieving the objectives in an effective manner.